



**MINUTES**  
**ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
**April 2, 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**
- Janie Cooper-Smith**
- Willie Owens**
- Ray W. Sabalis**
- Johnnie Wright, Sr.**

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

- Heyward Livingston**

**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 April 2, 2018 at 4:18 p.m.**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**Moment of silence observed**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 20, 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. Chairman Johnny Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried. (2-0-0).**

## 1. DISCUSSION ON IRRIGATION SYSTEMS IN ORANGEBURG COUNTY

Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised the committee of the agenda item.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell gave a brief description of what the irrigation system was. Chairman yielded to Mr. Henry Summers along with Kenneth Anderson gave the committee a handout and advised the committee of the different irrigation systems that impact the County roads in Orangeburg, Neeses, Vance, and Bowman. He wanted the committee to go over Fair Place Street located in Vance. About a year ago Mr. Sinkler Boone and Councilman Ravenell had a meeting with the farmer and from what he was told the gentleman was going to do something about the issue the next spring, which he didn't on Fair Place Street the first irrigation coming off of Carriage Hill come cross the road which he does have pictures of it at the office. No one can cross the road when that system comes across the road. When one of the neighbors that lives in the area goes to work at 4:00 p.m. in the evenings and he gets back home about 4:00 a.m. in the morning part of that system is still across the road. On down the same road there is another irrigations and when that system cross the road the citizens can't get out. An ambulance cannot go under the system because it is hanging to low and if something did happen back there they would be in a lot of trouble back there. On the handout the roads that has the asterisk beside them are the ones the irrigation system actually across the road (Wild Hearts Road, Fair Place Street, and Easterlin Road) Fair Place Street is the one our office has had more calls about and it probably covers more area than any of the other ones. We are looking for some kind of help because Public Works have to scrap the road, put rocks on the road, and this is a cost we are not able to recap.

Councilwoman Ray Sabalis asked what happens, do the farmer's get fined because obviously this is illegal to do because what if someone runs into it.

Councilman Harry Wimberly advised the farmers could pay the fine for a week and continue to allow the system to run.

Councilman Johnnie Wright advised the committee to identify the ones Public Works know cross the road, look at the laws and get someone to draft a letter to the framers.

Chairman Ravenell advised on Fair Place he and Mr. Summers will go back out to talk with the farmer and give him the Public Works Committee update.

Councilman Willie Owens suggested the County should a letter to every farmer who has an irrigation system that borders the road to let them know if it should cross the road what is going to happen.

Henry Summers advised he liked the suggestion of Councilman Owens because there are a fair amount of problems with all of the irrigation systems where some are putting more water in or on the roads then those that are crossing the roads. Although crossing is much more dangerous but some of the farmers we have already spoken too about this issue and they have not done anything.

Chairman Ravenell asked does the County have anything in our ordinance about irrigation systems.

Henry Summers advised none that he knew about.

Chairman Ravenell advised just like the Litter ordinance if there's already something in place we would need to stiffen the polices and make it workable situation for the citizens as well as the framers we are not trying to put anyone out of business but we want everyone to reap the benefit as we go. As to what Councilman Owens suggested that would be a good idea to draft a letter to everyone who has these systems or have some involvement letting them know there will be some repercussions if things do not change because we need to make a start somewhere.

Chairman Ravenell ask the committee for a recommendation. The committee will have the Administrator to do some more research into the current ordinance on the cross prohibit of dirt roads or any obstruction of dirt roads. Motion was made by Councilman Harry Wimberly. Chairman Johnny Ravenell second the motion. Motion carried (2-0-0).

## 2. UPDATE ON ONE TIME ROAD MAINTENANCE

Henry Summers gave the committee a handout and advised the committee of the cost estimate to repair the roads in the subdivision located off of Resort Street in Santee. In the handout it gave the cost break down for the use of the motor grader, the cost for using the dump truck, the cost of using the excavator and the cost of the rock.

Councilman Harry Wimberly made the motion to make the recommendation to accept the Public Works Department doing that subdivision off of Resort Street as a trial for one time maintenance and to accept this road into the County maintenance system as an access road. Chairman Johnny Ravenell second the motion. Motion carried (2-0-0).

## 3. VOTE FOR ADJOURMENT

Chairman Ravenell asked for a motion for adjournment. Councilman Harry Wimberly motioned that Orangeburg County Council Public Works Committee of April 2, 2018, be adjourned. Chairman Johnny Ravenell second the motion. Motion carried (2-0-0).

## 4. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.



Connie N. Portee  
Clerk to Council



Johnny Ravenell  
Chairman  
Public Works Committee