



MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
February 20, 2018
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
4:30 P.M.



Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the news media was notified and notice was posted on the bulletin board 24 hours prior to the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Johnny Ravenell
Harry F. Wimberly
Heyward H. Livingston
Janie Cooper-Smith
Willie Owens
Ray W. Sabalis

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Connie Portee, Clerk to Council
Henry Summers, Public Works Supervisor
Marion Lloyd, Deputy County Administrator
Kenneth Anderson, Vance Road Maintenance

CALL TO ORDER

Johnny Ravenell, Chairman

Chairman Johnny Ravenell called to order a special session of the Orangeburg County Public Works Committee on February 20, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence observed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

JANUARY 16, 2018

Chairman Johnny Ravenell asked for a motion on the minutes. Councilman Harry Wimberly motioned that the minutes of the sessions of the Orangeburg County Council on the above dates be approved as written. Councilman Heyward Livingston seconded the motion. Motion carried. (3-0-0).

1. PROCUREMENT OF MILLING ASPHALT

Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised the committee of the agenda item.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell yielded to Mr. Henry Summers advised the committee of the Savannah River Site is willing to sell the County 700 tons of milling of approximately 18 tons of asphalt milling per load but the trucks will have to be weight to be precise with the number but a good estimate would give the County 12,600 tons. Public Works estimate the cost is \$12.75 per ton for a total of \$160,650.00. After separating into each district divide, all seven (7) districts would receive \$22,950.00 worth of asphalt milling. The public services plans to haul the milling back to the Neeses camp.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell asked about the cost analysis from the last time the County brought milling.

Henry Summers advised the cost analysis is the same.

Councilman Heyward Livingston asked if each Council member had enough funds in their account to purchase the milling.

Henry Summers advised most of the Council member has Penny money.

Councilman Harry Wimberly advised if the money was set aside for a project it is supposed to be there. They have to go through so much stuff to get US Banks to release the money but to him that is Orangeburg County money not US Banks money.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell asked what would be the time frame if the committee decided to go forward.

Henry Summers advised we would have to let the sealer know but he had planned for was the following Monday, March 5, 2018 to get the badges and whenever Council is ready to move forward.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised milling it good but we can't place milling with asphalt, there is not comparison analysis for long term.

Councilman Harry Wimberly advised a lot of these roads that are getting milling will never see asphalt anyway.

Henry Summers advised let us use for example Hewitt Rd, milling has been on this road almost (3) three years now but this road has held up well and this road is over a mile long.

Councilman Harry Wimberly advised and there is a lot of traffic on that road.

Henry Summers advised it is a lot of traffic on the road and tracker trailer truck traffic also.

Councilman Heyward Livingston advise but with asphalt it is about (3) three or (4) four inches and you don't have any trouble with it but when the grader dip

Chairman Ravenell advised he has nothing against the milling but it does not replace the asphalt and when it start to get potholes in the middle, repairing that is different from asphalt.

Kenneth Anderson with Orangeburg County Vance Road Maintenance advised in an ideal situation if you ever look at moisture it could be scrape it and we can fill-in potholes. Sometime we would have to bring some asphalt in, in order to repair potholes. It will work out good either way if there is enough on there we can scrape the road to fill-in potholes. It works better that way when rock come in, it won't pop up quite as quick.

Henry Summers advised in Councilman Livingston district its higher land so he won't have the grain of soil but when we start pass Santee in district two and Chairman Wright area district one with the black dirt you can't beat that milling because wherever we put that milling it in no longer mood and crunching run is costing us \$20 a ton so there is no comparison in price.

Chairman Ravenell ask the committee for a motion. Councilman Harry Wimberly made the motion to give the Administrator approval to secure the funds to obtain the milling asphalt. Councilman Heyward Livingston second the motion. Chairman Ravenell advised it has been motion and properly second the Public Work Committee give the Administrator the right to obtain the funds to purchase the milling asphalt. Motion carried (3-0-0).

2. DISTRICT ONE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Henry Summers advised he would yield to Kenneth Anderson the supervisor in the area, he is able to tell us all about the drainage ditch that was put in when Mr. Asberry was here. Kenneth Anderson advised down in Elmore the ditch was definitely dug by the County we show no proof of it being dug or no ownership to say it belongs to the County. The ditch does drain the road but it need cleaning now and it is a fairly long ditch but he did not think the County would have to clean the whole ditch, we just need to find out where it fall and from looking at it we are looking probably at about a thousand feet or two hundred feet to where we can get some fall. From what he could tell the ditch was dug to drain people's property and he explained that the County does not do that but his concern is draining the ditch to get the water off the road. He think if the County clean that part out the right hand side of it that would get the water off of those people land also.

Councilman Heyward Livingston asked does it flood the road.

Kenneth Anderson advised no but the water off the road drains into the ditch.

Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith asked where the ditch located.

Kenneth Anderson advised in Holly Hill.

Councilman Willie Owens asked would the County have to go on private property to clean the ditch out.

Kenneth Anderson advised yes we will because there are no signs of right-a-ways. We will have to get right-a-ways to do this.

Councilman Harry Wimberly asked do he think he would have a problem getting the right-a-ways.

Kenneth Anderson advised there are four (4) property owners and he did not think the County would have to get right-a-ways from all four (4) property owners to get to the ditch.

Chairman Ravenell asked he understood they need drainage but what are they asking.

Henry Summers advised because there is no record of the County digging the ditch, does the public work committee want us to drain the ditch.

Councilman Heyward Livingston advised if this is a situation where the road is flooding then the County needs to do something but we should not get into the business of graining personal people property.

Councilman Harry Wimberly advised if it improves the road and the County dug the ditch it is our responsibility but before the County go back into the ditch the County needs to get the right away and authority from the land owner.

Kenneth Anderson advised off of the ditch there is a lateral ditch that needs cleaning also. If the big ditch get cleaned out, the lateral ditch need to be clean also because it is coming off another road and the County will have the same problem on the road with flooding.

Councilman Heyward Livingston advised let Public Work see if that are able to get right-a-ways because that is what we need and by that time Public Work will know how far they would need to dig the ditch and let us have another meeting.

Chairman Ravenell ask the committee for a motion. Councilman Heyward Livingston made the motion to have Public Works Department get right-a-ways from property owners in order to clean the ditch before cleaning the ditches. Councilman Harry Wimberly second the motion. Motion carried (3-0-0).

3. ONE TIME ROAD MAINTENANCE

Henry Summers advised he would yield to Kenneth Anderson. Kenneth advised on these roads beside Councilman Wright and Councilman Ravenell have these problems but on these roads they have what you call flag lots which means each house own part of the road. These flag lots are all over Santee, Holly Hill, and Eutawville. Instead of giving one main road to have access to their homes all the property owners own part of the road. The Public Works Department has in the past did a onetime fix but they don't hold up because there is no proper drainage. If the committee decide to do this again, we need to come up with something where the road becomes an access road so the County can go in and do routine maintenance. If the County can fix this issue before it becomes a problem because the tax payers do not see a road they live on not being a County road but if the committee decide to

do start fixing these access roads, material is going to have to be put into this or will it come out of the regular maintenance budget.

Councilman Heyward Livingston asked how much are you talking about.

Kenneth Anderson advised he did not bring the figures because he was not sure if the committee would consider going forward with the routine maintenance but it will eventually become a problem because the access road would not be maintain.

Vice-Chairwoman Cooper-Smith ask how long are the roads.

Henry Summers advised some of them will be a couple hundred foot. He check on the road she asked him to check for her and that road was two thousand feet long. He checked the road after a rain and there was water on the whole road because there is no proper drainage.

Councilman Heyward Livingston advised there is no way the County will be able to maintain all the drive ways in the County, however if a ambulance or police car cannot get into a person's house then we need to do something about it. If no more than dump a load of dirt and take the backhoe and knock it down. He understand the time and money it take to scrap and maintain the drive ways but if the citizens can't get in and out the County need to help them.

Chairman Ravenell advised the committee to use Resort Street as a model because it was one of the worse road he had seen.

Councilman Harry Wimberly asked did each individual own their own land.

Kenneth Anderson advised in this subdivision the home owners own the land and part of the road this subdivision is what they call flag lots.

Councilman Harry Wimberly advised to take one project like this road with flag lots and see what it would cost to fix it. Let the committee see what the numbers are and let the committee see can the County afford it. If the County can't afford it, the County can't afford it.

Chairman Ravenell asked Kenneth how many homeowners were in this subdivision.

Kenneth Anderson advised in this subdivision it would be about thirty (30).

Councilman Heyward Livingston asked but it three (3) roads going into the subdivision.

Kenneth Anderson advised yes, sir.

Chairman Ravenell advised he believe the County could do something.

Henry Summers asked if Chairman Ravenell and Councilman Wright could speak with the residence in the area to explain to their constituents about what he Public Works Department will and will not be able to do.

Chairman Ravenell ask the committee for a motion of recommendation. Councilman Harry Wimberly made the motion for Public Works to before Council with a proposal to fix one of these subdivisions and figure out the cost on it, also speak with the landowners, and whatever is necessary. Let us look at this subdivision as a project model. Also, let the homeowners know once the County fix the road because it has so many houses on it, it will become an

access road, that way the County would not be fixing it on time and two (2) years from now it has hole in it again. If the County maintains it three (3) times a year it would stay in good shape. So once it is fixed it would need to fall under an access road. Councilman Heyward Livingston second the motion. Motion carried (3-0-0).

4. VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Ravenell asked for a motion for adjournment. Councilman Harry Wimberly motioned that Orangeburg County Council Public Works Committee of February 20, 2018, be adjourned. Councilman Heyward Livingston second the motion. Motion carried (3-0-0).

5. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.



Connie N. Portee
Clerk to Council



Johnny Ravenell
Chairman
Public Works Committee