

**Newberry County Public Works and Planning Committee
Minutes
Monday, May 11, 2015
6:00pm.**

Members Present: Mr. Scott Cain, Mr. Bill Waldrop

Others in Attendance: Wayne Adams, Mike Pisano, Freddie Edwards, Alana West, Jay Tothacer, Gordon Johnson and Teresa Ball

1. Call to Order – Scott Cain, Chairman

Councilman Cain called the meeting to order with prayer

2. Approval of March 2, 2015 Minutes

Mr. Stockman motioned to approve the March 2, 2015 minutes; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. All were in favor.

3. Discussion of Fox Briar Road – Mr. Freddie Edwards, Citizen

Mr. Edwards stated that Fox Briar Road was in bad shape prior to the residents renting a motor grader and scrapping the road. Mr. Edwards presented the committee with pictures of the road. Mr. Edwards stated that the water was coming down from the driveways and washing away the road.

Mr. Adams stated that he had been to check on the road and it looked better now than it did 5 years ago. Mr. Adams asked the residents if they had any contact with Atlantic Coast Properties, Jerry Holmes. The residents had called and were told by the receptionist not to call anymore because Atlantic Coast Properties did not own the land.

Mr. Adams said that the council members were given packet on the road dated back to 1997, when Atlantic Coast Properties developed the area with the lots. The standard at that time was that the county would take over the road based on its condition and also that 50% of the lots had to be sold. From 1997-2004 Atlantic Coast Properties still owned more than 50% of the lots, so they didn't meet the requirements for the county to take over. There were also issues with the condition of the road that Atlantic Coast Properties were pledging to fix. From 1997-2007, 10 years later and the problems were still not resolved. The county adopted an ordinance that the county will not take a non-county road unless it is paved.

Mr. Adams suggested doing a special tax district to pay for maintaining the road. A special tax district is a defined area that agrees among itself to allow the residents to be taxed for the improvement that is a

benefit to the tax payers. Mr. Adams asked the residents to get together to see what they would be willing and able to pay and return to the meeting in August. Mr. Adams said he would work on the cost for maintenance.

4. Discussion of the use of Piedmont Tech parking lot – Alana West, 4-H Agent

Ms. West stated that 4-H host a community event annually. The event to be held this year is “Touch A Truck”, which is an event that invites local companies to bring different types of equipment for the public. Piedmont Tech said that the event could be held there as long as all of the equipment has rubber tires. Ms. West is also asking to use the strait of way in front of the office for a soap box derby race.

Mr. Adams asked about liability issues. Ms. West said that 4-H provides their own liability insurance that covers all participants. Mr. Adams recommended that the community could touch the equipment but no climbing will be allowed. Ms. West was okay with this recommendation.

Mr. Cain recommended going ahead and approving the request pending on the weight limitations. Mr. Waldrop second and all were in favor.

5. Discussion of Trinity Church Road – Mike Pisano, Public Works Director

Mr. Pisano stated that the church has petitioned SCDOT to have them abandon maintenance of the road. The church wants to take over ownership and maintenance of the road. SCDOT forwarded the information to the county because the county has right of first refusal. Mr. Pisano said that he had no objection to the request because the road serves no purpose to the county.

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

6. Public Works Update – Mike Pisano, Public Works Director

Mr. Pisano stated that the county has several projects that are near completion. The landfill soil gas extraction is almost complete and is moving into the next phase. Lynches Woods bridges have been completed and are scheduled to reopen the 15th. The road has been reworked with gravel and ditching and are in good shape. Public works is currently in the process of moving the mulch grinding operation to the new facility. We are working off of a temporary permit. We are accepting yard debris at the new facility. When we receive approval from DHEC, we can move the debris from the old site to the new site. We had a contractor come out to sift through the material. We have two types of material to offer, organic top soil and mulch.

Mr. Pisano stated that the single stream recycling is moving forward with bids for the concrete pads and site work. We have received all but 6 of the compactors. Also, the public works storage building site is complete and we are just waiting on the building to arrive.

7. Airport Update – Mike Pisano, Public Works Director

Mr. Pisano stated that he had a meeting with SC Aeronautics and our consultants on the 26th. The county has money left over from the apron project. The county is hoping to move the money to do pavement preservation and marking project.

8. Other Items

9. Public Comments

10. Adjournment

Mr. Cain motioned to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Scott Cain, Chairman

Teresa Ball, Recorder

APPROVED: