

November 19, 2018
Infrastructure Surtax
Advisory Committee
Meeting

The regular meeting of the Okaloosa County Infrastructure Surtax Advisory Committee was called to order at 10:01 a.m. in the Okaloosa County Administration Building, 1st Floor Training Room. Present were John Hofstad, County Administrator; Kay Godwin, Deputy County Administrator; Greg Kisela, Deputy County Administrator; Jason Autrey, Public Works Director; Stephanie Herrick, Office of Management & Budget Director; Dan Sambenedetto, Information Technology Director; Nathan Boyles, District 3 Commissioner; Mr. Henry Berry, District 1 member; Brig. Gen. (Ret) Robert Buhrow, District 2 member; Ms. Kathleen Sharon, District 3 member (Chairman); Mr. Matthew Turpin, District 4 member; Mr. Jim Foreman, District 5 member (Vice Chairman).

Opening Remarks and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened by Ms. Sharon. Mr. Turpin made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes, with a second by Mr. Foreman. The minutes were approved, 5-0.

Discussion on Projects List

Mr. Hofstad handed out the project list with the estimated dollar amounts listed. Mr. Autrey discussed some of big impact projects, such as PJ Adams widening and the SW Bypass, with Phases I-III starting in the near future, Public Safety projects, Commons Drive and Henderson, Hill and Lovejoy intersection improvements, Redwood Ave/John Sims Parkway intersection improvements and Lake Lorraine stormwater improvements. Mr. Autrey also stated that the projects are NOT listed in priority, but alphabetically. Mr. Hofstad discussed funding of projects and some concern that Triumph dollars may be diverted to Bay County because of Hurricane Michael. Mr. Berry asked about Phases I-III and Mr. Autrey explained the project. Commissioner Boyles stated that one of the primary objectives of the team should be to figure out which projects are built when. Most cost effective by pulling money forward and getting funding to start projects quickly, while making sure we are taking care of all four corners of our County. Funding options were discussed and it was agreed that Ms. Herrick would reach out to Mr. Mark Galvin to get input. Ms. Sharon asked for guidance as to when the committee would update the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Boyles gave three area for the committee to focus on: 1. Help set a funding structure to maximize the value of the dollars. 2. Give oversight recommendations; how to be efficient; what should the structure look like; in house vs outsourced. 3. Recommend projects. Mr Hofstad stated that we will give feedback to the Board in January. Ms. Sharon stated that she would like

someone from the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office present at the next meeting to discuss their projects. Commissioner Boyles stated that he was confident that the County would get Triumph funding for the SW Bypass project.

Ms. Godwin introduced Mr. Dan Sambenedetto, the I.T. Director who explained the use of the County email system for all correspondence pertaining to the committee. Mr. Hofstad wrapped up the meeting with four key items to focus on: Contact Mark Galvin, update on staffing build up, time/resource update on the list, with districts and commissioners listed next to projects, and have the Sheriff or Undersheriff at the next meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 17, 2018, 10:00 AM at the Okaloosa County Administration building, 1st Floor Training Room.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

(These minutes were transcribed by Grant Dugre)