

**Newberry County Transportation Committee
Minutes
Tuesday, January 15, 2019**

Present: Mr. Tim Carroll, Mr. Henry Reeder, Mr. Randy Cannon, Mr. O. L. Johnson, Jr., Mr. Arnold Hiller, Mr. Glenn Hamm II

Absent: Mr. Wayne Pratt, Ms. Eleanor Alewine

Others in Attendance: Mr. Gerald Shealy, Mr. Mike Pisano, Mr. Mac Bartley, Mr. John Fetchel, Mr. Tommy Long, Ms. Karen Livingston, Mr. Herb Cooper, Mr. Wayne Shumpert, Ms. Dinah Pinner, Ms. Anne Mattox, Mr. Al Berry, Mr. Ben Pinner, Mr. Jeremy Knight, and Mr. Walt McLeod

Call to Order-Invocation

Mr. Carroll called the meeting to order and Mr. Hamm II led the invocation.

Election of Officers –

Mr. Johnson made the motion to keep the officers as they are. Motion was second and all approved.

1. Additions, Deletions, and Adoption of Agenda.

Correction on the date of minutes approved from previous meeting. Should be Nov. 20, 2018

2. Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting –

Motion was made to approve minutes for the meeting held on November 20, 2018. Motion was second and all approved.

3. Financial Report from Treasurer –

Mr. Reeder reported that the cash balance for November was \$2,115,801.00. Funds received were \$151,337.86. Cash balance of \$2,267,138.86. Total funds committed are \$1,516,314.12 and the uncommitted balance is \$750,824.74

The non-recurring funds (H4230) balance was \$948,032.70. Total funds received were \$3,430.17. Total withdrawals are \$23,179.23 Total cash balance is \$928,283.64. Total funds committed were \$909,428.44 which leaves an uncommitted balance of \$18,855.20

The non-recurring funds (P117, 135) cash balance is \$154,355.40. Total funds received were \$561.03. The total cash balance is \$154,916.43. Total funds committed are \$152,814.82 and the uncommitted balance is \$2,074.61.

Mr. Reeder motioned to accept the financial report. Motion was second and all were in favor.

4. Old Business/ New Business

Old Business-

Mr. Carroll said that they had looked at repairing some roads in Whitmire, but he wanted to get with Mr. Shealy about making some changes.

New Business --

Mr. McLeod said that he was here on behalf of the Peak Preservation Association. I would like you to consider their request to have walking access and parking to improve and enhance the accessibility of Mt. Vernon Lutheran Church and the Palmetto Trail.

Mr. Pinner said that the Peak Preservation Association formed in 2015 and it was 7 individuals who had a similar vision on making Peak a safer place for pedestrians and making it more pleasing. The need for sidewalks was recognized to ensure the safety of pedestrians that are using the Palmetto Trail. The roads in the town are narrow and have ditches on both sides. People who are walking throughout the community must use the streets or go through the parking lots, which are busy during the week. Parking at times can be a little remote. We discussed adding sidewalks which would allow safer passage for pedestrians and the community members. The people who use the trail park across the street from my office. With the parking behind the church being limited, we discussed the need for a designated handicap crosswalk in front of the church that meets the existing handicap ramp.

Mr. Pinner said they also discussed having new signs throughout the town, which would really distinguish the town more as a destination as opposed as a pass through. The town council has had some complaints about drivers and driving speeds through the town. We feel like all these changes will enhance the safety and the appearance, as well as the most used link of the Palmetto Trail. We would appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Mr. Cooper said that he went to look at the sidewalk projects in Peak. He looked at this a couple of different ways. One way is if the CTC would approve funding for the sidewalk and looked at it in conjunction with applying for a transportation alternative program grant. He thought that if the CTC elected to authorize the funding request, the town would be able to use it in conjunction with a TAP grant. That would leverage your money with \$400,000 from the federal money. It could make a \$500,000 project which could incorporate all these projects. The CTC money would go mostly toward the sidewalk project and there could be some other issues, like the signage and parking areas that the federal grant can pay for. It's more than just a sidewalk project, it's a drainage project, a roadway project and a transportation project which is eligible for the CTC funds. It would bring in \$500,000 to the community of Peak. It would take a little longer to do this under the TAP process.

Mr. Hiller asked if any of the roads were under the state system. Mr. Cooper said that they were, and it would count toward the committees 25% requirement to spend on the state system.

Mr. Carroll asked if the sidewalk project would be over \$100,000. Mr. Cooper said that he did a preliminary estimate on just one side of the road. The estimate was \$130,000. This project really needs both sides of the road done. The timeframe would be around 18 months before any work could start.

Mr. Carroll said that they would vote on this at the next meeting. Mr. Cooper said he would have the grant ready for the next meeting.

5. Public Works Reports

A. Mike Pisano, Newberry County Director of Public Works

B. Jeremy Knight, SC Department of Transportation

Mr. Knight said that there was a request from a previous meeting on Clara Brown Road. The state was going to cover part of it with the 20/20 money and the other request was to cover the other end. I spilt the request because it was over \$1 million dollars for the whole project.

Mr. Knight said that he has been authorized to add Fire Tower Road to the district reclamation crew. The total is \$179,000. They will start on this road after they finish St. Luke's Church Road, which will start up in spring.

Mr. Knight said that they have some issues with Peak Road. With all the rain, it has messed the road up. I hope we can get back to resurface the road. Mr. Long said that the road was in bad shape.

Mr. Hamm II asked Mr. Knight if he had any updates on Main Street in Prosperity. Mr. Knight said that as soon as they get the approval to pave, it should start in the spring.

Mr. Hamm II asked if there was an update on Williams Wood Drive. Mr. Pisano said that it has been let out, was bid on and has been awarded. We are just waiting on the weather.

Mr. Knight asked the committee to consider the request for the two sections of Clara Brown Road.

C. Mac Bartley, City of Newberry Public Works Director

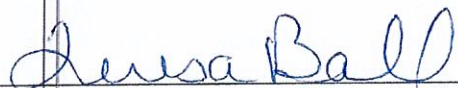
Mr. Bartley said that he did bring the plan for the Old Mill sidewalk if any of the members would like to look at it. Mr. Bartley said he would have more information at the next meeting.

6. Public Comments

7. Executive Session

8. Consideration of Actions on Matters Discussed in Executive Session

9. Adjournment - Motion made to adjourn; the vote was unanimous.



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