

Tuscaloosa County Road Improvement Commission (TCRIC)  
Meeting Minutes --- October 28, 2019  
Alabama Transportation Institute

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

Other Attendees: Alyce Spruell, Nicole Hampton, Rep. Bill Poole, Trayce Hockstad, Kim Palm, Mark Nelson, Brad Matthews, Tracy Criss, Scott Anders, Clay Randolph, Edward Henderson, Russell Ware, Sen. Gerald Allen, Lee Busby, Eddie Pugh, Lee Garrison, Wallace McAdory, Brad Darden, Kathryn Anderson, Jonathan Mills, John McWilliams, Jason Morton, David Kemp, Glenda Webb, Tera Tubbs, Richard Rush, Steven Plunsky

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

Kim Palm presented an accounting report. The October deposit from August 2019 sales tax collected was \$788,500, with a current bank balance of \$6,866,588. Kim Palm stated that revenue will be above budgeted revenue for FY19 at close-out. To date, the Commission has spent ~\$6,344,000 on road projects during FY 19. After a motion by Mayor Maddox, seconded by Jim Page, the financial report was accepted and approved.

The website invoice was tabled.

Judge Robertson provided a report from the Finance committee. The committee reviewed information from PFM in response to the line-of-credit RFP and asked PFM for some additional information. The committee hopes to present to the Commission at the next meeting for consideration for short-term financing. The committee also reviewed the proposed FY20 budget and approved the draft FY20 accrual-based budget for recommendation to the Commission.

**Res. 20-001: Budget Adoption for FY20:** Palm reviewed the proposed accrual-based budget for FY20 and the final amendment needed to the FY19 budget. The biggest change from past drafts was an increase in administrative expenses based on PFM and a potential administrator. McWright's Ferry Road project was reduced from \$3M to \$1.5M for FY20 based on a delay going to the bond market and the City's believe that the \$1.5M could still be used for right-of-way. The City of Northport will be paid out on Mitt Lary in March 2020. Mayor Maddox noted the Commission is still budgeting conservatively for the bond market. After a motion by Mayor Maddox, seconded by Rep. Wingo, the budget passed unanimously.

Alyce Spruell reported that the opening for the administrator position has continued to be advertised, but applications have still been slow to be received. The position was added to several additional outlets from the last round so hopefully additional applications will be received prior to November 20.

Trayce Hockstad from the Alabama Transportation Institute did a special presentation on the regulation of incentive/disincentive highway contracting.

Discussion was had about the applicability of the I/D clauses to Road Commission-funded projects. Mayor Maddox suggested that Judge Robertson work with the delegation to work with Director Cooper to discuss the potential incentivization of the 69 South project. A motion was made by Mayor Maddox to authorize the contracts committee to explore that issue, seconded by Claude Edwards and passed unanimously.

Judge Robertson then presented the short sheet that is in draft form and designed to help Commission members with concise information about all projects. He requested feedback from the Commission on its future use.

Brad Darden from ALDOT then provided project updates.

- 69S turn lanes: Plans are 65% complete; PS&E review this week. Project letting is currently tentatively scheduled for 2/28/20.
- 69S/Skyland: In right-of-way acquisition; hoping to make 90% submittal in December with a 4/24/20 projected letting. The reconciliation of the letting schedule and the utility schedule was discussed.
- 69 North/Charlie Shirley Road: Hope to have TCRIC agreement by the end of the year; projected letting date is 2/26/21 but could be brought in some if desired.
- US-82 from SR-69 to Rice Mine Road: PS&E review was completed in July, so ROW will hopefully be authorized around December 1, 2019. As set by the REBUILD Alabama funding, November 2020 is the scheduled letting date.

There was no public comment.

Judge Robertson discussed the meeting scheduled for the Monday of Thanksgiving week and wanted to be sure a quorum was possible. After a motion by Jim Page, second by Rep. Wingo, the Commission moved the November meeting to Friday, November 22.

Meeting was adjourned.