

June 16, 2009
Transportation Advisory Meeting

Present: Mr. Barton Alderman, Mr. Alan Zipperer, Mr. Chap Bennett, Mr. Dusty Zeigler, Mr. Brad Saxon, Mr. Ryan Moore, Mr. Michael Phillips, Mr. C R Jackson, and Mr. David Crawley.

Meeting called to order at 8:37 am by Mr. Dusty Ziegler.

New Business:

Item 1: Discussion of Prioritization and Classification of Transportation Projects.

Mr. Alderman stated that the City of Springfield has a single transportation priority. The project is the Highway 119 bypass. The project as proposed is not in the city limits. The group discussed different alternatives. Mr. Saxon indicated the project was programmed by DOT but was scheduled as long range.

Mr. Chap Bennett presented the IDA's top projects. He indicated that some projects were not included in the Effingham County Transportation Study. The extension of Fort Howard Road is a top priority for the IDA. Mr. Bennett indicated the need to protect the corridor from development.

Mr. Phillips stated that the two parkways were important to the City of Rincon. The extension of Fort Howard Road is their top priority at this time.

Staff was directed by the board to move forward with a cumulative project priority list.

The Board discussed Effingham Parkway and the recent letter from Mr. Tom Thompson representing CORE.

The Board discussed the importance and the need for an on staff transportation engineer.

Mr. Bennett stated he had provided some information concerning Effingham Parkway to Representative John Barrow's office.

Mr. Moore stated that the Transportation Advisory Board needs to agree that the extension of Fort Howard Road is a priority and that the

corridor needs to be reserved as a preferred location for development. The Board endorsed the extension of Fort Howard Road as a priority and requested a letter stating such is placed on the next Transportation Advisory Board agenda for approval.

Meeting was adjourned by Mr. Zeigler at 10:00 am.