

Tuscaloosa County Road Improvement Commission (TCRIC)
Meeting Minutes --- September 30, 2019
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Commission Member Attendees: Mayor Walt Maddox-Chair; Judge Rob Robertson; Rep. Rich Wingo; Jim Page; Claude Edwards; James Brown

Other Attendees: Alyce Spruell, Nicole Hampton, Robert Spence, Ron Davis, April Hoffman, Scott Anders, Kim Palm, Tera Tubbs, Richard Rush, Sen. Gerald Allen, Rep. Bill Poole, Eddie Pugh, Russell Ware, Tracy Criss, John Earl, Jason Morton, John McWilliams, Glenda Webb, Steven Polunsky

Mayor Maddox called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Meeting minutes from the August meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Jim Page, seconded by Rob Robertson.

The September deposit from July 2019 sales tax collected was \$727,000, with a current bank balance of \$10,350,165. This is an increase from last year. Kim Palm reported that 2 outstanding checks to ALDOT were remaining and provided the financial summary for the commission. Mayor Maddox asked Palm to consider whether anticipated revenues in the budget document need adjustment for the next fiscal year.

Alyce Spruell provided financial advisor Josh McCoy's report. RFP responses for the line of credit were received and a summary of those responses was emailed to the Commission members. PFM would like to meet with the Commission prior to the October meeting. Maddox stated a Finance Committee meeting would be called prior to the next meeting.

Per the TCRIC by-laws, officer elections were held. Mayor Maddox nominated Mayor Aaron for the Chair position. At Mayor Aaron's request, that nomination was withdrawn. Mayor Aaron nominated Judge Robertson as Chairman, nominated was seconded by Claude Edwards, and the motion passed unanimously. After a motion by Claude Edwards, seconded by Rep. Wingo, Mayor Aaron was re-elected to the Vice Chair position.

Spruell provided an update on compliance with the ALDOT agreement. The 69 South/Skyland project will be moving forward based on a September 13 report from Spruell to ALDOT officials, certifying ALDOT's agreement with the Commission's compliance with the funding agreement for the project. Spruell is preparing the match report based on the final FY19 commitments, which looks to total around \$79,000,000.

Maddox inquired about 69S utility timing. Spruell stated that right of way appears to still be moving slowly. Discussion about timing for utility relocation occurred. The City of Tuscaloosa and ALDOT now have revised utility agreements in place. ALDOT noted that letting for the project can occur prior to utilities being fully completed. Discussion occurred about whether the Commission could incentivize the contract financially. A critical path for the project from ALDOT was requested by Commission members.

A report was provided on the status of administrator position applicants. One application was received. Maddox suggested reposting the job description for a lengthier period and on more outlets. The Commission agreed.

After a motion by Donna Aaron, seconded by Jim Page, Resolutions 19-009, which were duplicated, were renumbered to Res. 19-009(a) and 19-009(b).

Res. 19-012 seeks \$150,000 for utility construction and right-of way for SR-69 South turn lane additions. Letting is set for Spring 2020 on the project. Discussion was had on the project timeline. After a motion by Donna Aaron, seconded by Rob Robertson, the resolution passed unanimously.

Res. 19-013 seeks \$50,000 for right-of-way processing for the US-82 at University Blvd project. After discussion of the other funds being used for the project (INFRA and ATRIP), a motion was made by Jim Page and seconded by Claude Edwards, and the resolution passed unanimously.

Res. 19-014 authorized the payment of up to \$355,000 for the overruns to ALDOT for intersection improvements at US-82/SR-215 and Bear Creek Cutoff Road. The overruns were discussed, including added safety delineators, curbing, pipe, etc., which resulted in an approximately 10% overrun on the project. Discussion was had about where the funds were already identified in the budget. After a motion by Judge Robertson, seconded by Mayor Aaron, the resolution passed unanimously.

Res. 19-015 sought reimbursement of \$3,060,829.06 to the City of Tuscaloosa for the US-82 at Hargrove Road project. Tera Tubbs reported that there will be a small overage sought at the November commission meeting but that this resolution requested only the currently authorized budget. After a motion by Rich Wingo, seconded by Claude Edwards, the resolution was adopted.

Res. 19-016 sought reimbursement of \$800,000 to the City of Tuscaloosa for the Jack Warner Parkway project. The City has expended ~\$2.5M on the project to date but is seeking only the amount in the authorized FY19 budget. Discussion occurred on timing of the City going to the bond market, which Mayor Maddox anticipated as Spring 2020. Discussion on the railroad agreement in process was had. After a motion by Claude Edwards, seconded by Jim Page, the resolution was adopted.

Res. 19-017, the fourth amendment to the FY2019 budget, passed unanimously after a motion by Mayor Aaron seconded by Rep. Wingo.

The October meeting will be at the Alabama Transportation Institute, where ATI will present on incentive laws. The November meeting will be held at the Courthouse Annex.