



Baldwin County Commission

ROAD AND BRIDGE DIVISION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 15, 2021
8:30 AM

Baldwin County Central Annex Auditorium, 22251 Palmer Street, Robertsdale, Alabama 36567

Commissioners present:

District 1 – Commissioner James E. Ball
District 3 – Commissioner Billie Jo Underwood
District 4 – Commissioner Charles F. Gruber

Commissioners absent:

District 2 – Commissioner Joe Davis, III

Staff present:

Joey Nunnally, County Engineer
Tyler Mitchell, Construction Manager
Seth Peterson, Pre-Construction Manager
Jacob Pierce, Geospatial Operations Manager
Sarah Hart Sislak, MPO Coordinator
Beth Burnett, Chief Accountant
Weesie Jeffords, Engineering Technician III
Brian Peacock, CIS Director
Wayne Dyess, County Administrator
Cian Harrison, Clerk Treasurer
Katrina Taylor, Grants Coordinator
Eddie Harper, Building Official
Sherry-Lea Boto, Director of Public/Government Affairs
Lisa Sangster, Administrative Support Specialist IV

Also present:

The Road and Bridge Division Commissioner, Billie Jo Underwood, commenced the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

After the welcome, invocation and pledge of allegiance, the following agenda items were reviewed and/or discussed:

1. ADOPTION OF MEETING MINUTES

a) July 16, 2020, Road and Bridge Division Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Gruber, seconded by Commissioner Ball, to adopt the July 16, 2020, Baldwin County Commission Road and Bridge Division meeting minutes.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - James E. Ball, Billie Jo Underwood and Charles F. Gruber

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 – Joe Davis, III

Abstain: 0

2. OLD BUSINESS

a) RESTORE Act Projects Update

Joey Nunnally, County Engineer, provided an update on the following Baldwin County RESTORE Act Projects:

Baldwin Beach Express II Right-of-Way Acquisition (project not approved)

Bon Secour Dredge Site (project approved)

Lillian Shoreline Restoration (project approved)

b) Accelerated Innovation Deployment (AID) Demonstration Grant for Doc McDuffie Bridge and County Road 65 Bridge

Joey Nunnally, County Engineer, provided an update on the Accelerated Innovation Deployment (AID) Demonstration Grant for the Doc McDuffie Bridge and County Road 65 Bridge. The work has started on the County Road 65 Bridge. When completed, the Doc McDuffie Bridge work will begin. The target road closure duration for both bridges is 6 weeks.

3. NEW BUSINESS / DISCUSSION

a) Town of Perdido Beach – Road Maintenance Request

Mayor Kae Hamilton and John Lagrone from the Town of Perdido Beach requested assistance from the County with blading their gravel roads inside town limits. The Highway Department will prepare an Intergovernmental Service Agreement for blading the gravel roads and send to the Town. All materials will be purchased by the Town of Perdido Beach.

b) RESTORE Act Potential Projects

Joey Nunnally, County Engineer, presented several potential projects for the Commission RESTORE Act funding.

c) Accept for Maintenance Roads

Joey Nunnally, County Engineer, presented several roads that citizens have submitted application/documents for the Accept for Maintenance (AFM) program to be considered during Budget deliberations for the next fiscal year.

d) Dirt Road Paving Update

Joey Nunnally, County Engineer, provided an update on dirt road paving. Since 2009, the County has paved 77.23 miles with over 15 million funded by the Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) and Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA).

e) Fiscal Year 2022 Budget – Proposed Highway Projects

Joey Nunnally, County Engineer, presented the proposed Highway Projects for the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget.

4. ADDENDA

None

5. COMMENTS

a) Public

Terry Potter requested paving a portion of Norris Lane. Commission Underwood will have a meeting scheduled with Mr. Potter and Joey Nunnally to discuss needed right-of-way for the project.

Randy Cobb requested a portion of Bishop Trace be accepted for maintenance by the County. This portion is currently on the proposed list of roads to be accepted for maintenance during the next fiscal year budget deliberations.

Jim Ledger has noticed the road grader cuts the ditch and spreads dirt on Norris Lane. The ditch at corner of Beasley and Norris is filling with dirt causing flooding on his property. Mr. Ledger also asked why Hillcrest is not on the paving list. The County Engineer said right-of-way is needed on Hillcrest. He will look at Norris Lane and the grading of the road.

Lynn Hogg requested the Commission allocate funds to accept Fox Lane for maintenance in the next fiscal year budget.

Richard Powers is concerned for residents' safety on Fox Lane. They have a hard time getting emergency assistance when it rains. He does not think gravel will fix the problem. The County Engineer explained that the road will be repaired before gravel is placed if it is accepted for maintenance.

Mayor Kae Hamilton said about the Dollar General being constructed on the corner of US Highway 98 and County Road 97. She asked if there are plans to add a turn lane, caution light or signal. Tyler Mitchell will review the traffic study for the project to see if an access lane is required and notify Ms. Hamilton.

b) Press

None

c) Commission

Commission Ball asked if there will be a traffic signal at intersection of State Highway 59 and County Road 68. He also requested the County Engineer to contact ALDOT and strongly recommend overhead

signs for the I-10 West turn lanes. The County Engineer will reach out to ALDOT regarding signage and also ask them to check the timing of the signals.

Commissioner Underwood said a project was discussed at the State Highway 59 and County Road 68 intersection was discussed during the Eastern Shore MPO meeting the day before.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Ball, seconded by Commissioner Gruber, to adjourn the July 15, 2021, Baldwin County Commission Road and Bridge Division Meeting at 10:16 a.m.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - James E. Ball, Billie Jo Underwood and Charles F. Gruber

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 – Joe Davis, III

Abstain: 0

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