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May 15, 2012

Transportation Advisory Meeting

Present: Mr. Dennis Webb, Mr. Lamar Allen, Mr. Tommy Blewett, Mr. Alan Zipperer, Mr. John Henry, Dr. Brenda Lovett, Mr. Brett Bennett, Mr. Brad Saxon, Mr. Wesley Corbitt, Ms. Dina King, Mr. David Crawley, and Mr. Toss Allen, Mr. Randy Shearhouse

Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:38 a.m. by Mr. Webb.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Dr. Lovett and seconded by Mr. Bennett to approve the agenda. The motion was carried by all.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from March 20, 2012 was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Bennett, and carried by all.

Old Business:

Item 1: Discussion of On Going Transportation Projects

Mr. Saxon discussed the status of on-going DOT projects. The right-of-way plans for the State Route 26/US 80 @ Ogeechee River and Overflow project have been approved. The money for right-of-way acquisition has been approved in fiscal year 2013. The concept report for the I-16 @ CR 310/Old River Rd. Interchange project has been sent out for signatures.

Mr. Webb asked about the SR 119 from Usher Road to SR 21 center turn lane project. Mr. Saxon advised that the project was three miles long and because of other projects that have been completed since this project was initially programmed that approximately 60% of the three miles already contained a center turn lane.

Mr. Allen discussed the status of on-going County projects. Old Augusta Road Phases 2A and 2B are under construction.

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New Business:

Item 1: T-SPLOST Committee

Ms. King discussed the status of the Chamber of Commerce's T-SPLOST Committee, the progress made as well as steps remaining to be completed. She stated that the committee has recently met with representatives of the Chatham, Bryan and Glynn county chambers of commerce. They had also recently met with a representative of Connect Georgia. She stated that Connect Georgia will begin to ramp up their effort towards the end of May. Ms. King advised everyone to look at the Connect Georgia website as it contains valuable information concerning the T-SPLOST referendum. Mr. Henry stated that Connect Georgia has allocated approximately 400 thousand dollars to be spent on advertising in the Coastal region. In July they will begin to make robo-calls, advertise on billboards and run commercials on local television stations. Mr. Henry also stated that Connect Georgia has created a 501 (c) 4 entity that can accept donations from local governments since the money can only be spent on education.

Item 2: Board Appointments

Mr. Allen stated that Mr. Blewett and Mr. Zipperers's term would be up in December. In order for the Board of Commissioners to have adequate time to re-appoint someone to the position a decision as to whether or not they would like to serve for another term would need to be made by the July Transportation Advisory Board meeting.

Mr. Webb discussed the frequency that the Transportation Advisory Board would meet after the vote on the T-SPLOST referendum. It was decided that the issue would be discussed again later this year once it had been determined whether the T-SPLOST vote had passed.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Webb to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:01 a.m.