



Baldwin County Commission

ROAD AND BRIDGE DIVISION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 16, 2020
8:30 AM

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

Commissioners present:

District 1 – Commissioner James E. Ball
District 2 – Commissioner Joe Davis, III
District 4 – Commissioner Charles F. Gruber

Commissioners absent:

District 3 – Commissioner Billie Jo Underwood

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
Malinda White, Chief Accountant
Kevin Carroll, Area 100 Supervisor
Paul Penry, Area 200 Supervisor
Johnny Jackson, Area 300 Supervisor
Pete Peterson, Traffic Operations Manager
Weesie Jeffords, Engineering Technician III
Madison Steele, Horticulturalist
Celena Boykin, Planner
Lisa Sangster, Administrative Support Specialist IV

Also present:

Brad Hicks, County Attorney

The Road and Bridge Division Commissioner, Charles F. Gruber, 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) October 25, 2019, Road and Bridge Division Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Ball, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to adopt the October 25, 2019, Baldwin County Commission Road and Bridge Division meeting minutes.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - James E. Ball, Joe Davis III, and Charles F. Gruber

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 – Billie Jo Underwood

Abstain: 0

2. OLD BUSINESS

a) DSD Services Group, LLC – RESTORE Act Projects Update

Dan Dealy provided an update on the Baldwin County RESTORE Act Projects.

b) Randolph Drive Vacation

Joey Nunnally, County Engineer, and Brad Hicks, County Attorney, provided an update on the Randolph Drive vacation. An adjacent property owner has decided to not participate with the vacation request thus making the vacation application incomplete. The County Attorney determined the best course of action is to refund the \$300.00 application fee. The applicant can submit a new application if they choose to pursue a new vacation request.

It was decided that Joey Nunnally will bring an agenda item to the February 4, 2020, regular meeting, requesting a refund check for the \$300 application fee.

c) Fort Morgan Volunteer Fire Department – License Agreement

Joey Nunnally, County Engineer, provided an update on the request from the Fort Morgan Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) for assistance to help mitigate the beach mice habitat. The Highway Department was working through details with Fish and Wildlife and a meeting was going to be set up between Baldwin County and the Fort Morgan VFD. No action has taken place since the last Road and Bridge meeting.

d) Alabama Coastal Heritage Trust – License Agreement on Fort Morgan

Joey Nunnally, County Engineer, provided an update on the request from US Fish and Wildlife for a license agreement for the Alabama Coastal Heritage Trust to help mitigate the beach mice habitat. The license agreement has been issued. The Alabama Coastal Heritage Trust is helping to reestablish the beach mice habitat on Fort Morgan by controlling the cogon grass and replanting vegetation on Pizarro Avenue. They are waiting for the growing season to complete the project.

3. NEW BUSINESS / DISCUSSION

a) Lillian Beach Subdivision – Community Concerns

Paul Gibson, Janice Gibson, Gayle Beech and Erica Snyder, citizens of Lillian Beach Subdivision, addressed the Commission regarding concerns in their community.

The Lillian Beach Subdivision citizens had already sent a letter to Wayne Dyess, County Administrator, dated December 5, 2019, expressing their concerns and requests.

They were concerned about speeding and requested a four-way stop at the intersection of 6th Street and Barclay Avenue. They were also concerned about drug activity in the area and requested that the dirt portion of 3rd Street be repaired and 2nd Street Park have posts installed to prevent cars on the beach. They also requested Children at Play signs, more frequent law enforcement surveillance, animal control and Mobile home parks to be monitored by the appropriate County officials.

Joey Nunnally, County Engineer, addressed the request for a four-way stop at the intersection of 6th Street and Barclay Avenue. A traffic study was performed and showed the intersection did not warrant a four-way stop. Mr. Nunnally also shared the County's position on installing Children at Play signs.

The Parks Department will install posts on the right-of-way line at 2nd Street Park to prevent car traffic on the beach.

Celena Boykin, Planner, addressed the request for Mobile home parks to be monitored. Planning and Zoning knew of no new mobile home or RV parks in the area. They are monitoring existing parks and relying on citizens to contact them if there is a problem in the area.

Animal Control also relies on citizens to contact them if needed.

The Commission will reach out to the Sheriff regarding issues in the Lillian area.

It was decided that Joey Nunnally will bring an agenda item to the February 4, 2020, regular meeting, adding 3rd Street from Boykin Boulevard to Kee Avenue to the Baldwin County Maintained Road List.

b) Plash Island – Community Concerns

Joey Nunnally updated the Commission on the history of Plash Island regarding maintenance and ownership of roads.

Roger Wilkins, property owner on Plash Island, updated the Commission on current conditions on Plash Island and the lack of maintenance from the City of Gulf Shores.

Joey Nunnally and Brad Hicks, County Attorney, will follow up with Gulf Shores regarding maintenance.

c) GOMESA Dirt Road Paving Update

Joey Nunnally, County Engineer, gave a presentation on the current status of dirt road paving projects.

d) Staff Reports

Highway Department staff updated the Commission on progress made in their sections.

4. ADDENDA

None

5. COMMENTS

a) Public

None

b) Press

None

c) Commission

The Commissioners thanked staff for working hard for the citizens of Baldwin County.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Ball, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to adjourn the January 16, 2020, Baldwin County Commission Road and Bridge Division Meeting at 10:29 a.m.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - James E. Ball, Joe Davis III, and Charles F. Gruber

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 – Billie Jo Underwood

Abstain: 0

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