

Tuscaloosa County Road Improvement Commission (TCRIC)
Meeting Minutes - - - November 16, 2020
Via Zoom

Commission Member Attendees: Judge Rob Robertson – Chairman; Mayor Walt Maddox; Mayor Bobby Herndon; Jim Page; Danielle Winningham; Rep. Rich Wingo; Rep. Chris England; James Brown (ex officio).

Other Attendees:

Nicole Hampton; Kelly Johns; Kim Palm; David Kemp; Brad Darden; Kathryn Anderson; Frank Anderson; Wallace McAdory; Glenda Webb; Michael Pohlod; Eddie Pugh; Tera Tubbs; Tito Carlo; Doug Varnon; Justice Smyth; Dennis Stripling; Steven Polunksy; Joshua McCoy; Rep. Bill Poole; Sen. Gerald Allen; Chris Grace; Robert Spence; Chris Crawford

Judge Robertson called the virtual meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Judge Robertson welcomed Mayor Bobby Herndon.

Judge Robertson presented the minutes of the October 26, 2020 TCRIC meeting.

Vote: Minutes of the October 26, 2020 TCRIC Commission meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Mayor Herndon, seconded by Rich Wingo. The motion passed unanimously.

Summary of Bills

A summary of bills was presented for the Commission’s consideration. A motion to pay the bills as presented was made by Rep. England, seconded by Jim Page, and approved unanimously.

Financial Report

Kim Palm presented the accounting report. The ledger balance as of November 10, 2020 was \$9,653,624.38. The November 2020 deposit (from September 2020 sales tax collected) was \$861,500, which was a 1.35% increase from November 2019. The actual and projected expenditures (on accrual basis) for Fiscal Year 2020 (ending September 30, 2020) were \$5,246,293 and \$8,566,877, respectively.

Palm also reported that several fraudulent checks have been identified and a police report has been filed. No checks have cleared the account. At the recommendation of Bryant Bank, TCRIC will close the current checking account, and open a new account with Bryant Bank.

Additionally, TCRIC has gone to a method of pre-approval and notice to Bryant Bank of legitimate checks in the interim period.

Vote: The Financial Report was unanimously approved after a motion by Mayor Herndon, seconded by Jim Page. The motion passed unanimously.

Project Updates

David Kemp (ALDOT) provided project updates:

- SR-69 South Turn Lanes: The project is near completion and all turn lanes are being used. Permanent striping is needed on one intersection. There is one luminary that has been ordered but has not arrived, due to delays related to COVID-19.
- I-20/59 (not a TCRIC project): The replacement northern arch on I-20/59 over US-82 is expected to arrive in December 2020. The southern replacement arch is expected about 6 weeks later. ALDOT expects the project to be completed by Fall 2021.

Public Comment

Judge Robertson opened the meeting for public comment.

- Sen. Allen thanked ALDOT and all involved in completing the overpass project in Vance (not a TCRIC Project).
- Eddie Pugh asked ALDOT for an update on the portion of the I-20/59 project at the Skyland Bridge (not a TCRIC Project). Kemp reported that this overpass should be complete when the McFarland/ I-20/I-59 overpass is complete, but he will confirm at the December meeting.
- Judge Robertson commended the work and results of the improvements in downtown Tuscaloosa (not TCRIC Project).

Next Meeting

The next TCRIC Commission meeting was previously set for December 14, 2020, at 7:30 am, at the Tuscaloosa County Annex Auditorium.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50.