

Newberry County Transportation Committee
Minutes
June 20, 2023

Present: Mr. O. L. Johnson, Mr. Arnold Hiller, Mr. Henry Reeder, Mr. Tim Carroll

Absent: Mr. Wayne Pratt, Mr. Glenn Hamm, Mr. Randy Cannon

Others in Attendance: Mr. Mike Pisano, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Gunter, Mr. Keith Suber, Mr. Kip Gunter, Mr. Ronnie Cromer, Mr. Alan Kuzusko, Mr. Henry Werts, and Ms. Teresa Ball

Call to Order-Invocation

Mr. Carroll called the meeting to order, and Mr. Reeder led the invocation.

1. Additions, Deletions, and Adoption of the Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda for the June 20, 2023, meeting. Motion was second and all were in favor.

2. Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting

Motion was made to approve the minutes for the meeting held on May 16, 2023. Motion was second and all were in favor.

3. Financial Report from Treasurer

Mr. Carroll reported that the cash balance for May 31, 2023, was \$4,109,226.17. Funds received were \$140,864.73. Total withdrawals were \$7,968.44. The total cash balance is \$4,242,122.46. Total funds committed are \$3,773,195.70 and the uncommitted balance is \$468,926.76.

Mr. Cannon reported that the cash balance for the proviso (118.18) funds was \$(10,200.00). The total cash balance is \$(10,200.00) Total funds committed are \$2,000. The uncommitted balance is \$(12,200.00).

Mr. Cannon reported that the cash balance for proviso (118.19) was \$3991,413.13. Funds received were \$6,038.90. The total cash balance is \$3,997,452.03. Total funds committed are \$3,964,100.00 and the uncommitted balance is \$33,52.03.

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

4. Old Business/New Business

Old Business

Mr. Carroll said that he was going to call and ask that the \$6 million project be bid out in November. That will be the whole project.

Mr. Carroll said he would like to thank Mr. Reeder for his service, and it was a joy working with him.

Mr. Carroll said that they are dedicating a bridge to Mr. Walt McLeod on Sunday at 3 pm and everyone is welcome to come. If it is raining, it will be held at the town hall.

New Business

Mr. Cromer said that he was here to honor Mr. Reeder for all of the time he has put forth for the citizens of Newberry County. While you don't get paid, you get paid in the satisfaction in what you are able to do for the citizens of Newberry County. With thirty plus years of service, being the last original committee member and the committees first minority member in recognition of your capable leadership knowledge and expertise in your field and to thank you for your exemplary service to the citizens, best wishes for a happy, healthy, and productive retirement. We wish you continued success in your future endeavors.

Mr. Cromer said it was an honor to recognize Mr. Reeder.

Mr. Reeder said that it has been a joy to serve the committee and Newberry County.

Mr. Carroll said it was time to vote to renew the contract for Mr. Cooper. We can go into executive session to discuss if needed.

Motion was made to renew the contract, motion second and all were in favor.

Mr. Carroll said he would like to recognize Mr. Harry Werts. We have given his name to the senator and Mr. Cromer has presented him to serve on the committee. We are waiting in the governor's office for final approval. We hope to have him serving on the committee starting in August.

5. Public Works Report

A. Mike Pisano, Newberry County Public Works Director

Mr. Pisano said that earlier this year the committee approved \$30,000 for utility cuts and asphalt repairs. The county did not take advantage of those funds. One area that we are suffering a shortage of is gravel. We have 270 miles of road in the county system. Gravel prices are going up and we are having trouble keeping up with inflation. I would like to request the \$30,000 we turned down earlier to buy gravel.

Motion was made to approve the request, motion second and all were in favor.

Mr. Pisano said that the notice to go ahead with Edgewater Shores has gone out, so hopefully that project will get started in the next few weeks.

Mr. Pisano said that they are looking at alternate funding for Mawson's Way. We won't know about that until the committee meets again.

Mr. Carroll said that they need to meet with the administrator to let him know. Mr. Carroll said that the way we worded it was that the county has to spend their money first, once the county spends all of their money, then we will help fund Mawson's Way and the new road. If you don't put in the new road, then we will pave some other county roads.

Mr. Pisano said he would pass the information to the administrator.

B. Jeremy Knight, SC Department of Transportation

Mr. Knight said he would like to acknowledge his guest, Mr. Alan Kuzusko. We both want to recognize Mr. Reeder for his service.

Mr. Kuzusko said he wanted to thank the committee for their service and Mr. Reeder for his service.

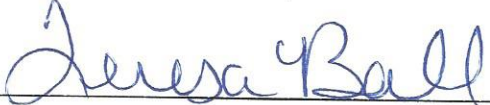
Mr. Knight said that starting in August, I plan to do the full depth patching project on various roads around the county, sidewalks, and catch basins. There are some sidewalks in Little Mountain that need work, this shouldn't be a big project. I haven't received my budget yet; I have heard rumors that it is going to be smaller. I did some full depth patching in house with my budget this year, not sure I will be able to do that next year.

Mr. Kuzusko said that for a long time, South Carolina has not been following the federal administration regarding our bridges. So, what they have done, they separated bridges from road maintenance. So now bridges will have their own specific focus on the maintenance side. It is all one pot of money, but some of that money has been pulled out to be allocated for bridges only.

C. Kip Gunter, City of Newberry Public Works Director

6. Public Comments
7. Executive Session
8. Consideration of Actions on Matters Discussed in Executive Session
9. Adjournment

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



Teresa Ball, Newberry County Public Works Approved

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