

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

February 27, 2019

5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Dudley, Vice Chair
Kevin Greenfield
Kevin Bird
Phil Hogan

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Joe Moretti
Stuart Jacobs

Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

MEMBERS ABSENT

Patty Cox, Chair
Pat Dawson
Rachel Joy

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Dudley at the Macon County Office Building.

MINUTES

Mr. Hogan made a motion to approve the 1/23/19 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Greenfield, and the motion carried 4-0.

CLAIMS

Mr. Greenfield made a motion to accept the report of the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Hogan and the motion carried 4-0.

Public Comments – None

Old Business - None

New Business:

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the Brush College Pavement Rehabilitation Project

Mr. Hogan made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Bird and the motion carried 4 - 0.

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating County Matching Funds for the CH 38 Washington Street Bridge Replacement Project

Mr. Bird made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Hogan and the motion carried 4 - 0.

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds to Romer Brothers Tree Service for Tree Removal on 85th St

Mr. Hogan made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Greenfield. Discussion followed about the amount of \$90,000 for the tree removal. Mr. Greenfield commented that he thought the County pays instead of waiting so we could get a jump on that construction project. Mr. Moretti confirmed saying that the reason is that if they left the

tree removal in the contract, trees cannot be cut down between March and September. The contract was let in April which means nothing could have been done this year because the trees could not have been cut down until September. Chair Dudley clarified saying that the tree cutting had to be pulled out of the contract. Mr. Moretti confirmed saying that the stump removal is still in the contract. He said Romer Brothers would just be getting the trees out of there which will let the construction proceed. Chair Dudley asked if it would still qualify for matching state funds by doing it this way or if the County would just have to pay for it. Mr. Moretti indicated there would be no state funds. Mr. Greenfield asked if they had gotten all the trees cut. Mr. Moretti said they are working on it and it would be done by the March deadline. The motion carried 4 - 0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Purchase of Temporary Easement #1 from Loren and Melinda Hiser on the CH 18 School Road Bridge Replacement Project

Chair Dudley explained that this is a \$500 contract.

Mr. Greenfield made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Hogan and the motion carried 4 - 0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Purchase of Right of Way Parcel 005 From Donald Roderick on the Reas Bridge Road Bridge Replacement Project

Mr. Bird made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Hogan and the motion carried 4 - 0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Permission to Amend the Speed Limit on Fort Daniel Road in Mount Zion Township

Mr. Greenfield commented that Lehman Road's speed limit is 25 mph, so he assumed Fort Daniel's, since it is not posted, is 55 mph. Mr. Moretti confirmed saying that Mr. Bruce Bird had done the study, which has to be done in order to do it legally. He said they do not know whether the one that is 25 was done legally or not because it was done before Mr. Bird was hired. The guy wanted less than 40 mph, but that is the best that can be done based on the speed study. Chair Dudley commented that 40 mph is better than 55 mph. Mr. Greenfield pointed out that since the road closed, there are a lot of people that use it and there are a lot of kids out there. Mr. Moretti agreed saying that it comes down to enforcement. Mr. Greenfield pointed out that there can't always be a deputy out there. Mr. Moretti agreed saying that they've done what they can do and enforcement is the next step. Mr. Greenfield asked if the Road Commissioner could ask to have it lower. Mr. Moretti said the Commissioner has asked for it to be lower and this is the lowest the speed study will allow. Mr. Greenfield commented again that 40 mph isn't low enough because there are a lot of kids out there. Mr. Kevin Bird added that the only other way is to lean on the Sheriff's Office to patrol it. Chair Dudley asked if there are any other options on this. Mr. Moretti said there may be some other things the Township Commissioner can do, but he said he did not think any of it would hold up. Chair Dudley asked if the committee would like to table it pending an investigation. Mr. Moretti said that this is what comes out of the study. Mr. Greenfield said that for right now, this is the best they can get. Chair Dudley agreed and said if it is lowered again, another resolution could be done.

Mr. Hogan made a motion to forward the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Greenfield and the motion carried 4 - 0.

County Engineer's Report:

Mr. Moretti reported that on the Connector Road, Bodine has been working for the last month. They've started putting in the signals which is something they can do during the winter. They've got all the underground in and are getting ready to start pulling wire and setting posts.

Otto Baum is planning on getting started back up in Mid March. They will start closing things down and ripping out pavement so that when the weather is nice enough, they can tie the rest of that concrete pavement in and make their connections into the existing Brush College.

Romer Brothers is out working on the tree removal for the bridge on 57. Meetings have been taking place with utility companies to get the utility relocations started. Chair Dudley asked if they are running behind like they were because they were way behind for a while. Mr. Moretti said they work on their own schedule. He said the best they can do is get to them as early as they can and express the need. It kind of depends on what utilities are out there. The power is the main one. He said they had met that day with Long Creek Water and he's going to start looking into what needs to be done with that.

The Bridge Technician is working on the annual bridge inspections and is moving right along with those.

Plans for upcoming projects for the summer are being formed.

Mr. Jacobs reported that the maintenance crew has been plowing snow, spreading salt, patching potholes and cutting brush.

Miscellaneous Business: None

Closed Session: None needed

Adjourn:

Mr. Bird made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Greenfield, the motion carried 4-0 & meeting was adjourned @ 5:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office