

**Newberry County Public Works and Planning Committee
Minutes
November 23, 2015
6:00pm.**

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

Others in Attendance: Wayne Adams, Mike Pisano, Jay Tothacer, Teresa Ball, Charles Horn, Ben Setzler, Patrick Meetze and numerous residents from Fox Briar community

1. Call to Order – Scott Cain, Chairman

Councilman Cain called the meeting to order with prayer

2. Approval of August 24, 2015 Minutes

Mr. Stockman motioned to approve the August 24, 2015 minutes; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. All were in favor.

3. Discussion of proposal to deed property to county in exchange for maintenance of two unpaved roads - Charles Horn, Citizen

Mr. Horn said that he was also representing Ms. Verna Cavanaugh, who was unable to attend. Mr. Horn said that their request is for Epting Road and Spence Road to be deeded to the county for ownership. The concern started last year when part of Spence Road needed some repairs. Mr. Horn and Ms. Cavanaugh agreed to pay for the work to be done and split the cost. However, after the recent floods, a portion of Epting Road was partially washed out and collapsed. The road itself is still intact. The portion of Spence Road in the city was completely washed out to the point where myself and two other residents were not able to go in or out. Mr. Horn said that they realize that work needs to be done and have agreed to add into the exchange a portion of the property along Hwy 34 Bypass near the fairgrounds.

Mr. Cain said that the county has an ordinance that the roads would have to be paved in order to be accepted and there is nothing the committee can do.

4. Discussion of request to use the airport access road (Beacon Road) for commercial (18-wheeler) traffic - Ben Setzler, Citizen

Mr. Setzler stated that there was a parcel of land for sale near the airport that he has put an offer on. Mr. Setzler said he wanted to use the property for farming. Mr. Setzler is requesting access to the property from the road in case he does acquire the property.

Mr. Cain said he couldn't vote for any type of permanent access to the property.

5. Public Works Update – Mike Pisano, Director of Public Works

Mr. Pisano said that the single phase recycling is now active at the first four sites, Dixie Drive, Little Mtn., Bachman Chapel and Seibert. Mr. Pisano stated that they are working on the second set of four sites and they are under construction and should be active by mid to late January.

Mr. Pisano said they have a couple of CTC projects that are near completion. Patching on Bear Creek Road is complete and patching overlay is being done on Plantation Point subdivision which is Peninsula Drive.

Mr. Adams asked if there were any other roads in the CTC fund contract. Mr. Pisano said that they are hoping to repair Shelter Bay Ridge. The same contractor that is working Plantation Point has the bid for Shelter Bay Ridge. Due to the storm, work has been pushed back.

Mr. Waldrop stated that a about 5 or 6 months ago it was approved to get the lines repainted on some of the roads and wanted to know what happened to this project.

Mr. Pisano said that they had an issue with the bidding process. We had one company that came through with a bid, but there was a problem with their bid. We had a rebid on the project and no one sent in a bid. Mr. Pisano said that they would have to call some companies that are working for DOT or at least locally. The other option to consider is talking to CTC to see if we can combine project numbers to work on state, city and county roads at the same time.

6. Storm damage/recovery update – Mike Pisano, Director of Public Works

Mr. Pisano said that the county had 13 bridges and culverts that were either completely washed out or partially damaged. The county worked for a couple of weeks following the storm to get the roads and bridges repaired. Mr. Pisano said that the county had a total of 709 man hours, 175 overtime hours, used 552 tons of gravel and 255 tons of dirt. Mr. Pisano said his department did a good job of getting the roads open as soon as possible.

Mr. Cain stated that the committee wanted to commend Mr. Pisano’s department for the work after the flood. Mr. Cain asked if there had been any discussion about showing appreciation for all departments for their hard work. Mr. Adams said that there had been some discussion back in October. Mr. Cain said he would like

7. Other Items

8. Public Comments

Mr. Edwards stated that the residents for Fox Briar attended a previous meeting and returned to discuss their options about the special tax district.

Mr. Tothacer said that in order for the residents to receive the special tax district they will need to get a petition signed with 15% of the registered voters. The petition will then be brought before the council. The council will get the election commission to verify that you have 15% or more of the registered voters. Council will call for a special election. The election will be held and depending upon the determination of the voters, they will create a special tax district.

9. Adjournment

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

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Scott Cain, Chairman

Teresa Ball, Recorder

APPROVED: