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June 18, 2013

Transportation Advisory Meeting

Present: Mr. Dennis Webb, Mr. Tommy Blewett, Mr. Alan Zipperer, Ms. Ann Purcell, Dr. Franklin Goldwire, Mr. Wesley Corbitt, Mr. Brett Bennett, Mr. John Henry, Mr. Rick Lott, Mr. Brad Saxon, Ms. Maggie Yoder, Mr. Wendall Kessler and Mr. Toss Allen

Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m. by Mr. Webb.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Mr. Zipperer and seconded by Dr. Goldwire to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business Item#1 to consider changing the schedule of the Transportation Advisory Board's meetings. The motion was carried by all.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from May 21, 2013 was made by Mr. Blewett seconded by Mr. Zipperer, 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 SR 26/US 80 @ Ogeechee River & Overflow project was awarded to Gregory Bridge Company for 8.2M. Aerial photogrammetry is currently being flown and the environmental document is being prepared for the SR 119 / from Usher Rd to SR 21 for center turn lane project. The Concept Report for the Effingham Parkway has been sent to FHWA for review. The I-16 @ CR 310 / Old River Rd Interchange project Concept Report is being routed for signatures. The SR 17 @ SR 119 roundabout project concept report is circulating within the Office of Program Delivery for signatures. The Quick Response right turn lane projects at SR 17 and Courthouse and SR 17 and Jabez Jones are currently being signed by the Commissioner, which is the last step before bidding and awarding the projects.

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Mr. Henry asked about the status of the I-16 @ CR 310 / Old River Rd Interchange project. Mr. Saxon explained the Department's Plan Development Process as it relates to this project. Mr. Allen explained that the project was still moving forward and the plans are still expected to be complete by the end of the first quarter of 2014.

New Business:

Item 1: Meeting Schedule

A motion to amend the meeting schedule of the Transportation Advisory Board so as to hold meeting every other month, with the next meeting to be held in August 2013, was made by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Zipperer. The motion was carried by all.

Ms. Purcell gave an update on recent events with the State Transportation Board.

Mr. Webb asked Mr. Lott about the Chambers plans for discussing transportation issues at the Community Retreat. The Board discussed whether the conversation should be a general conversation on available funding and alternatives or specific to Effingham County's needs. Mr. Corbitt asked if a local sales tax to fund transportation projects should be considered. Ms. Purcell reminded the Board that the entire RDC would need to agree in order to re-introduce the "T-SPLOST" legislation. The Board discussed the merits of a local tax and the potential issues associated with it.

Adjournment:

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:13 a.m.