

Newberry County Transportation Committee
Minutes
September 19, 2023

Present: Mr. Arnold Hiller, Mr. Henry Reeder, Mr. Tim Carroll, Mr. Glenn Hamm, Mr. Randy Cannon, Mr. O. L. Johnson, and Mr. Harry Werts

Absent:

Others in Attendance: Mr. Mike Pisano, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Gunter, Mr. Keith Suber, Mr. Jeff Shacker, and Ms. Teresa Ball

Call to Order-Invocation

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

1. Additions, Deletions, and Adoption of the Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda for the September 19, 2023, meeting. Motion was second and all were in favor.

2. Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the meeting held on August 15, 2023.

Financial Report from Treasurer

Mr. Cannon reported that the cash balance for July 31, 2023, was \$4,373,572.48. Funds received were \$156,407.07. The total cash balance is \$4,529,979.55. Total funds committed are \$3,785,481.28 and the uncommitted balance is \$744,498.27.

Mr. Cannon reported that the cash balance for proviso (118.19) was \$4,001,892.60. Funds received were \$5,159.74. The total cash balance is \$4,007,052.34. Total funds committed are \$3,964,100.00 and the uncommitted balance is \$42,952.34.

Motion made to accept as information only. Motion second and all were in favor.

3. Old Business/New Business
Old Business

Mr. Pisano said that they had a grant of \$500,000 for sidewalks in Whitmire. I am asking the committee for \$50, 000, which is 10% of the grant.

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

Mr. Carroll said they have a request for sidewalks and catch basins. The request is for sidewalks in Little Mountain, Prosperity and Whitmire. The catch basin is in Newberry. After everyone turned in what they needed, the total amount was \$201,000. I asked them to split to down a little, the total came to \$115,900, which would give each entity around \$35, 000 each. Newberry is around \$7,000 for the catch basin repair. She went out to verify every spot, took pictures to make sure it needed repaired. SCDOT will manage the repairs and they may be able to start next month.

A motion was made to approve up to \$116, 000 for the repairs. Motion was second, all were in favor.

Mr. Gunter said he is still waiting for pricing on the striping on Main Street.

Mr. Carroll said that the town of Whitmire is requesting \$25,000 to purchase more gravel and asphalt.

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

Mr. Carroll said that they were going to be about \$500,000 short of the estimate they came up with for the big projects for Newberry, Prosperity, Whitmire and Little Mountain. They want another 10% contingency, so we are looking at an additional \$1 million. We won't know for sure until the bid goes out. The bid will go out and open the 2nd Tuesday of November. We will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of November. I told him we could allocate some money this month or wait until the bid goes out. He said either way the committee would be okay. I didn't think we would be that short, but with both projects, it has gone over what we had budgeted. We will have the money in place.

Mr. Cooper said that the pricing that they did the estimate for months ago is currently what is being bid on right now. I couldn't imagine it going up more than the revised estimate they have now.

Mr. Carroll said he would like to wait until the meeting in November, so we will have the exact estimate.

Mr. Carroll said that the Brown Chapel project will go out for bid by the end of the year or the first of next year. Also, the Peak project will go out for bid then too.

Mr. Carroll said that they haven't started on Johnstone Street.

Mr. Cooper said that he talked to the mayor at a previous meeting and asked him to keep calling DOT.

Mr. Gunter said that Mr. Wicker did have some email correspondence, but he wasn't in the loop. Mr. Gunter said he would let Mr. Wicker know to keep asking.

New Business

4. Public Works Report

A. Mike Pisano, Newberry County Public Works Director

Mr. Pisano said that Seagull Lane in Prosperity will have a subdivision going in off of it. The subdivision will have approximately seventy-five homes. The road has been in rough shape for a while. I know, with the money going to Mawson's Way, that you are a little hesitant to give the county money. I am just wondering, for planning purposes, how long we are going to be sidelined.

Mr. Carroll said at least 3 years. We are giving the county \$500,000 per year. We will they to help out if you have something small. We won't cut you out completely.

Mr. Carroll asked how much it would cost.

Mr. Pisano said he would get an estimate for the next meeting. We might get by with a full depth patch. We are working on patching in house, but we can't match someone like Satterfield.

B. Jeremy Knight, SC Department of Transportation

C. Kip Gunter, City of Newberry Public Works Director

Mr. Gunter said that Jefferson, Grace, and Berry had been completed. The Main Street resurfacing has been moved until October.

5. Public Comments

Mr. Hawkins said that the trees need to be cut, and potholes needed to be repaired on Shelton Ferry Road.

Mr. Carroll asked Mr. Pisano to check on this to see if he could help with the problems.

6. Executive Session

7. Consideration of Actions on Matters Discussed in Executive Session

8. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn. Motion second and all were in favor.

 Minutes Prepared By:
Teresa Ball, Newberry County Public Works Approved