

Spartanburg County Transportation Committee

MINUTES

Thursday, May 21, 2020

VIRTUAL MEETING

Spartanburg County Administration Building was closed for public meetings, due to the COVID-19 health crisis. A public virtual meeting of the Spartanburg County Transportation Committee was held on Thursday, May 21, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. Regular meeting was conducted with remote participation. 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; Dean Anderson; Vic Bailey, IV; Doug Cobb; Trey Blackwood

1. Call to Order – John Throckmorton, Chairman

2. Approval of Minutes for January 16, 2020

Motion was made by Kyle Owens to approve minutes. Second was made by Dean Anderson. Motion carried.

3. Financial Report – Allison Poole

Received Gas Tax –through March 2020 \$3,138,683.00

With all funding projects approved through physical year 20 funds that leaves a total unobligated.

Total Unobligated Funds As Of April 30, 2020: \$1,889,552.00

Chairman John Throckmorton informs that the next page in attachments is a letter from the SCDOT telling us that revenues from here forward will be less and late. We had some discussions or emails about that, is there any questions. No questions. The next five pages is my summary of our activity for the year. If you have a question you can contact me. On the first page at the very bottom it shows how much money we allocated verses what we expect to get and assuming that we approve the two projects are proposed tonight, we will have over spent \$282,000.00 which is not bad that is close to what we expect to get. Any questions about that. No questions.

4. Project Status Report – Billy Martin

Active project status report as of March 7, 2020

1. a) 12018 Pacolet, River Gateway Roundabout
- b) 13010 Pacolet, connect River Walk with Road

c) 17006 Pacolet, River passage Gateway Project

Ron Kirby states that the DOT has received 3 or 4 different sets of revisions, very close to having approval.

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

Ron Kirby states that the 4th Street project plans are complete. Only the right away to be acquired, most of that has been acquired. We have two parcels left and the big one that held Montgomery Industry Mill. The value difference between our appraisal and the owner's value is pretty far off. To be some negotiation there, some decision whether or not to go to condemnation. We have a lot of information on our side that we could do that if we have to. Something that we don't want to do, we really want to keep good relations. It would not look good to come in and double our offer to acquire this property.

3. 19002L 4th Street widening, Rep. Long set-a-side. See 4th street above
4. 19003L 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 in touch with FEMA at this time concerning the revision of the FEMA "Flood" Maps.

Billy Martin states the bridge is in a flood plain. Our reports from witnesses in the area and our engineer's calculations indicate the flood plain is way off. The flood elevation should be about 5 or 6 feet higher from the existing maps show. We have to apply for a letter of map revision. We have to redo the flood elevation basically for FEMA, they are not going to charge any relieve fees for this. They are going to redo the flood maps, raise the flood elevation. Then after we construct the bridge, they will rerun the flood stay showing that it lowers the flood elevation. It is going to cost the county about another \$78, 000.00 to do all of this.

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.

Draezlmier cannot deed it to DOT. Draezlmier deeded and recorded the property to DOT, now DOT has to deed the property back to Draezlmier. Then Draezlmier grant them an easement.

- 6 19006 through 19011 Funding for SCDOT and City of Spartanburg projects. Complete

Billy Martin states they are complete.

7. 19012L Spartanburg County Paving. Complete

Billy Martin states Spartanburg County paving very nearly complete.

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

Billy Martin states that is finished, it is complete. We may be getting some return money on some of that.

9. 19018L Lightwood Knot Road, Intersection Improvement. The design has been submitted to the SCDOT for encroachment permit.

10. 19019L S. Hammett Road, Intersection Improvement. The design has been submitted to the SCDOT for encroachment permit.

Billy Martin states that 19018L and 19019L have been combined into 20023. We took the budget from those two projects at the last meeting and combined them into one project. They are both at DOT now for the encroachment permit. As soon as we get the encroachment permit, they are going out for bid.

11. 19020L Spartanburg County Road Safety Improvements. Handled by Spartanburg County Roads and Bridges. Contracts have been signed for striping. The work is in progress.

Billy Martin states he talked with Sabrina with the county, those are complete.

12. 19021L We are waiting on six traffic study results from the consultant. We are studying them for a recommendation to the CTC. Complete.

Billy Martin states are complete. We have been using those to re-evaluate and re-rank our priorities.

13. 20002S and 20003S SCDOT, Falling Creek and N. Blackstock Rd. All funds have been sent to the SCDOT.

Billy Martin states it is under construction.

Travis Brown states he talked with Penny and Warren and their thinking if everything goes well hopefully it will be complete by September.

14. 2004L Spartanburg County, Clark Rd./Bishop Rd. Roundabout. Design underway.

Billy Martin states they have sent us some alternate designs. We have picked one and sent to our right-a-way requisition firm.

15. 20009L Double Branch Road, Intersection Relocation. Surveying is underway. We plan to do the engineering in-house.

Billy Martin states surveying is complete. We have started doing the engineering design. Think we are going to have to approach the property owner and offer them an alternate from what we had talked about earlier. Have to be a little negotiation on this. That should not slow anything down.

16. 20010L through 20018L are various paving projects by Municipalities and Spartanburg Co.

Billy Martin states they are still in progress.

17. 20019 Victor Hill Rd/Woods Chapel Rd. engineering study complete for committee review.

Billy Martin states we have gotten a design we think you will like. The engineering company has given us a proposal. We have worked with them on the proposal and going to break the proposed up. We are going to handle the surveying, some of the technical work and some of the other inspection work that the engineer originally had in there over \$200,000.00 fee. Now their fee is \$99,985.00. CTC limit is \$100,000.00.

18. 20020L Seay Road. Design Underway.

Billy Martin states design is underway.

19. 20021L Clark Road. Intersection Underway.

Billy Martin states we have looked at the intersection proposal for Clark and Sugar Ridge Road. Looks good.

20. 20022L Belcher Road. Design Underway.

Billy Martin states the survey is actually underway.

21. 20023L Billy Martin states this is the combined 19018 and 19019 and that makes 20023.

22. 20024L Replace CTC Vehicle.

Billy Martin states that the last he heard was it could be a year before getting vehicle and that was before the corona virus shut everything down.

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

- a. Project Request #1149, Woods Chapel and Victor Hill Intersection Improvements-\$500,000.00.

Travis Brown states this area is growing rapidly. We engaged ICE to take a look at this intersection for us. They came up with two solutions. One was the installation of a traffic signal, now when they looked at the warrant for a traffic signal which is based off traffic volume it actually did not warrant a traffic signal. So the DOT did not prefer this particular option. The second option they looked at was a roundabout. So, speaking with DOT this is the preferred option for this particular intersection. The cost estimate for the construction for this project is a little over a million dollars. Cost estimate for engineering is right out about hundred thousand dollars. It will be spring of 2021 before we will be in a position for this project.

Motion was made by Travis Brown to approve. Second was made by Kyle Owings. Motion carried.

- b. Project Request #1150, County Roadway Safety Enhancements-\$185,000.00.

Travis states there are 3 roads, Island Ford Road, Hammett Store Road and Floyd Rd. are high volume county roads. We will be going in restriping roads, adding reflective payment markers to the center, rumble strips on the side and improving any kind of signage on these roads.

Motion was made by Travis Brown to approve. Second was made by Ed Humphries. Motion carried.

6. New Business

- a. Approval of CTC and Spartanburg County Annual Agreement-\$291,000.00.

Motion was made by Dean Anderson to approve. Second was made by Will Grambling. Motion carried.

7. Old Business

None

8. Adjourn

Motion was made by John Throckmorton to Adjourn. Meeting was adjourned.

John Throckmorton, Chairman

Attested: Debbie Culbreth

Date

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