

**Newberry County Public Works and Planning Committee  
Minutes  
Monday, November 25, 2013**

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

**Others in Attendance:** Wayne Adams, Mike Pisano, Tommy Amick, Patrick Meetze.

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Cain called meeting to order.

**2. Public Works Update- Mike Pisano, Public Works Director**

Mr. Pisano stated that the Animal Shelter is now occupied with animals and staff. He said Public Works should be moving into the new building soon. There has been a hold up with AT&T but temporary phone lines will be used in order to get everyone moved into the new building.

Mr. Pisano reported that the paving season has just finished and staff did triple treatment on Boyd Rd., Lon Stoudemire Rd. and Eureka Rd. He stated that Satterfield Construction paved Blackberry Ln., Hill Trace Rd., Pineland Rd., and Pomaria Fire Station Parking Lot.

Mr. Adams stated that Hill Trace Rd. had been badly damaged by truck traffic and that would continue to happen unless there were restrictions on trucks parking on neighborhood roads. He stated that he had received the new zoning ordinance which has suggested restrictions in the first draft and there may be a special meeting called to go over the ordinance.

Mr. Pisano stated that he would like to create new system for evaluating the paved roads. He said the county has over 90 miles of paved roads and there has not been a plan laid out as far as priority for maintenance and resurfacing of the roads. Mr. Pisano stated he hopes to have an evaluation system in place by the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter meeting so that a 5 year plan can then be implemented.

Mr. Pisano reported that there are several asphalt roads near Lake Murray with potholes and it would be more economical to completely tear the road up and re-do it rather than patch the potholes and do an overlay.

Mr. Adams commented that the county needed to decide how many miles of paved roads it can afford. There should be a balance between repairing the road and how many people would benefit from the repair. He said ultimately the C Fund Committee decides what roads get paved. Mr. Adams also stated that you can use C Funds to bond against revenue proceeds which would

help to set up a regular repair rotation. He suggested that a regular repair rotation would help to budget in multiple year cycles rather than just next quarter's disbursement.

Mr. Waldrop reported that Newberry gets around 1.5 million dollars from C Funds. He said roads with heavy bus traffic should have first priority for paving.

Mr. Adams shared that another option beyond bonding the C Fund money would be a special tax district that would be an assessment or levy every year that would retire the debt on paving roads.

### **3. Consideration for Land Exchange- Tommy Amick**

Mr. Amick stated that he has expressed an interest in exchanging some property (.55 acres) with the county at the corner of Highway 34 and Wilson Road. He said there was a previous disagreement on the value of the land so he had the Tax Assessor, Mary Arrowood, come to the property. Mr. Amick stated that a sewer line runs through the property and a ditch on the side of Highway 34. SCDOT had restrictions on putting a drive on Highway 76 that would only allowing a right in and a right out on Highway 34. Mr. Amick stated that because he owned the property beside it, this would benefit him. Mr. Amick also stated that the Tax Assessor came up with the exchange of .68 acres for .55 acres or a dollar amount to purchase the property from the county for \$19,250.

Mr. Adams stated that the purchase amount is based on \$35,000 per acre.

Mr. Amick stated he would like to purchase the property because it would be a lot easier and advantageous for him because it would give him more exposure to Highway 34 allowing more visibility to his property from the road.

Mr. Adams asked if cutting the trees on the property would be just as advantageous as selling the property.

Mr. Amick stated that he would either want to cut the trees or to buy the property outright for \$19,250.

Mr. Cain stated that they should take the issue to Council and allow everyone to discuss it as a whole.

Mr. Adams stated this issue will be presented at the December 4<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

### **4. Public Comments**

No comments.

**5. Adjournment**

Councilman Cain adjourned the meeting at 6:20pm.

**PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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**Scott Cain, Chairman**

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**Katherine Derrick, Recorder**

**APPROVED:**