

**Newberry County Public Works and Planning Commission
Minutes
Monday August 22, 2016**

Present: Mr. Scott Cain, Mr. Bill Waldrop, Mr. Steve Stockman

Others in Attendance: Mr. Wayne Adams, Mr. Jay Tothacer, Mr. Mike Pisano, Ms. Teresa Ball, Mr. Ervin West, Mr. Patrick Meetze, Mr. Jerry Reno, Mr. Darrell Childress, Mr. Larry DeHart, Mr. Rodney Wicker, Ms. Susan Reynolds, Mr. Kevin Reynolds, Mr. Steve Davis, Ms. Joan Davis, Mr. Bob Dunn, Mr. Tommy Long, Mr. Lee Mayer Ms. Patricia Tucker, Mr. Ron Tucker, Ms. Peggy Childress, and Ms. Vickie Dunn

1. Call to Order

Mr. Cain called the meeting to order followed by an invocation.

2. Additions, Deletions, and Adoptions of Agenda

Mr. Waldrop motioned to approve and adopt the agenda as written. Motion seconded. Vote was unanimous.

3. Approval of August 22, 2016 minutes

Mr. Waldrop motioned to approve August 22, 2016 minutes as written; motion seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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

Mr. Pisano said that in October 2015, Old JollystreetBridge was washed out. We have been working with FEMA since that time. We received accrual to reconstruct the bridge that will cost \$280,000. Our local share of that would be \$70,000, however, since that time the state has agreed to pay the local share, which will save the county \$70,000. The issue we have right now is that FEMA approved to reconstruct the bridge at its dimensions at the time it was washed out, one lane wooden bridge; they agreed to reconstruct it as a one lane concrete bridge. Back in 2010, we had plans drawn up and getting ready to move forward with it before the funds were cut short. The plan was for a two lane concrete bridge. Since we already have the plans, we approached SCEMD and FEMA to see if they would approve the two lane bridge. If approved, that would save about \$10,000 on the design. However, the construction will be about \$55,000 more, but with the \$70,000 already budgeted, and \$45,000 net increase we will still be under budget about \$25, 000. We are waiting on approval.

Mr. Pisano said the public works salt shed specs have gone out for bid. We are expecting bids on Sept. 14.

Mr. Pisano said that the Fox Briar special tax district was passed. We have started cutting back trees and ditches and hope to get the road work completed in the next few weeks.

5. Discussion of Goggins and Fawn Court – Wayne Adams, County Administrator

Mr. Adams said that Mr. Pisano, Mr. Tothacer and he meet with three residents, Mr. Childress, Mr. Reno and Mr. Mayer of Goggins and Fawn Courts. Mr. Adams said that they exchanged correspondence, between the two files which was a time period between 2005-2007 when the developer was trying to get

the roads into the county system. The developer was being represented by Mr. Rock Caldwell, whom was corresponding with our then county public works director Mr. Tommy Whitehead. There was some back and forth on what needed to be done. They never reached a point to where an inspection was called for. The process would have been that an inspection would have been made and if the public works director thought it was ready to be in the system he would recommend it to the county council.

6. Discussion of future acceptance of Special Tax District – Wayne Adams, County Administrator

Mr. Adams said that in 2007, county council passed a new ordinance that states the county only accepts paved roads into the system. There is fault in Goggin's and Fawn Courts and there are a couple of other roads with similar issues. Mr. Adams said at the last meeting in May, the residents were asking to have their road paved. That is complicated by the fact that the road was never a county road. Mr. Adams said that is what he saw in the correspondence and this information was shared with the Mr. Reno, Mr. Childress and Mr. Mayer. Mr. Adams said he didn't think it would take much money to do a special tax district much like For Briar did. These are two very short roads. Mr. Adams estimates a cost of \$12,000 spread out over five years which is about \$100 per lot. If the residents choose the special tax district, there would have to be an election which would require approval of 15% of the voters. By voting it doesn't make it a county road, it just gives you county maintenance. In order for the road to become a county road, there would have to be a provision that after a period of time that the county would consider taking in a special tax district road. This is not a guarantee. It is possible if you form a special tax district, and the county council decides to accept special tax district roads. Mr. Adams said that nothing in certain.

Mr. Childress said that the residents meet and one of the issues they are having, is why we would want to pay the county more money with absolutely no guarantee. The whole issue goes back to when Mr. Shirley came before county council and asked to approve South Point Harbor, not South Point Drive. Mr. Childress said as a group, they are still discussing everything that Mr. Adams has discussed at the meeting. Mr. Childress asked Mr. Adams if it was safe to say that at some point at this meeting that he was going to propose a five year cap. Mr. Adams said that it would be up to county council.

Mr. Cain said that the committee needs to know if the residents wanted to do a special tax district. Mr. Childress said they wouldn't vote on it until they knew the rules, whether it would be 3 years, 5 years or indefinite. Mr. Childress said that Mr. Adams said he would propose a 3 year cap, but then he changed it to 5 years. Mr. Adams said that there is a 3 year term for the governmentally maintained road and that the special tax district is different. It is maintaining roads by contract. Mr. Childress asked Mr. Reno and Mr. Mayer how many years did Mr. Adams tell them in the meeting. Both said 3 years at \$150 per year. Mr. Adams said he didn't give them a cost because he didn't know the numbers at that time. Mr. Adams said he might have said Fox Briar was \$150 per year. Mr. Adams said it was clear that he wasn't going to win on this issue. If council wants to set up a special tax district that will be between the residents and council.

Mr. Tothacer said that Fox Briar wasn't asking for their road to be paved, they just wanted it to be maintained. Fox Briar has set up their district with no term. Mr. Tothacer said that you weren't going to get a term because you don't know if council will approve. Mr. Tothacer said that if the residents choose to you can request a special tax district which will be for a certain number of years. The problem will be that if the time period doesn't work, you will have to go through the whole process again. Mr. Tothacer said that Fox Briar agreed to charge themselves a uniform service charge, not to exceed \$150. If it turns out that regular maintenance doesn't take the \$150, then amount will decrease.

7. Discussion of roads into County Road System – Wayne Adams, County Administrator

An unknown resident asked how often the road would be maintained. Mr. Pisano said that generally it is twice a year, unless you are having issues, then they would come more often.

Mr. Cain said that he wanted to make it very clear that he can't promise that anything is going to happen. All we can do is if you choose to do a special tax district, is maintain your road. Mr. Cain said he didn't want the residents thinking otherwise. County council doesn't approve to pave roads that would be up to the CTC committee.

Mr. Adams suggested that the residents wait to see what the county council decides to do. Mr. Adams said he wasn't going to be involved in this issue moving forward.

8. Update on Fire Substations – Ervin West, Facilities Manager

Mr. West said that the Leitzsey substation is near completion. The contractor said it should be completed in 30 days. Mr. West said that wet conditions have slowed progress on the Indian Creek and Belfast stations. Completion for Indian Creek is 60 days.

9. Update on IT Services – Ervin West, Facilities Manager

Mr. Adams said that a couple of months ago, the IT director resigned to take another position. It has made us aware to have someone on board to manage our IT services. This is not a job one person can do reliably. Mr. Adams said that he and Mr. West interviewed two firms to take a four month contract while we develop and RFP to get competitive pricing. As a result we are working with VC3. We are closing in on getting our RFP to go to the market.

Mr. Adams said that the county needs to pay closer attention to replacement schedule. It cost around \$60,000 to \$80,000 per year to stay current. Mr. Adams said that he was hoping within 60 to 90 days to receive competitive pricing on a long term contract. We will be coming back with a proposal within the next couple of months.

10. Facilities Maintenance Plan Update – Ervin West, Facilities Manager

Mr. West introduced Justin Frick, who is the new preventative maintenance tech. Mr. West said that Mr. Frick has already completed air conditioning maintenance on several county buildings and is working on the remainder of the buildings.

11. Public Comments – Goggins Court.

Mr. Meetze asked if the plans for the new Old Jollysteet Bridge will be above flood stage. Mr. Adams said they were being updated.

Mr. Meetze asked when the old county home would be demolished. Mr. West said that it should be demolished next week.

Ms. Reynolds said they wanted to thank the committee for their work on the special tax district for Fox Briar. Mr. Cain thanked the Reynold's for coming back to thank them.

12. Adjournment

Mr. Cain motioned to adjourn; Mr. Waldrop seconded. Vote was unanimous

PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Steve Cain, Chairman

Teresa Ball, Secretary

APPROVED: _____