

Tuscaloosa County Road Improvement Commission (TCRIC)
Meeting Minutes --- September 24, 2018
Tuscaloosa County Courthouse Annex

Commission Member Attendees: Judge Hardy McCollum-Chair; Mayor Walt Maddox; Mayor Donna Aaron; Senator Gerald Allen; Representative Chris England; Jim Page

Other Attendees: John McWilliams, David Kemp, Alyce Spruell, Nicole Hampton, Jason Morton, Rep. Bill Poole, Glenda Webb, Scott Anders, Robert Spence, Eddie Pugh, Serena Fortenberry, Clay Randolph, Rob Robertson, Rick Harbin, Tera Tubbs, Rich Wingo, Brad Darden, Cynthia Almond, Justice Smyth, Ron Davis, Alicia Rudolph

Judge McCollum called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Meeting minutes from the August meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Rep. England seconded by Donna Aaron.

The financial information on the meeting agenda was reviewed by Rick Harbin. September disbursement (July collections) was somewhat down from the Commission's average but higher than July 2017 collections. After paying Bear Creek and SR-69 South add lanes payments approved at last meeting, the Commission's current bank balance is approximately \$7M.

Res. 18-008: Reimbursement to Tuscaloosa County for \$1,176,347.98 for its work completed for intersection improvements on SR-69 North at Martin Road.

VOTE: After a motion by Mayor Aaron seconded by Senator Allen, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

David Kemp provided an update on ALDOT projects within Tuscaloosa County, both supported by TCRIC and those not. Interstate work is all continuation of resurfacing of approximately 100 miles from Jefferson County line to Mississippi line that has been going on for several years. Exit 86 to Jefferson County line is underway. Both bridges have started work on area near Exits 71/73/76. Very close to authorization of right-of-way on SR-69 South. Last Thursday, public involvement meeting was held for US-11 from Mercedes to Bibb County line for a large, 4-lane divided highway project. ALDOT believed public meeting was well-received, and so environmental and survey components moving forward on that project. ALDOT working to get it to contract next year. Judge McCollum inquired about cost of US-11 project. Kemp stated estimate is currently \$46-51M. There was discussion by Senator Allen and Rep. Wingo about the project's effect on the Mercedes exit and Mercedes' intended expansion in Vance.

Scott Anders provided a brief update on Tuscaloosa County-managed projects that are currently under construction. Down to one project under construction. Martin Rd is finished with some final clean-up work that should occur this week. Otherwise, Bear Creek Road/Bear Creek Cutoff Road alignment project is underway with utilities being moved. Hoping paving work will be ready in approximately three weeks.

Tera Tubbs reviewed City of Tuscaloosa's work. City is going to complete drainage work on the Bear Creek Cutoff Road project before the County moves forward. McWright's Ferry Road is going through value engineering in-house to try to evaluate costs. JWP is still within right-of-

way acquisition (approximately 13 of 39 parcels have been acquired). Hargrove Road project is expected to be done between November and January because of a storm drainage conflict with the fiber.

John Powell Webb gave an update on the Union Chapel Rd/SR-69 North project. Construction on Union Chapel has been authorized (permits submitted last week to ALDOT). Hearing on last parcel that is in condemnation is this week. Construction currently scheduled for January 2019 based on need to move utilities, but could move up. Geotechnical work has also been completed on Charlie Shirley Road.

Brief discussion occurred about flow of gameday traffic.

Officer elections were on the agenda. According to the Commission by-laws, a chair and vice-chair are to be elected by Sept. 30 for the following fiscal year. There was discussion about whether elections could be delayed because of impending November election. Rep. England nominated Mayor Maddox as chairman. Jim Page seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mayor Maddox nominated Mayor Aaron as vice-chairman. Senator Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Contracts committee will meet immediately following the meeting. There was a discussion about setting November meeting date.

The meeting was then adjourned. Next meeting: October 29 at the Tuscaloosa County Courthouse Annex at 7:30am.