



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
ENGINEERING SERVICES DIVISION
COUNCIL CHAMBER'S CONFERENCE ROOM
358 THIRD AVE., RIDGELAND, SC 29936
MAY 24, 2010 - 3:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

PRESENT: REV. SAMUEL GREGORY- COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, LEROY BLACKSHEAR- COMMITTEE MEMBER, ANDREW FULGHUM - ADMINISTRATOR, DALE TERRY- DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES, JUDITH FRANK - CLERK TO COUNCIL

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 3:10 P.M.

INVOCATION: COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY GAVE THE INVOCATION.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MONTHLY REPORTS: THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED THE MONTHLY REPORTS AND MR. TERRY SAID HE WAS CURRENTLY WORKING ON ROCKING THE ROADS. DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL 78 ROADS WERE WORKED, 5 ROAD SIDE SLOPES WERE TRIMMED, 3 DITCHES AND BANKS WERE CUT, 4 DITCHES WERE DUG, 5 TIMES A BACK HOE OPERATOR WAS ASSIGNED TO KEEP HAPHAZARD LANDFILL MAINTAINED, THERE WERE 76 REQUESTS RESPONDED TO BY THE BLDG. MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR, 63 PIECES OF EQUIPMENT/VEHICLES WERE SERVICED, 1 CALL FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL AND 1 CALL FOR ASSISTANCE.

THERE WERE 661.46 TONS OF SOLID WASTE HANDLED, THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 26 LITTER INVESTIGATIONS AND \$5,064.00 WAS COLLECTED FROM RECYCLABLES.

UPDATE ON PAVING COUNTY ROADS: THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED THE PAVING OF COUNTY ROADS AND THAT THEY WANTED THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE TO APPROVE AN ANNUAL APPROPRIATION TO THE COUNTY FOR PAVING COUNTY ROADS. MR. TERRY SAID THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE WANTED TO APPROVE ALL ROADS TO BE PAVED. MR. FULGHUM COMMENTED THAT THEY HAVE GIVEN ENGINEERING ESTIMATES ON OTHER PROJECTS AND PERHAPS THEY SHOULD BE SHOWN THE COST OF PAVING ONE ROAD. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THAT THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE DISCUSSED NIMMER ROAD; BUT NIMMER ROAD WAS NOT ON THE COUNTY'S LIST. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE SPOKE WITH SENATOR PINCKNEY REGARDING THIS MATTER. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SEND SENATOR PINCKNEY A LIST OF THE ROADS THAT THE COUNTY WANTED TO PAVE. COMMITTEE MEMBER BLACKSHEAR ASKED WHY A LIST NEEDED TO BE SENT TO THE SENATOR, HE CONTINUED THAT THE ULTIMATE GOAL WAS TO PAVE THE ROADS IN JASPER COUNTY A FEW AT A TIME. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE AGREED, BUT PERHAPS THEY NEEDED TO DO ONE ROAD AS AN EXAMPLE TO SHOW THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. COMMITTEE MEMBER BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF THEY HAD TO GIVE A LIST OF ROADS TO BE ROCKED, AND THE NUMBER OF MILES TO BE ROCKED TO THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE TO APPROVE TO JUSTIFY THEIR REQUEST FOR ROCKS. MR. TERRY SAID IF THE ROADS WERE PAVED, IT WOULD NOT TAKE PUBLIC WORKS 3 TO 4 MONTHS TO DO THE ROADS. MR. FULGHUM ASKED IF MR. TERRY HAD A PRICE FOR NIMMER ROAD. MR. TERRY SAID THE ESTIMATE FOR NIMMER ROAD WAS \$122,624.20. MR. TERRY SAID SCDOT WAS TO CONTACT HIM ON FRIDAY, BUT HE WAS STILL WAITING FOR THE CALL. MR. FULGHUM SAID ONCE THE COUNTY HAS AN EXAMPLE, IT SHOULD BE EASIER TO GET THE FUNDING. MR. TERRY ASKED ABOUT GOING TO THE TC AND REQUESTING FUNDS TO PAVE BALL PARK ROAD. MR. TERRY SAID THAT BALL PARK ROAD WAS NUMBER ONE ON HIS LIST. MR. TERRY SAID MR. NIMMER REQUESTED THAT NIMMER ROAD BE PAVED, BUT NIMMER ROAD WAS NOT ON HIS LIST OR THE COUNCIL'S LIST. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE FELT THE COUNTY SHOULD GET A PERCENTAGE OF THE FUNDS LIKE SCDOT AND THAT THEY SHOULD NOT HAVE TO KEEP COMING BACK TO REQUEST THE FUNDS. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THE TC RESPONSIBILITY IS TO FUND THE UPKEEP OF ROADS AND

THE COUNTY ROADS NEED TO BE PAVED. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT IF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE WOULD COMMIT TO FUNDING THE COUNTY \$250,000.00 PER YEAR, THE COUNTY COULD BORROW THE FUNDS TO PAVE THE ROADS AND THE \$250,000.00 COULD COVER AN ANNUAL PAYMENT ON THE LOAN EACH YEAR. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WOULD CALCULATE HOW MUCH CAN BE BORROWED. COMMITTEE MEMBER BLACKSHEAR SAID NIMMER ROAD WAS BETWEEN MR. NIMMER AND THE TC, IT WAS NOT A REQUEST OF THE COUNTY. MR. FULGHUM ASKED IF THE TC APPROVES A FUNDING REQUEST FROM A CITIZEN TO PAVE THE ROAD, WHO IS GOING TO HANDLE BIDDING IT OUT AND OVERSEE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROAD AND WHO WILL OWN THE ROAD. COMMITTEE MEMBER BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT THEY NEEDED TO MEET WITH THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AND EXPLAIN THAT THEY WANTED TO PAVE COUNTY ROADS TO COUNTY SPECS AND TO FORGET ABOUT NIMMER ROAD AS NIMMER ROAD IS BETWEEN MR. NIMMER AND THE T/C. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE T/C CANNOT BID A ROAD OR APPROVE A ROAD. MR. TERRY SAID THEY MAY BE ABLE TO GET THE T/C THE FUNDS FOR NIMMER ROAD. COMMITTEE MEMBER BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT THEY NEED TO GET FUNDS FOR THE ROADS THE COUNTY WANTS TO PAVE. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID A CITIZEN CANNOT ASK FOR FUNDS TO PAVE A COUNTY ROAD, THE COUNCIL WOULD HAVE TO APPROVE IT BEING PAVED. COMMITTEE MEMBER BLACKSHEAR SAID A PRIVATE ROAD WOULD BE BETWEEN THE OWNER AND THE T/C. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THAT THEY NEEDED TO GO BACK AND REQUEST AN ANNUAL APPROPRIATION AND THAT IT DOES NOT INCLUDE NIMMER ROAD. COMMITTEE MEMBER BLACKSHEAR SAID THEY NEEDED TO STAY STRONG AND MAKE A REQUEST FOR ANNUAL FUNDING. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WOULD HAVE THE COUNTY ATTORNEY PROVIDE A LETTER EXPLAINING THE AUTHORITY OF THE T/C. MR. FULGHUM ASKED MRS. FRANK TO PROVIDE HIM WITH THE STATUTE THAT APPLIES TO THE T/C.

MR FULGHUM SAID THAT ALL REQUESTS TO THE T/C MUST GO THROUGH COUNCIL AND MR. DALEY WANTED TO SEND IN A REQUEST FOR PAVING THE PARKING LOT AND ALSO A REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR ROAD SIGNS. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE COUNCIL MAY NEED TO LOOK AT THE BUDGET AND ADD A LINE ITEM FOR ROAD SIGNS. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WILL BE LOOKING INTO OTHER AVENUES FOR PAVING THE PARKING LOT.

TOUR DITCHES: MR. TERRY INVITED THE COMMITTEE TO GO WITH HIM TO VIEW THE DITCHES. MR. TERRY SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO RENT A MACHINE TO GET IN AND CLEAN SOME OF THE LARGER

DITCHES, BUT HE DID NOT HAVE THE FUNDS AT THIS TIME. MR TERRY SAID THAT ALL HIS PEOPLE HELP ON PROJECTS AND NO PERSON DOES ONE THING. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO GO LOOK AT THE DITCHES. MR. TERRY SAID NONE OF THE DITCHES HAVE TO BE DONE RIGHT NOW. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT THE DITCH AT THE JENKINS HOME AND MR. TERRY SAID THAT THE JENKINS GAVE HIM PERMISSION AND BY CLEARING THAT DITCH IT HAS HELPED TO CLEAR THE WATER ON THE ROAD. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED IF A GENTLEMAN CONTACTED MR. TERRY REGARDING A PRIVATE ROAD. MR. TERRY SAID HE TOLD THE INDIVIDUAL THAT THE COUNTY DOES NOT DO PRIVATE ROADS AND HE RECOMMENDED THAT THE MAN GET SOMEONE ELSE TO DO IT.

MR. FULGHUM SAID THE MINING BEING DONE IN THE CHERRY HILL, OLD HOUSE AREA IS PERMITTED AND THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS. MR. GREGORY SAID HE WOULD HAVE THE INDIVIDUAL CONTACT MR. FULGHUM.

ADJOURN: COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 4:25 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, CCC
CLERK TO COUNCIL

REV. SAMUEL GREGORY
CHAIRMAN