

Tuscaloosa County Road Improvement Commission (TCRIC)  
Meeting Minutes --- January 27, 2020  
Northport City Hall

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

Other Attendees: Kim Palm; Nicole Hampton; Alyce Spruell; Clay Randolph; Brad Darden; John McWilliams; Wallace McAdory; Tracy Criss; Edward Henderson; Lee Garrison; Kathryn Anderson; Russell Ware; David Kemp; Doug Varnon; Craig Williams; Eddie Pugh; Scott Anders; Gary Rehm; Glenda Webb; Tera Tubbs; Dennis Stripling; Gerald Allen; Kevin Kane; Dan Johnson; Jason Morton; Hardy McCollum; Ron Davis

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

Kim Palm presented an accounting report. The January deposit from November 2019 sales tax collected was \$794,466, with a current ledger balance of \$7,974,161. The January deposit was a 1.15% decrease from November 2018. After a motion by Mayor Maddox, seconded by Jim Page, the financial report was accepted and approved.

Dan Johnson provided a report of the audit for FY2019. A copy of the audit was provided to Commission members. The cash position of the Commission increased slightly. The audit report was accepted by the Commission after a motion by Mayor Maddox and a second by Mayor Aaron.

Mayor Aaron provided a report from the Contracts subcommittee recommending the hiring of Kelly Johns as a part-time administrator for the TCRIC based on her interview and references. After a motion by Rep. England, seconded by Mayor Aaron, the motion to hire Johns passed unanimously.

Alyce Spruell reported that two payments made to ALDOT on US-82 projects (43/82 intersection and 69/82 intersection) were still being held by ALDOT and therefore have not cleared the Commission accounts.

Judge Robertson reviewed the monthly project status report included in the meeting materials for ongoing and completed projects.

Brad Darden from ALDOT then provided project updates.

- 69S Turn Lanes: Darden reviewed GANTT charts provided to the Commission with the project's critical path. The project will go to O&E review on Friday and will be let on April 3 (ALDOT's March letting date). Signal timing is included in the project because of associated signal work. A completion date has not been set by the construction bureau yet.
- 69S/Skyland: In right-of-way acquisition—all offers have been made; utility right-of-way was discussed. Sequencing construction to avoid as much traffic inconvenience as

possible was discussed. Whether an outside public relations firm could be used, similar to what was used in the recent Birmingham interstate project, was raised by the Commission. Judge Robertson requested a meeting be set between ALDOT and the contracts committee to discuss incentive-based contracts.

Tera Tubbs presented an update on the Jack Warner Parkway project, being led by the City of Tuscaloosa. Based on the ongoing conversations with KCS railway, the City's consultant has requested an increase in its contract to engage an additional subcontractor to assist with a new proposed bridge design. The City anticipates a 2-bid project proposal next month. This does not include potential changes to construction cost based on the ultimate design. Mayor Maddox moved to accept the increase, which passed unanimously after a second by Jim Page. Rep. Wingo requested an additional meeting with KCS as a contingency of the approval.

There was no public comment.

Judge Robertson set the next meetings of the Commission on Monday, February 24 and Monday, March 30.

Meeting was adjourned.