

September 9, 2021
Infrastructure Surtax
Advisory Committee
Meeting

The regular meeting of the Okaloosa County Infrastructure Surtax Advisory Committee was called to order at 10:00 A.M. in the Okaloosa County Administration Building, 1st Floor Training Center Room. Members present were Mr. Matthew Turpin, District 4 member (Chairman); Brig. Gen. (Ret) Robert Buhrow, District 2 member (Vice Chairman); and Mr. Jim Foreman, District 5 member. Also present were: Honorable J.D. Peacock; Mr. John Hofstad, County Administrator; Mr. Craig Coffey, Deputy County Administrator; Ms. Faye Douglas, Office of Management & Budget Director; Mr. Jason Autrey, Public Works Director; Mr. Steve Schmidt, Surtax Project Manager; and Mr. John Parisi, Surtax Project Coordinator.

Opening Remarks and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened by Mr. Turpin and Mr. Hofstad stated that the meeting had been properly noticed in accordance with section 286.011, Florida Statutes on 08-19-2021.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Mr. Buhrow made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes as written. It was seconded by Mr. Foreman. Approved unanimously (3-0).

Public Comments

None.

Presentations

None.

Projects Update

A. Mr. Schmidt covered changes and summarized overall status to the Surtax Project Reconciliation Report since last meeting. Mr. Turpin inquired about the funding source(s) of the Santa Rosa Boulevard Improvements, Project ST000024, with Mr. Autrey confirming that no final decision on funding has been made as of yet. Mr. Turpin asked if water and sewer infrastructure are being tied in with the FDOT and County projects on Santa Rosa Boulevard, with Mr. Autrey explaining how the County project will be executed with consideration of FDOT project actions and that replacement of water and sewer lines in the area would not be an Infrastructure Surtax project. Mr. Turpin asked if there were projects with any previously undisclosed areas of

concern and Mr. Schmidt clarified that there are not. He also identified that there will be two projects which will require funding once the bids are received. Mr. Autrey later clarified that contractors and vendors have voiced concern over increasing construction project material supply costs and delivery times, which likely will be a factor in the future.

B. Mr. Schmidt covered the annual funding projection.

C. Mr. Schmidt covered the SW Crestview Bypass Funding Summary and recent changes. Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Autrey summarized the proportionate funding match of the Triumph grant to Infrastructure Surtax spending and discussed the upcoming groundbreaking on September 13, 2021.

Agenda Items and Discussion

A. Continuation of funding for Fifty-in-Five Dirt Road Stabilization- Mr. Schmidt requested to continue funding of \$2,000,000 in FY 22 for the Fifty-in-Five Dirt Road Stabilization Improvements project. Mr. Buhrow asked what the normal lifespan is for these roads and Mr. Autrey explained that these roads are exposed to low volume traffic and the black top surface could last 5-7 years, depending on environmental factors, with the limestone base lasting for 7-8 decades. Mr. Turpin asked about the amount left in the Surtax reserves to fund the project through FY22. Discussion ensued, illustrating how Infrastructure Surtax funding continues to exceed expectations and confirming that the requested funding amount is available. Mr. Foreman made a motion to recommend approval and it was seconded by Mr. Buhrow. Approved unanimously.

B. Completed Project Budget Adjustments- Mr. Schmidt requested funding transfers for excess project funds, transferring funds back into reserves. Mr. Buhrow made a motion to recommend approval and it was seconded by Mr. Foreman. Approved unanimously.

C. Funding for Right of Way Purchases at Wynnehaven Beach Road- Mr. Schmidt requested advancement of funding in the amount of \$570,000 for property in the southwest corner of Hwy 98 and Wynnehaven Beach Road and for property directly north across Hwy 98. Mr. Turpin asked for clarification that this amount wasn't included in the previous Wynnehaven Beach Road project funding request. Mr. Autrey clarified that this request is solely for parcel acquisition, with the previous request funding engineering services. Mr. Foreman made a motion to recommend approval and it was seconded by Mr. Buhrow. Approved unanimously.

Office of Management & Budget

Ms. Douglas provided an update on the status of Infrastructure Surtax revenues and budget, including the estimate from the State that Surtax funds in FY 22 are expected to reach over \$19,000,000.

Clerk of Circuit Court & Comptroller

Mr. Peacock briefly discussed the Summary Financial Report.

Public Comments

None.

Schedule Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 21, 2021, 10:00 am, location TBD.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 A.M.

(These minutes were transcribed by John Parisi)