

**WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Monday, January 7, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. – Highway Department, Dresden, TN

Public Works Committee Members Present: Commissioners Dennis Doster, James Westbrook, Roger Donaldson, Larry Taylor, and Colton Nanney

Public Works Committee Members Absent: Commissioner Roger VanCleave

The Public Works Committee met on Monday, January 7, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in the upstairs meeting room at the Highway Department in Dresden. Others present were Director of Finance John Liggett, Mayor Jake Bynum, Roads Supervisor Charles Ross, Commissioners Eric Owen and James Roy.Pope, Cary Henson and Jimmy Henson of Henson Construction, Jerry Hartsfield of TLM, Lisa Deaton of TLM, and three representatives of the media.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairperson Dennis Doster called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and called for the approval of the minutes from the November 19, 2018, committee meeting. Commissioner Donaldson made the motion to approve the minutes and with a second by Commissioner Nanney, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

TABLED - Resolution No. 2019-20: This resolution authorizes a general maintenance agreement with Weakley County, Tennessee, and the Tennessee Department of Transportation Relative to Highway Safety Improvement Program Funds. Supervisor Ross explained that this safety grant from the state would allow for striping and signage for Lower Sharon Road, Liberty Road, and part of Ralston Road. He stated that the areas were chosen by TDOT based upon analysis of the sites with the highest number of accidents. He went on to say that he had provided the agreement to the county attorney for review and said that the attorney had found issue with some of the wording outlined in the agreement and had provided some alternate wording to the state that she believed to more appropriate. Mr. Ross said that after some communications with the state, our attorney was comfortable with the wording as provided in the agreement that was presented before the body; he commented that the county attorney's suggested wording changes were designated in red ink on the resolution. There was much discussion on the resolution including whether the resolution would apply to future projects, why the attorney questioned the wording provided in the agreement, right of way and liability, pros and cons of the project and grant funding, and whether the project was best for the county at this time. Commissioner Taylor made the motion to table Resolution No. 2019-20 for study until March and recommended that County Attorney Whitledge come to the next Public Works Committee Meeting and with a second by Commissioner Nanney, the motion to table passed unanimously.

Update on Roads and Bridges

Supervisor Ross provided an update on several roads and bridges in the county. He said A2H is handling bids for the Billingsby Road project. He said the Jolly Springs Road bridge project had changed over to the BRZ bridge grant program and the Old Highway 22 river bridge crossing is ready to go. He spoke a bit about the

City of Dresden bridge project and some modifications that will need to be done around the site. There was a bit of discussion about the state match and some new equipment.

Commissioner Westbrook asked whether the road list would be coming before the committee for approval since it should be up for approval each January. Supervisor Ross said the road list needed some revisions and accuracy checks. While the committee reviewed the newest set of plans for potential building renovations provided by Henson Construction and TLM, Committee Secretary Erica Moore and Road Supervisor Assistant Landa Harris prepared the road list and resolution for review.

DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL BUILDING RENOVATIONS

Mr. Jerry Hartsfield and Ms. Lisa Deaton of TLM Associates provided the plans they had developed for the potential Highway Department building renovations. The committee reviewed the plans and there was discussion about recommendations, changes, demolitions and paving, updates, storage, bids, septic, and the representatives answered a number of associated questions. Mr. Hartsfield estimated the entire project would take 15-18 months. Mr. Cary Henson provided a schematic phase budget summary to the committee that outlined the cost of the project as well as the breakout of the costs, and the total budget was estimated to around \$3.25 million. Mr. Henson and Mr. Hartfield agreed that the current highway department site had a lot of value and that a new site could possibly be exponentially more expensive.


RESOLUTION NO. 2019-21

This resolution authorizes a 2018 County Maintenance Road List. Commissioner Donaldson made the motion to approve the list and recommend it to the full county commission and with a second by Commissioner Taylor, the motion to approve passed unanimously.

Other Business

Having no other business, Commissioner Taylor made the motion to adjourn and with a second by Commissioner Donaldson, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erica Moore, Secretary
Public Works Committee

Approved:



Dennis Doster, Chairperson
Public Works Committee

Date:

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