

Tuscaloosa County Road Improvement Commission (TCRIC)  
Meeting Minutes - - - January 25, 2021  
Via Zoom

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

**Other Attendees:**

Alyce Spruell; Kelly Johns; Susan Snowden; Dan Johnson; Dennis Stripling; Zane Davis; Kim Palm; David Kemp; Brad Darden; Kathryn Anderson; Richard Rush; Wallace McAdory; John McWilliams; Glenda Webb; Chris Grace; Randy Skagen; Lee Garrison; Justice Smyth; Eddie Pugh; Tera Tubbs; Steven Polunksy; Sen. Gerald Allen; Robert Spence; Melissa Garcia; Allen Parish; Chris Crawford; Clay Randolph; Craig Williams; April Hoffman; Doug Varnon; Tito Carlo; Josh McCoy, Marcie Lewis

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

Judge Robertson presented the minutes of the December 14, 2020 TCRIC meeting.

Vote: Minutes of the December 14, 2020 TCRIC Commission meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Mayor Herndon, seconded by Rep. Wingo. The motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report**

Kim Palm presented the accounting report. The ledger balance as of January 18, 2021 was \$11,117,028.15. The January 2021 deposit (from November 2020 sales tax collected) was \$705,800, representing a 11.16% decrease from January 2020. The projected and actual accrual basis revenues for Fiscal Year 2021 to date is \$1,639,040 and \$1,522,100, respectively.

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

**Presentation of Fiscal Year 2020 Audit**

Dan Johnson, a representative from Jameson Money & Farmer, the Commission's auditor, presented the fiscal year 2020 audit.

Vote: A motion to approve the audit as presented was made by Mayor Maddox, seconded by Mayor Herndon, and approved unanimously.

**Update on ATIB.**

Josh McCoy reported that PFM has had calls with ATIB since the December 2020 TCRIC meeting. The ATIB Board previously took action to move forward with a loan to TCRIC, if TCRIC chooses to do so. PFM is reviewing draft documents from ATIB, related to the potential pilot funding agreement for SR-69 South Intersection Improvements. PFM intends to report any concerns and further thoughts on funding through ATIB. McCoy did note that although ATIB had previously discussed the potential funding agreement to have a financial covenant of 1.5 times coverage, ATIB has recently proposed potentially lowering that to 1.35 times coverage.

## **Summary of Bills**

A summary of bills was presented for the Commission's consideration.

Vote: A motion to pay bills as presented was made by Mayor Herndon, seconded by Rep. Wingo, and approved unanimously.

## **Quarterly Report**

Johns presented the Quarterly Report, ending on December 31, 2020.

Vote: A motion to approve the quarterly report as presented was made by Rep. England, seconded by Danielle Winningham, and approved unanimously.

## **Presentation of Draft Amendment of TCRIC Legislation**

In the December 2020 TCRIC meeting, the Commission asked Alyce Spruell to provide a draft amendment to TCRIC legislation, that would address needed clarification to allow TCRIC to enter into bonds directly. Spruell presented the draft amendment, that includes recommendations from bond counsel, Barry Staples, in addition to edits for typographical errors, symmetry of provisions and consistency. Spruell also reported the draft has been reviewed and approved by Legislative Services Agency, and their Fiscal Office.

Spruell asked that TCRIC approve the advertisement of the draft presented, and the related costs. If approved, Spruell intends to begin advertisement this week, and the draft would be ready to be introduced to state legislation the week of February 15, 2021.

Vote: A motion to approve the advertisement of the draft amendment as presented was made by Mayor Herndon, seconded by Mayor Maddox, and approved unanimously.

## **Project Updates**

Judge Robertson will be scheduling a work session for SR-69-South Intersection Improvements, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of February.

Doug Varnon gave updates on City of Northport projects

- SR-69 South, Union Chapel Road: The project is complete with the exception of one signal (which was ordered but has not arrived yet, due to COVID-19 related delays).

Tera Tubbs gave updates on City of Tuscaloosa projects.

- McWright's Ferry Rd: Plans are 90% complete. The ROW is expected to be complete in Summer 2021 and Alabama Power Company is finalizing the relocation plan.
- Martin Luther King/Jack Warner Parkway: The first phase of the construction has begun including traffic control and utility relocation, sanitary sewer and storm sewer relocations. Comments have been received from KCS on the 75% primary bridge design and spur designs; the City plans to submit response in February. Tubbs expected Phase II will bid this summer. A virtual groundbreaking is being scheduled.

David Kemp (ALDOT) provided ALDOT project updates:

- SR-69 Turn Lanes: The project is complete with the exception of one luminary (which was ordered but has not arrived yet, due to COVID-19 related delays).
- SR-69 South Intersection Improvements: The plans are complete, and the ROW acquisition continues.

- SR-69 North / US-82 Intersection, and SR-43 (SR-13) North/US-82 Intersection projects: ALDOT has selected a consultant for each project and is working towards a fee schedule.
- University Blvd: ROW acquisition is in process. Drilling was recently completed, and ALDOT plans to review those with the consultant soon.
- US-82 (SR-69 to Rice Mine Road): ROW limits have been established; offers will be made to those property owners soon. Cities of Tuscaloosa and Northport are working with consultants to complete utility relocation plans. Letting is tentatively scheduled in the Spring. Letting may be done with stipulations related to utility relocation, requiring the work to be in the median.
- US-82 / I-59/I-20 (not a TCRIC project): One arch has been taken down, and an arch should be installed beginning this week. The second arch is expected to be installed in February. There will be road closures; ALDOT has provided public service announcements of road closure schedule.
- US-43 at Mitt Lary Rd (not a TCRIC project): ALDOT is currently working at Rose Blvd (west side of 43) to install dual turn lanes, and dual lanes to receive the traffic on US-43. North of this, an ATRIP grant was awarded to Northport and County.

**Public Comment**

Judge Robertson opened the meeting for public comment; there were none.

**Next Meeting**

The next TCRIC Commission meeting will be on Monday, February 22, 2021, tentatively set to be held virtually.

Meeting was adjourned.