



JASPER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

JASPER COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBER

July 17, 2017

3:00 p.m.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Chairman Henry Lawton, Vice Chairman Rudy Smith, Commissioners Leo Gaston, Alex Flint, Weldon Wall

STAFF PRESENT: Andrew Fulghum, Dale Terry, Judy Frank

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act the electronic and print media were notified.

During periods of discussion and/or presentations, minutes are typically condensed and paraphrased.

CALL TO ORDER- Chairman Lawton called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

INVOCATION – Vice Chairman Smith gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Lawton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Mr. Gaston moved and Mr. Flint seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2017 meeting. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS

ANDREW FULGHUM – RIVERWALK BUSINESS PARK- Mr. Fulghum introduced Mr. Kraig Gordon, Chairman of Beaufort County Transportation committee, and Rob McFee, Beaufort County Engineer. Mr. Fulghum discussed the traffic situation at Riverwalk and that a petition was presented to Council to see what could be worked out. Mr. Fulghum said the owners and customers of Riverwalk are concerned about the safety entering and exiting the park. Mr. Fulghum said they requested that Jasper County, Beaufort County and the State do something to correct the problem. Mr. Cooper, SCDOT, said he would work with the two Counties to find a solution. Vice Chairman Smith said he felt it was a very worthwhile project, but it would be a slow project and not happen overnight. Mr. Fulghum said there was no light at Riverwalk and suggested a road from the park to the light at Pearlstine. Mr. Fulghum provided the location for the proposed road and

Mr. Gordon said they would do what is necessary on Hwy. 170 and they wanted to close the crossover so everyone who would have to make a left turn into the park would enter from the light, however, the BCTC and SCDOT would have to approve the changes. People making a right hand turn could continue to enter the park from Hwy. 170. Mr. Gordon said that the road would have to be widened and be part of the package. Mr. Fulghum said they are working on this project and what it might cost. Mr. Fulghum said Alliance Consulting was asked to come up with a proposal and he suggested a field trip to the location. Mr. Wall asked how it would affect the school (ACE) and said the situation there was terrible. Mr. McFee said that site was in Beaufort County and they would look into it. It was the consensus of the committee that they take a field trip to the site and to move forward as requested by Mr. Fulghum.

OLD BUSINESS

MALZONE RUSSELL UPDATE – Mr. Russell was not present. Mr. Brown said the contract for the delivery of Duraberm for Stock Farm Road is ready to be awarded. Mr. Brown discussed the paving projects and that 315 to the Talmadge Bridge is almost complete. Mr. Wall asked when would the widening of Hwy. 17 start and Mr. Brown responded that it would be started by the end of 2018 and they were coordinating the utilities. Mr. Wall reminded Mr. Brown about a red light at ACE. Mr. Brown said the traffic engineers make those decisions. Mr. Brown said they were going to correct the paving of Hwy. 336-Hwy. 17 in-house.

ADJOURN- Vice Chairman Smith moved and Mr. Gaston seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

The meeting ended at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Judith M. Frank, ccc
Secretary