

# *Spartanburg County Transportation Committee*

## **MINUTES**

**Thursday, January 16, 2020  
County Council Chambers  
Spartanburg County Administration Building  
366 North Church Street, Spartanburg, SC 29303**

A public meeting of the Spartanburg County Transportation Committee was held on Thursday, January 16, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. in County Council Chambers of the Spartanburg County Administration Building, 366 North Church Street, Spartanburg, SC. Chairman John Throckmorton presided.

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notices of this meeting were mailed and emailed in advance to county officials, local news media, citizens and other interested parties.

The following members were present: John Throckmorton; Travis Brown; Chris Story; Will Gramling; Ed Humphries; Kyle Owings. The following members were absent: Dean Anderson, Doug Cobb and Vic Bailey, IV-Excused.

### **1. Call to Order – John Throckmorton, Chairman**

Chairman Throckmorton recognized Penny Phillips and Warren Hart from the SCDOT.

Chairman Throckmorton informed committee that Tom Arthur has resigned from CTC. It was necessary for him to do that because he has changed his primary residence to Oconee County. He submitted a letter to the Governor on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, I believe it was indicating that he was resigning from his position. The Delegation is having a meeting on February 3 and they will review applications for the two openings that we now have on our committee. I know there is at least one application for Tom's seat. So maybe we will have a tenth or perhaps even an eleventh member coming.

Chairman Throckmorton informed committee we have a letter from Vic Bailey, he is not here this evening. He is out of town on business. But, he asked for this letter to be read in the minutes of the meeting. I will just read the body of the letter. The purpose of this letter is to inform the CTC of a potential conflict of interest that I have with a funding request that is listed on the agenda for the January 16 CTC meeting. The request is for the replacement of a CTC vehicle. I am employed by, and a stockholder of, a local automobile dealership group. Accordingly, I want to recuse myself from any discussion, action, or vote concerning the vehicle funding. I will be out of town at a business meeting on January 16 and not present at the CTC meeting, but I ask that this notice be published in the minutes of the January 16 meeting.

Chairman Throckmorton informed committee, yesterday the SCDOT did their annual review of the CTC records to confirm our compliance of the laws governing our operation and no issues were found. I want to thank Ron, Billy, Jim Nelson and of course Allison for participating in this process.

## 2. Approval of Minutes for October 17, 2019

Motion was made by Travis Brown to approve minutes. Second was made by Chris Story. Motion carried.

## 3. Financial Report – Allison Poole

Total Unobligated Funds As Of December 31, 2019: \$ 4,539,174.97  
(These funds can be applied to new projects)

FY20 Liabilities to be Approved Upon Receipt of Funding:

SCDOT Paving	(\$ 1,060,000.00)
County Paving	(\$ 2,272,000.00)
City of Spartanburg Paving	(\$ 455,000.00)
Municipal Paving	(\$ 300,000.00)
Fund Balance	(\$ 500,000.00)

Funding Available after FY20 Liabilities (\$ 47,825.03)

Gas Tax for FY2020 (\$4,342,100 annual estimate) \$2,532,892  
Donor County Funds -

Total Estimated Not Yet Received Revenue: \$ 2,532,891.69

## 4. Project Status Report – Billy Martin

Active project status report as of January 9, 2020

1. a.) 7022 Pacolet, Sidewalk Installation On hold
- b.) 12018 Pacolet, River Gateway Roundabout
- c.) 13010 Pacolet, connect River Walk with Road
- d.) 17006 Pacolet, River passage Gateway Project

Ron Kirby states Pacolet gateway project has been resubmitted to the DOT, they are reviewing it. The park aspect has been pulled out and this is just the road part of the project. With that they should be in the budget. Waiting on DOT review and as soon as we get their approval we will put that back out for bid. This was sent to the DOT back in December.

2. 15006 4<sup>th</sup> Street- Coordination is underway concerning the new County Collection Center. For further details, see Ron Kirby and Travis Brown

Ron Kirby states that we are in the right away phase, eight parcels need to be acquired and hopefully an early spring construction.

3. 19002L 4<sup>th</sup> Street widening, Rep. Long set-a-side. See 4<sup>th</sup> street above
4. 19003 Belcher Road bridge replacement, Rep. Long set-a-side. Due to the results of the flood study and on site witness statements, the new bridge will have to be significantly higher than the existing bridge. We are evaluating alternative designs in light of proposed bridge span and Traffic projections.

We have nailed down the design. Going to be a poured slab with a poured slab on top. Give some strength and shallow the section that we need.

5. 19005S Traffic Signal at Draxelmaier. TranSystems has submitted final drawings to the SCDOT for approval. All we think we need now is dedication of right of way (easement) from Draezlmier to SCDOT.

The county has turned the property back over to Draezlmier and now Draezlmier has to give DOT the right-a-way. All of that is in the works. They have everything. DOT has approved everything. It is just a matter of getting that right-a-way.

5. 19006 through 19011 Funding for SCDOT and City of Spartanburg projects.

Ron Kirby states they are finished with the paving and just trying to get billing.

7. 19012 L Spartanburg County Paving in progress.

Chairman Throckmorton asked it's because they did not get everything done and we are waiting for the paving season to start again? Travis Brown replies that's correct we've got one road remaining. It got late in the season last year and instead of getting halfway through that project and not be able to pave, we decided to push it to the spring. We've been told by the contractor that is their number one priority, so hopefully mid March they will jump back on it.

8. 19013 through 19016 CTC Matching Funds for Municipal paving in progress.

Travis Brown states he believes all the municipal paving is completed.

9. 19018L Lightwood Knot Road, Intersection Improvement. The design is being handled by (and paid for by) the engineer for Mark II Properties. I am in touch with them and we are coordinating.

- 10.19019L S. Hammett Road, Intersection Improvement. Our right of way acquisition is complete. We are reviewed 60 percent complete construction drawings. The project manager for this project informed me this morning that he is leaving Davis & Floyd(the project design Engineer) about the end of this month.

- 11.19020L Spartanburg County Road Safety Improvements. Handled by Spartanburg County Roads and Bridges. Contracts have been signed for striping.

Travis Brown states that the contract has been awarded and they are looking at starting work here in about two weeks.

- 12.19021L We are waiting on six traffic study results from the consultant.

Meeting with engineers on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. to go over the six intersections that were studied. Have been shown some preliminary results and I think they have some good ideas. Cost does not seem too crazy. Looking forward to getting those in, vetted and getting before you all.

- 13.20002S and 20003S SCDOT, Falling Creek and N. Blackstock Rd. SCDOT wants more money.

We have went through some exhausting meetings on that and I think it is all behind us. Chairman Throckmorton states this is one of the proposals we will be talking about this evening.

14.2004L Spartanburg County, Clark Rd./Bishop Rd. Roundabout. Still studying.

This has turned into a Clark Rd. corridor states with three intersections and a bridge replacement and perhaps straighten out a curve. We have got a proposal that seems reasonable to us and accepting that and moving forward with that as well as Seay road. County funding, upgrading the Seay road.

15.20009L Double Branch Road, Intersection Relocation. PRIMACQ Group has approached the property owner for right of way acquisition. Based on the owner's comments, we'll make slight revisions and move forward.

We have contacted the property owner, got the proposal from the engineer that changed our design criteria and cut the project expectations in half and the engineer's proposal went from \$37, 500.00 to \$36,800.00.

**6. New projects recommended for approval by the Advisory Committee- Travis Brown**

a. Annual CTC Paving – City of Spartanburg \$455,000

There is a list of purposed roads in the packet. The amount of \$455,000 is what we have budgeted for this physical year.

Motion was made by Kyle Owings to approve. Second was made by Chris Story. Motion carried.

b. Annual CTC Paving – SCDOT - \$1,031,147.

1. John Dodd Road from New Cut Rd. to Hwy. 176.
2. Bryant Road from Hwy. 221 to SC-585.

So with these would be partnerhips, meaning the CTC would fund these projects and if there are any over runs then the DOT would be responsible for covering those.

Motion was made by Will Gramling to approve. Second was made by Ed Humphries. Motion carried.

c. Project Request 1146 – Rep. Hyde set-a-side in amount of \$28,853 to be added to annual SCDOT paving request for Bryant Road.

Motion was made by Kyle Owings to approve. Second was made by Will Gramling. Motion carried.

d. Annual CTC Paving - Spartanburg County - \$2,272,000. Hampton Road from Gap Creek Road to Holly Springs Rd. (approximately 6.8 miles).

This is from one end to the other, the longest consecutive maintained county road. A portion of this road is within the town of Lyman, so this would be a partnership. We think this project will be over 3 million dollars. A little over 2 million from the CTC, any other funds would come from Spartanburg County for this project. Right now we are actually replacing a bridge on Hampton Rd.

Motion was made by Chris Story to approve. Second was made by Ed Humphries. Motion carried.

- e. Annual CTC Paving – \$300,00 for Municipalities
  - 1. Town of Greer (Gary Armstrong) - \$120,000

Estimate for this project is \$240,000, the remainder \$120,000 will come from the town.

- 2. Town of Lyman (Hampton Road) - \$165,000

They actually pledge \$200,000 worth of their road fee dollars towards this project.

- 3. Town of Cowpens (Maple Street) - \$15,000

Estimated \$90,000 project, will follow this up with Representative Tallon set-a-side. The other \$15,000 will come from the Town of Cowpens road fee dollars.

Question from Will Gramling. We are approving these towns funding, which money are we approving? Travis replied, The CTC dollars. These are our dollars. I apologize, what I was trying to make clear that this is for half of the cost with or at least the other half is coming from the town themselves. Will Gramling states so basically there are matching funds on these. Travis replies Yes, matching funds.

Motion was made by Chris Story to approve. Second was made by Will Gramling. Motion carried.

- f. Project Request 1142 – Rep. Tallon set-a-side in the amount of \$65,875 for Maple Street paving project within the Town of Cowpens.

Motion was made by Chris Story to approve. Second was made by Will Gramling. Motion carried.

- g. Project Request 1148 – Rep. Allison set-a-side in the amount of \$53,615 for Hampton Road paving project.

Motion was made by Ed Humphries to approve. Second was made by Kyle Owings. Motion carried.

- h. Project Request 1147 – Rep. Allison set-a-side in the amount of \$5,800 for engineering evaluation of Woods Chapel and Victor Hill Road intersection.

This is the intersection behind BMW, kind of right behind the BMW test track. So when we looked at the crash data, this really rose to the top. We think that the intersection improvement is a round-a-bout. But before we go forward with that improvement, we think it is prudent to get an engineering to actually study that intersection. To do traffic counts, take another look at crash data, make some recommendation and also have some cost estimates.

Motion was made by Will Gramling to approve. Second was made by Ed Humphries. Motion carried.

- i. Project Request 1143 – Rep. Long set-a-side in the amount of \$22,958 for Seay Road improvements.

This would be a partnership between the CTC and Spartanburg County. Projects would be in the next 3 to 4 years.

Motion was made by Kyle Owings to approve. Second was made by Will Humphries. Motion carried.

- j. Project Request 1144 – Rep. Long set-a-side in the amount of \$10,000 for Clark Road intersection improvements at Seay Road and Sugar Ridge Road.

Motion was made by Ed Humphries to approve. Second was made by Chris Story. Motion carried.

- k. Project Request 1145 – Rep. Long set-a-side in the amount of \$20,000 for Belcher Road corridor improvement project.

This is actually the corridor. We are looking at total widening of Belcher Road and there is also a 5 point intersection at Belcher Road, so looking at potential improvement there as well. So another corridor type project, we are actually awaiting proposal from an engineering firm to take a look at that entire corridor.

Motion was made by Kyle Owings to approve. Second was made by Will Gramling. Motion carried.

- l. Falling Creek and North Blackstock Road – Request for \$17,551.62 to be added to project 20003S and reallocate a total of \$58,228.40 from FY16/17 resurfacing project of Old Converse Road(S-57).

This is a project that additional funding at the last CTC committee was approved. The project has since gone out to bid. Contract has been awarded. Contractor is ready to go. There is just an oversight in regards to funding for engineering services and CQA during construction. These funding it's my understanding will be used for engineering services and CQA during construction.

Motion was made by Chris Story to approve. Second was made by Kyle Owings. Motion carried.

- m. Allow for funding from projects 19018L (Lightwood Knot) and 19019L (S. Hammett) to be combined.

If we bid these projects at the same time there will be some cost savings. When we go to bid then it's not two completely separate projects and trying to pull money from two different lots. We have around \$650 thousand dollars left in the budget for this project. We think that is enough to complete the construction.

Motion was made by Chris Story to approve. Second was made by Will Gramling. Motion carried.

- n. Close Project 07022S. Remaining balance of \$10,565 to be returned to CTC general budget.

This is the sidewalks, it's my understanding this is the oldest CTC project in the state. It has hung around for quite a while. When it came down to the town wanting to move forward to sign the contract with partnership, they decided that this was no longer a priority with them and did not want to commit any additional funds to this particular project.

Motion was made by Will Gramling to approve. Second was made by Chris Story. Motion carried.

- o. Replacement of CTC vehicle – Request of \$30,000.

Several years ago we actually had two inspectors. One of the vehicles was in a crash and it was totaled. So, we haven't replaced one of the inspector positions since that time and with all the new projects coming up, we feel like it's time to replace that inspector's position and with that will need a vehicle for that individual. This will replace that vehicle that was in the crash a couple of years ago. This will be bought off the State contract. So, we will go through the State contract process and purchase a vehicle.

Motion was made by Ed Humphries to approve. Second was made by Chris Story. Motion carried.

**7. New Business**

None

**8. Old Business**

None

**9. Adjourn**

Motion was made by John Throckmorton to Adjourn. Second was made by Ed Humphries. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned.

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**John Throckmorton, Chairman**

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**Attested: Debbie Culbreth**

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