

Tuscaloosa County Road Improvement Commission (TCRIC)
Meeting Minutes --- July 30, 2018
Tuscaloosa County Courthouse Annex

Commission Member Attendees: Judge Hardy McCollum-Chair; Senator Gerald Allen; Mayor Donna Aaron, Claude Edwards; Jim Page; James Brown

Other Attendees: Chief Randy Smith, Susan Snowden, Carly Standridge, John McWilliams, David Kemp, John McWilliams, Alyce Spruell, Rep. Rich Wingo, Michael McGuire, Jason Morton, Rep. Bill Poole, Stephen Dethrage, Mike Wright, Tera Tubbs, Glenda Webb, Mark Nelson, Scott Anders, Alicia Rudolph, Chris Goode, Robert Spence, Tracy Criss, Steven Polensky, Laura Gregory, Eddie Pugh, Selena Fortenberry, Nick Crane, Clay Randolph, Sam Wilson, Matt Fanack, Alex Henien, Bruce Higginbotham, Brad Darden.

Judge McCollum called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Meeting minutes from the June meeting were unanimously approved. The new Tuscaloosa Fire Department Chief Randy Smith was introduced and welcomed by Judge McCollum.

The financial information on the meeting agenda was reviewed. Upon motion by Senator Allen and second by Jim Page, the invoice from Fitts Insurance was approved for payment.

Project updates were provided by Brad Darden from ALDOT, primarily focusing on the Value Engineering report on the 69South-Skyland project. UA Professor Alex Henien presented an analysis of the various possible project designs reviewed during the VE process for the Commission using an audio-visual presentation. Several questions were asked regarding the presentation regarding the viability of the possible designs discussed. ALDOT reported that once the study was finalized, ROW can proceed using the current “pay as you go” agreement; however, ROW has not been authorized at this time. TCRIC has received the first ROW invoice of \$750,000 but ALDOT has requested that the invoice be held until these issues have been finalized and an agreement executed for the ROW payment process. Professor Henien and Nick Crane were thanked for their hard work on this process and for their presentation to the Commission.

Terra Tubbs reported on the City of Tuscaloosa TCRIC related project updates as follows: McWrights Ferry Road estimates are in progress; 11 of 31 parcels have been acquired on the JWP/MLK project; and water line work will begin next week on the Bear Creek cut-off road project being managed by the County. Scott Anders from the Tuscaloosa County Engineering division reported on 69North/Martin Road, with the project completion to be close to the opening week of school. Anders also reported on the progress of the Bear Creek Road/Bear Creek Cutoff Road project, with a projected project completion of mid to late September. Northport City manager Bruce Higginbotham reported that the Union Chapel/69North project should let be able to let utilities by late fall and that the design on the 69N/Charlie Shirley Road project was at 70% design. ALDOT Regional Director James Brown reported that the US-43-Mitt Lary Road project was almost complete.

Upon motion by Mayor Donna Aaron and upon a second by Jim Page, the proposed by-law amendment changing the date for the election of the Commission officers was adopted unanimously.

The meeting was then adjourned. Next meeting: August 27th at the Tuscaloosa County Courthouse Annex at 7:30am.