

**Newberry County Transportation Committee  
Minutes  
April 16, 2024**

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

**Absent:**

**Others in Attendance:** Mr. Herb Cooper, Mr. Jeff Wicker, Mr. Joe Kitchen, Mr. Jeremy Knight, Mr. Josh Rowe, Mr. Chad Hawkins, Mr. Eric Dillion, and Ms. Kim Rayer

**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 April 16, 2024, meeting with the addition of recognition of Mr. Chad Hawkins and Mr. Eric Dillion from ICE. 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 March 19, 2024.

**Financial Report from Treasurer**

Mr. Cannon reported that the cash balance for February 29, 2024, was \$5,008,717.17. Funds received were \$169,106.61. Total withdrawals were \$485,408.51. The total cash balance is \$4,692,415.27. Total funds committed are \$4,194,591.02 and the uncommitted balance is \$497,824.02.

Mr. Cannon reported that the cash balance for proviso (118.19) was \$4,036,403.55. Total funds committed are \$4,036,403.55.

Mr. Cannon reported that the cash balance for proviso (118.20) was \$318,000.

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

### **3. Old Business/New Business**

#### **Old Business**

Mr. Carroll asked Mr. Knight if he had checked Langford Mill Road. Mr. Knight said that he hasn't had a chance to look at it. The road is about 528 feet long and is a tar and gravel road. If we resurfaced it, it would have to go through the state system and would have to be done by state standards. If the city wants to take it over, which isn't required, they will have to go by our standards. Another option would be, if you wanted to add it to the big project the commission would have to approve the addition.

Mr. Carroll asked Mr. Knight if he could have an estimate at the next meeting.

Mr. Hamm asked Mr. Kitchen where he received the estimate. Mr. Kitchen said that he received the estimate from Schumpert & Sons.

Mr. Carroll said he would like to add it to the big project if possible. Mr. Knight said that you would have time to add it if you decide to do that.

Mr. Carroll said that Prosperity did get a T-Grant for their sidewalks. The amount is \$116,616.72.

Motion was made to approve the \$116,616.72. Motion second, and all approved.

Mr. Carroll said that they are still debating on the sidewalk in Peak. It is on hold until ownership of the property is determined.

#### **New Business**

Mr. Chad Hawkins said he used to be the state material engineer for DOT and Mr. Eric Dillion was RCE for DOT.

When I retired about 5 years ago, I am now at ICE (Infrastructure Construction & Engineering). I run the material testing laboratory. That is what I did for DOT. I tested the concrete and asphalt. I was involved in writing the specifications on reclamation. Part of our services is helping CTC's. We help manage the projects.

Mr. Eric Dillion said that ICE is based out of West Columbia, and we have an office in Greenville. We work with Pickens County CTC. We manage the majority of their projects. Everyone is experiencing rising costs on everything. We can turn the projects around a little faster than the state.

Mr. Hamm asked what the lead time is on a project. Mr. Dillion said they would check the road, get pricing on materials, line-item pricing and let the committee look at it. It can take 2 to 3 months at the most. When we get a list, we try to get the contract back on the road within a year. You are racing against other counties to get the contractors. The turnaround time is about a year.

Mr. Hawkins said that unfortunately in Newberry County you only have one operation, Satterfield Construction. So, you are on their time. We can get it on the streets in a couple of months, it is still based on the contractor coming in. The sooner you can get the projects, the less it will cost.

Mr. Cannon said that the committee was already paying the state, what are your fees?

Mr. Cooper said that it is 7% of the construction cost on big projects. Mr. Hawkins said he would have to calculate the figures. I think it could get up to 10 to 12%.

#### **4. Public Works Report**

##### **A. Josh Rowe - Newberry County Public Works Director**

##### **B. Jeremy Knight - SC Department of Transportation**

Mr. Knight said that I-26 has lane closures to resurface bridges. It will take about 4 weeks.

##### **C. Joe Kitchen/Mr. Jeff Wicker – City representative**

Mr. Wicker said that at the last meeting, there was talk about the possibility of doing the big project in phases. We reviewed an old priority list; the city has some of the same roads that are on this project that obviously went to the top of the list. It doesn't necessarily make sense to do that.

#### **5. Public Comments**

#### **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.

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Teresa Ball, Newberry County Public Works Approved