

Tuscaloosa County Road Improvement Commission (TCRIC)
Meeting Minutes --- June 24, 2019
Tuscaloosa County Courthouse Annex

Commission Member Attendees: Mayor Walt Maddox-Chair; Mayor Donna Aaron; Claude Edwards; Jim Page; Judge Rob Robertson; Rep. Chris England; Rep. Rich Wingo; James Brown

Other Attendees: Alyce Spruell, Nicole Hampton, Susan Snowden, Glenda Webb, Brad Matthews, Kim Palm, Richard Rush, Brandon Boatwright, Dennis Stripling, Edward Henderson, Gary Rehm, Steven Polunsky, Bill Lamb, Ron Davis, Wallace McAdory, David Kemp, Clay Randolph, Scott Anders, Robert Spence, Alicia Rudolph, Jason Morton, Eddie Pugh, Rep. Bill Poole

Mayor Maddox called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Meeting minutes from the May meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Rep. England, seconded by Judge Robertson.

The June deposit from April 2019 sales tax collected was \$772,300, with a current bank balance of \$9,397,432. Kim Palm provided a further accounting report, notifying the Commission that electronic banking had been set up and would be used for future payment transactions. There has been no activity since the ledger report provided to the Commission members besides the June deposit.

Res. 19-009: Resolution Authorizing the Change of Signature Authority of the Tuscaloosa Road Improvement Commission's Operating Checking Account

-This resolution amended the signatories to the checking account (updating accounting services) and exempted electronically-issued checks from the double signatory requirement.

-After a motion by Judge Robertson seconded by Rep. England, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

TCRIC Counsel Alyce Spruell provided a compliance update. She provided the Commission with the proposed contract from PFM, the financial advisors previously approved by the Commission. The contract provides for a \$40,000 annual retainer, paid quarterly, followed by a \$15,000 retainer in year two. Discussion was had about PFM's involvement in choosing a fund advisor (advising Commission but ultimately Commission choice) and PFM's ability to recommend options for funding SR-69 South obligation. The contracts committee will review the contract at its next meeting.

Project updates were provided as follows:

SR-69 South funding was discussed. Mayor Maddox inquired about the timing for the financing, and James Brown stated that right-of-way is in process and could be completed in early 2020. Spruell clarified that TCRIC is funding the preliminary engineering, right-of-way, utility relocation, and utility right-of-way in the project by way of reimbursement to ALDOT. Glenda Webb inquired about the City of Tuscaloosa's responsibility for utility right-of-way. David Kemp stated that he believed most of the utility right-of-way relevant to the City was included in the right-of-way being acquired by ALDOT but that he would double-check. Rep. Wingo inquired about having a set-aside meeting regarding the project. Rep. Wingo asked about whether there

would be a minimum number of bids for the project, and Brown encouraged the delegation to consider that in the context of state bid laws. Wingo also inquired about TCRIC review of the contract. Brown stated that while incentives might be possible, they may have to be funded by the TCRIC to include. Mayor Maddox asked Rep. Wingo to handle a possible additional meeting specific to SR-69 South issues, and Rep. Wingo agreed.

David Kemp provided other updates for ALDOT.

-US-82 at University Blvd: Kemp stated that the amount potentially sought for right-of-way from the Commission would likely be reduced from the budgeted amount. INFRA and the resubmitted BUILD grants are still pending.

-SR-69S Turn Lanes: The funding agreements are awaiting the Governor's signature. The plans are otherwise close besides some outstanding survey. The project will likely be under construction in the fall. Mayor Maddox inquired about delaying the start time to avoid morning traffic, and Kemp stated it was possible but may create a larger number of construction days.

-I 20/59: Although not a TCRIC project, Kemp stated the contractor hopes to be on a punch list by August 2020 (ahead of schedule).

The next meeting was announced as July 29 at Northport City Hall.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Maddox adjourned the meeting.