



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE
COUNCIL CHAMBER'S CONFERENCE ROOM
358 THIRD AVE., RIDGELAND, SC 29936
OCTOBER 31, 2011, 3:30 P.M.
MINUTES**

OFFICIALS PRESENT: COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SAMUEL GREGORY

OFFICIALS ABSENT: COMMITTEE MEMBER L. MARTIN SAULS, VI

STAFF PRESENT: ENGINEERING SERVICES DIVISION DIRECTOR – DALE TERRY, CLERK TO COUNCIL – JUDITH FRANK,

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT THE ELECTRONIC AND PRINT MEDIA WERE NOTIFIED.

DURING PERIODS OF DISCUSSION AND/OR PRESENTATIONS MINUTES ARE TYPICALLY CONDENSED AND PARAPHRASED.

CALL TO ORDER – COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 3:40 P.M.

INVOCATION – COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY GAVE THE INVOCATION.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

MONTHLY REPORTS - MR. TERRY REPORTED THAT 69 ROADS WERE WORKED. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT THE MOSQUITOES. MR. TERRY SAID THAT THEY HAD A LOT OF CALLS AFTER THE SPRING TIDE, BUT THEY WERE NOT GETTING MANY CALLS AT THIS TIME. MR. TERRY SAID THERE WAS NO REVENUE FROM METAL THIS MONTH. MR. TERRY INFORMED COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY THAT ALL THREE NEW TRUCKS HAVE ARRIVED AND THE NEW CONTAINERS WERE INSTALLED. MR. TERRY SAID HE WAS WORKING ON REPAIRING 3-4 CONTAINERS, BUT SOME OF THEM MAY BE BEYOND REPAIRING. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE FELT THE PEOPLE AT THE CONVENIENCE SITES WERE DOING MORE AND MAKING THEIR PRESENCE KNOWN TO THE PUBLIC. MR. TERRY SAID HE SENT A LETTER TO THE WORKERS AND HE FELT THEY WERE DOING BETTER.

UPDATE ON KNOWLES ISLAND- MR. TERRY PROVIDED COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY A WORK SCHEDULE FOR THE KNOWLES ISLAND PROJECT AND HE SAID HE EXPECTED THE PROJECT TO BE COMPLETE BY MARCH, 2012. MR. TERRY SAID THAT THOMAS AND HUTTON WENT TO KNOWLES ISLAND AND SPOKE WITH SOME OF THE PEOPLE AND GAVE THEM AN UPDATE. MR. TERRY SAID SOME OF THE RESIDENTS STILL HAVE SOME CONCERNS AND IDEAS. MR. TERRY SAID THEY WERE WORKING WITH THEM. MR. TERRY SAID THE DEED TO THE PROPERTY STATES THAT THE PROPERTY MUST BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 24/7. MR. TERRY SAID THE RESIDENTS WERE CONCERNED ABOUT SPEEDING AND THEY WOULD LIKE THE COUNTY TO TAKE OVER THAT SECTION OF THE ROAD, BUT THE PEOPLE OF KNOWLES ISLAND WOULD PAY TO KEEP IT MAINTAINED. MR. TERRY SAID THE RESIDENTS WOULD LIKE THE SPEED LIMIT TO BE 30 MPH. MR. TERRY COMMENTED THAT THEY ALSO DISCUSSED A WALKING TRAIL CONSTRUCTED OF CHIPPED TIRES BESIDE THE ROAD TO THE TRESTLE AND HE WAS CHECKING INTO GRANTS FOR THAT. MR. TERRY SAID THAT THE PROJECT IS UNDER BUDGET AND WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE IF THE FUNDS REMAINING COULD BE APPROPRIATED FOR ROCKS FOR THE OTHER COUNTY ROADS. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE DID NOT LIKE ROCKING ROADS, BUT SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE AND WHEN IT STARTS RAINING THE SUPPLY DOES NOT NEED TO BE LOW.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION - COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED HOW MANY DITCHES WERE THE COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITY. MR. TERRY RESPONDED THAT HE WAS WORKING ON A MAP AND THERE ARE ABOUT 90 MILES OF CANALS AND IT TAKES ABOUT 14 WORKING MILES TO COVER 1 MILE OF CANAL. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED MR. TERRY TO HAVE THE MAP READY FOR THE JANUARY MEETING.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO RIDE THE ROADS WITH MR. TERRY IN DECEMBER AND TALK WITH THE PEOPLE ABOUT HOW THEY LIKE LIVING ON DIRT ROADS. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO VISIT THE CONVENIENCE SITES. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY AND MR. TERRY DISCUSSED DOING SOMETHING, LIKE GETTING THEM TURKEYS, FOR THE 21 PEOPLE WORKING WITH THE SITES.

MR. TERRY TOLD COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY THAT EVERYONE IN HIS DEPARTMENT WANTED TO USE VACATION DAYS FROM DEC. 28- DEC. 31. MR. TERRY SAID HE WOULD STILL BE WORKING AND A MECHANIC AND THE GARBAGE TRUCK DRIVERS WOULD ALSO BE WORKING. MR. TERRY SAID HE WANTED TO MAKE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY AWARE OF THE SCHEDULING.

MR. TERRY DISCUSSED THE GRAYS SCHOOL AND THAT HE HAS ONLY RECEIVED ONE PROPOSAL TO HANDLE THE ASBESTOS. MR. TERRY SAID THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THE LANDFILL FEES AND THE AIR FILTER MONITOR WHICH COSTS \$350 PER DAY. MR. TERRY SAID THE ESTIMATE WAS \$52,000. MR. TERRY SAID THE ONLY OTHER ONE ALSO WANTED THE COUNTY TO TAKE CARE OF HAULING. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

GREGORY ASKED WHERE THE FUNDS WERE COMING FROM. MR. TERRY SAID THEY WOULD BE PAID FROM THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE LINE IN THE BUDGET.

MR. TERRY TOLD COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY THAT MR. FREDDIE NIMMER WAS GOING TO THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE TO REQUEST FUNDING FOR PAVING NIMMER TURF ROAD. MR. TERRY SAID THEY GOT A PRICE FROM CLELAND CONSTRUCTION AND THEY WERE GOING TO PRESENT IT AT THE NEXT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID DO THEY KNOW IT IS A COUNTY ROAD AND THAT THEY HAVE TO COME TO THE COUNTY SINCE THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE TO MAINTAIN IT. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE FELT THAT THE ROADS THAT PEOPLE LIVE ON WOULD LAST LONGER IF THEY WERE PAVED AND THEY WOULD NOT BE TORN UP BY TRUCK TRAFFIC. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID SOMEONE NEEDS TO TELL THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE THAT NIMMER CANNOT MAKE THE DECISION TO PAVE A COUNTY ROAD, IT WOULD BE UP TO THE COUNTY TO MAKE THAT DECISION, AND IF COUNCIL DOES NOT ASK FOR IT TO BE PAVED, THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE CANNOT APPROVE PAVING IT. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THAT MR. NIMMER NEEDS TO COME TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL REGARDING THE ROAD.

ADJOURN – COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 4:15 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY;

JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc
CLERK TO COUNCIL

REV. SAMUEL GREGORY
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN