

Tuscaloosa County Road Improvement Commission (TCRIC)
Meeting Minutes—July 22, 2016
Tuscaloosa County IDA Office

Judge McCollum called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Commission Member Attendees: Judge Hardy McCollum, Chair; Mayor Walt Maddox; Jim Page; Senator Gerald Allen; Representative Chris England; Dara Longgear; James Brown

Other Attendees: Scott Collins, Alyce Spruell, Nicole Hampton, Ron Davis, David Kemp, Nick Crane, John Powell Webb, Eddie Pugh, Rick Harbin, Scott Goldsmith

Meeting minutes from June 30 meeting were approved unanimously after a motion by Gerald Allen seconded by Dara Longgear.

The engagement letters from Harbin & Stough for accounting and Jamison Money Farmer for auditing were approved unanimously after a motion by Gerald Allen seconded by Dara Longgear.

Rosen Harwood's legal invoice was approved for payment unanimously after a motion by Gerald Allen seconded by Dara Longgear.

- Gerald Allen moved to pay Rosen Harwood invoices moving forward without individual authorization. The motion was seconded by Walt Maddox and passed unanimously.

INSURANCE PROPOSALS

Alyce Spruell, legal counsel for the Commission, presented the proposals received for Commission insurance (Pritchett-Moore, Fitts Agency, USI). Commission agreed to review and take action at the next meeting. Spruell would determine time needed be each group to bind the policy.

REVIEW OF PROJECTS FROM ALDOT LETTING GRID

The Commission members reviewed the most current grid sheet of project estimates from ALDOT. The sheet now provides details for added cost of Hwy 69 and Hwy 43 Mitt Lary Road intersection improvements that were needed.

- The Commission discussed whether the statute contemplates such ancillary roadwork.
- There was also discussion about how these additions compare to the Hargrove Road work on the Hwy 82 project, and whether the determining factor was whether the work was part of an original ALDOT plan or not. Judge McCollum stated that the purpose of the Commission is to consider the scopes of the projects.
- Rep. England still noted that the determination must be made what can and cannot be paid for statutorily to set standard moving forward.

Mitt Lary Reimbursement

Northport counsel Ron Davis informed the Commission that Northport is anticipating around \$7.5M in costs that need reimbursement. Northport hopes to have final numbers by August or September through a formal request by the Northport City Council.

Resolution 16-011

A resolution to approve a preliminary cost agreement with ALDOT for \$1.5M in preliminary engineering costs was discussed. Concerns were raised about encumbering the amount without further budgeting of the next fiscal year. Counsel for the City of Tuscaloosa expressed concern with entering into a funding agreement before insurance was approved. James Brown advised that he would discuss this with the Director and Chief Engineer for ALDOT and advise the Commission of their response. Therefore, resolution was withdrawn.

The Commission briefly discussed involvement of various members in the Chamber of Commerce's Transportation Summit on July 28. The group agreed to limit discussion of projects to basic planning information.

Mayor Maddox requested from the Commission an agreement that a work session be held on Wednesday, July 27, at 11:30 in the Daughtery Room for budget planning. The Commission agreed.

The Commission tentatively set its next meeting for August 2nd at 7:30 a.m. at the Courthouse Annex.

Judge McCollum adjourned the meeting at 9:05 a.m.