

Newberry County Transportation Committee
Minutes
January 21, 2025

Present: Mr. Tim Carroll, Mr. O. L. Johnson, Mr. Arnold Hiller, Mr. Harry Werts, Mr. Glenn Hamm, Mr. Randy Cannon

Absent:

Others in Attendance: Mr. Herb Cooper, Mr. Jeff Wicker, Mr. Joe Kitchen, Mr. Jason Taylor, Mr. Josh Rowe, Mr. Jeff Shacker and Ms. Teresa Ball

Call to Order-Invocation

Mr. Carroll called the meeting to order, and Mr. Hamm led the invitation.

1. Additions, Deletions, and Adoption of the Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda for January 21, 2025. Motion was second and all were in favor.

2. Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the meeting held on September 17, 2024.

Financial Report from Treasurer

Mr. Cannon reported that the cash balance for November 30, 2024, was \$5,972,080.45. The funds received were \$149,438.70. Total withdrawals were \$144,250.00. The total cash balance is \$5,977,269.15. Total funds committed are \$4,753,883.14 and the uncommitted balance is \$1,223,386.01.

Mr. Cannon reported that the cash balance for proviso (118.19) was \$4,036,403.55. Total withdrawals were \$181,684.70. Total cash balance is \$3,854,718.85. Total funds committed are \$3,854,718.85.

Mr. Cannon reported that the cash balance for proviso (118.20) was \$318,000.

Mr. Cannon reported that the cash balance for proviso (118.22) was \$3,172,100.00.

Motion made to accept as information only. Motion second and all were in favor.

3. Old Business/New Business

Old Business

New Business

Mr. Carroll said it was time for the election of officers.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to keep the current officers if they agree to serve again.

Motion was second and all were in favor.

Mr. Shacker said that he appreciated the opportunity to request funding. This is a project that we would like to pursue in the town of Whitmire. We were fortunate enough to get a community development block grant. This is money that originates from HUD, and it goes to the department of commerce to be distributed through a competitive grants program. What we purpose is to use the money to make street scape and other physical improvements in downtown Whitmire. The project continues the previous efforts of the town to make it more functional and more attractive by extending those elements to side streets and intersecting streets. It also does an excellent job of taking advantage of some of the momentum we have with the city gym project. That is one of the twelve projects the voters approved on the iteration of the capital project sales tax. This also makes improvements around the gym. It would be helpful if CTC would consider funding the local match.

Mr. Shacker says that the grant is for \$750,000. The minimum match is \$75,000. This would include crosswalks, drainage improvements, street surfacing, and lighting. Just all around trying to create a more attractive and safer environment. We would appreciate your consideration.

Mr. Rowe said that on the sheet he gave the members, there are three streets that we are currently proposing to be paved. The reason I wanted to highlight this is, DOT already has a lot of roads in Whitmire that will be paved that you have previously approved. So those roads, I verified with Jeremy, are not on the list to be paved. Essentially if you combine the two projects, about every road in downtown Whitmire would be resurfaced or paved.

Mr. Rowe said it would make the town more attractive and help the local economy. The purposed project will consist of street scaping, lighting, and landscaping in the town's

central business district. It will also include a market study to recruit businesses and stimulate downtown revitalization. Our goal is the addition of central business district parking spaces along with the other improvements.

Motion was made to approve the request for \$75,000. Motion was seconded and all approved.

4. Public Works Report

A. Josh Rowe - Newberry County Public Works Director

B. Jeremy Knight - SC Department of Transportation

C. Joe Kitchen – City of Newberry Public Works Director

5. Public Comments

6. Executive Session

7. Consideration of Actions on Matters Discussed in Executive Session

8. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn. Motion second and all were in favor.

Teresa Ball, Newberry County Public Works Approved

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