

BEAUFORT COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (BCTC)

MEETING MINUTES

From May 15, 2019

The regular meeting of the Beaufort County Transportation Committee (BCTC) was held on May 15, 2019 in the County Council Chambers of the Beaufort County Administrative Complex located at 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, South Carolina.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kraig Gordon, Mark McCain, Joseph Stroman, John Glover, Jim Backer, Craig Forrest, Christopher England

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joe DeVito, Stephen Hill

OTHERS PRESENT: Rob McFee, Beaufort County Engineering
Joe Sturm, SCDOT
Alex Caven, JMT Engineering
Theresa McVey, JMT Engineering
Andrea Atherton, Beaufort County Engineering
Darrin Shoemaker, Town of Hilton Head Island
Joe Croley, Lowcountry Inside Track
Chris Hervochon, District 8 County Council
Yvonne Green

Notification. An audio recording of this meeting is available from the Beaufort County Engineering Department. Please contact the department at 843-255-2700 and request an audio copy. Power Point presentations given to the BCTC are available from the Beaufort County Engineering Department also.

1. **Call to Order & Members Roll Call.** Meeting was called to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Gordon and an attendance roll call was taken. A quorum was achieved for this meeting.
2. **Introductions and Public Comment.** No public comment.
3. **Approval of Minutes.** Meeting minutes from the March 20, 2019 meeting. Approved.
4. **Old Business.**

A. **UPDATE ON RESURFACING YR 2**

Rob McFee, PE, Beaufort County Engineering

Break down into two components; C Fund & TAG Fund. \$2.6 million contract value without allowances. The base bid including allowances is approximately \$3.4 million with a 10% contingency totaling \$3.746 million. Work is underway. Milling operations on Buckwalter have been underway for 6 days with no quality issues. Have one or two complaints associated with Buck Island Road and the DOT Resurfacing. DOT had done full patching and then the contractor went to do other work and left it in less than a desirable state. Rob McFee has been told by DOT that they will be working on Buck Island commencing tonight. We are on target and well ahead of schedule. PMI has a new plant and is working well.

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B. UPDATE JENKINS ISLAND IMPROVEMENTS

Rob McFee, PE, Beaufort County Engineering

Weekly updates via phone with Windmill Harbor and the County Administration. Today's update was at 3 o'clock to discuss we are still on target for a June 3rd advertisement of work. The only permit outstanding is the Land Disturbance Permit from DHEC. Chairman asked about completions. 450 days after Notice to Proceed.

C. TWINKENHAM RD COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT

Rob McFee, PE, Beaufort County Engineering

In an attempt to find additional funding, we have had several community meetings to obtain Right Of Way. We have two more property owners who are still outstanding but we are very close. Because the road is in excess of a mile long, it is very expensive so we broached the subject of a Community Development Block Grant with Lowcountry Council of Governments. We were unsuccessful in securing the funds and will try next year.

D. UPDATE PALMETTO BAY ROAD

Rob McFee, PE, Beaufort County Engineering

Special funding allocations by the State Legislature for fiscal year 17 was allocated by CTC to SCDOT to manage and complete the work. SCDOT is getting ready to advertise within two months with an August or September award. Project expected completion by April 1, 2020.

E. LATS TRAFFIC STUDY / AECOM

Kraig Gordon, Chairman

At last webinar meeting, it was proposed to take the far right hand lane southbound at 278/170 intersection and make it a constant flow traffic pattern so it can go around and come up to the bridge towards Hilton Head with a wall to keep cars from transferring across which is causing a lot of accidents at the intersection. Completion date for the project is the end of June 2019.

F. ROAD EVALUATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Mark McCain, Vice Chairman

Recommended by the Special Request Funding Sub Committee that no action on funding by individual parties as there have been no requests and that the CTC approve the third year of the five year Paving Management System (PMS) program for implementation. Motion to Approve: Motion carries.

G. REPORT ON CONGRESSMAN CUNNINGHAM

Kraig Gordon, Chairman

Chairman contacted Congressman Cunningham's office in regards to King Tides and related issues Beaufort County is faced with. Spoke with a Resource Officer and was advised to start talking with the Federal Highway Administration about programs in place. A conversation with Congressman Cunningham was not informational and unhelpful. As a follow-up, the Governors' Office website recognizes that there is a coastal flooding issue. Meetings are being held for discussion about problems, resolutions, and funding. It was advised to the Committee Members that they keep watch on their districts and report flooding issues.

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5. **New Business.**

A. **UPDATE ON ROAD ANALYSIS**

Rob McFee, PE, Beaufort County Engineering

Presentation of the Unpaved Road Evaluation results which is an objective criteria that can be measured and incorporated into a rating matrix that will allow informed decisions to be made about priorities on paving roads. Data gathering and report generation provided by Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson Inc..

B. **ROAD TAX CTC FUNDING**

Kraig Gordon, Chairman

Informational only; funding appropriation is accurate.

C. **DISCUSS YEAR 3 PROJECTS**

Rob McFee, PE, Beaufort County Engineering

Original Year 3 Paving Plan approved by Committee included Buckwalter Parkway which has accelerated to be included in Year 2. With this, a new Year 3 Recommendation presented to the Committee. Motion to accept this information for implementation.

D. **WELCOME NEW CTC PROGRAM MANAGER JOE STURM**

Kraig Gordon, Chairman

Committee welcomes Mr. Sturm. Mr. Sturm introduces himself and position with SCDOT.

E. **UPDATE ON SECONDARY ROAD PMS STUDY**

Kraig Gordon, Chairman

On schedule to complete all Beaufort County Secondary System this year for its regular rotation of 2-3 years.

6. **Treasurer's Report.** Discussed C Fund Balance, current, committed, uncommitted, non-recurring funds.

7. **Public Comment.** No public comment.

8. **Meeting Adjourned.** The next regular meeting the BCTC will be July 17, 2019 at 4:00 p.m., in the County Council Chambers, County Administration Building, Robert Smalls Complex, Beaufort, SC.