

September 15, 2022
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, Board Chambers. Members present were: Matthew Turpin, Chairman and District 4 representative; Hannah Wilbur, District 3 representative; Larry Ward, District 1 representative and Brig. General (Retired) Robert Buhrow, District 2 representative. Also present were: Craig Coffey, Deputy County Administrator; Jason Autrey, Public Works Director; Roy Petrey, Design Engineer; and Ron Adamov, representing Clerk of Court, Carisse LeJeune, Surtax Project Manager; Nick Tamecek, Public Information Coordinator and Patty Cook, Public Works Administrative Manager.

Opening Remarks and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened by Chairman Turpin and Craig Coffey stated that the meeting had been properly noticed in accordance with section 286.011, Florida Statutes on July 22, 2022. Chairman Turpin welcomed Larry Ward representing District 1 to the Committee.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Brig. General Buhrow made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Hannah Wilbur. Approved unanimously 4-0.

Public Comments

None.

Presentations

None

Project Updates

A. Project Update List- Ms. LeJeune recapped the following project information:

Work continues on all phases of the Southwest Crestview Bypass (ST000009). Overall the project is ahead of schedule with 32.7% costs earned vs 24.9% time utilized despite the delays caused by recent rainy weather. Work taking place includes bridge foundations (piles). The work on PJ Adams Segments 1-4 has been impacted by the extremely wet weather. The base for the new westbound lanes of Segment 3 has been prepped for paving repeatedly, only to be lost to the rain. The wet weather has also significantly hindered placement of the clay liner in Pond 1.

The 6th Street Area Stormwater Improvements Project (ST000001) has progressed and the added 3rd Street work will soon be completed. In the north County, a second round of substantial placements of lime rock stabilization and chip seal treatment is anticipated for the Dirt Road Stabilization Project (ST000021) in FY 2022.

As of Sep 1, 2022, proposals for the Old Bethel Sidewalk Project (ST000027) have been received and are being evaluated. The Lake Lorraine Stormwater Project (ST000022) is moving forward and is 60% complete.

In June 2022, Gov. DeSantis approved State Appropriations for three (3) County Surtax Projects; Overbrook Area Stormwater Improvements Project (ST000011), Highway 2 Bridge and Roadway Improvements Project (ST000014), and College Boulevard Improvements (College Boulevard/Forest Road Multi-Use Pathway Project). County staff is currently working with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) on finalizing these agreements. The Highway 2 Bridge and Roadway Improvements Project (ST000014) ITB will be advertised once the funds are released from the State.

The ITB for the Bob White Drive Project, which falls under the West 98 Area Stormwater Project (ST000025) is being submitted to Purchasing for review and advertisement. It has been on hold while waiting on issuance of an FDEP permit. Another stormwater project within the West 98 Area is underway with design; County Pond 314, which will improve stormwater infrastructure for residential areas adjacent to US 98, west of the Hurlburt Interchange.

Staff has recently reviewed 90% plan submittals for both the Millside Road Dirt to Pave Project (ST000013) and the John King Road Project (ST000004). These projects are now entering into the ROW acquisition phase of development. Design continues including identification of required property acquisitions, easements and/or right of entry for numerous projects including Beachview Drive Drainage (ST000002), Overbrook Stormwater Improvements (ST000011), and West 98 Stormwater Improvements (ST000025) at both Al Hammett Road and Wynnehaven Beach Road. Access for survey and geotechnical work was recently granted for the Overbrook section; a 60% design submittal is expected at the end of October.

Question was asked by Chairman Turpin and answered by Roy Petrey and Jason Autrey about where we are on the Old Bethel sidewalk project. A project update was given laying out timelines and describing the work to be done.

Nick Tamecek showed a video on the Crestview Bypass Phase V, East West Connector progress that was narrated by Jason Autrey.

Ms. LeJeune explained that we are awaiting the City of Niceville's portion of payment for the Redwood Avenue Sidewalks and Intersection Project and once it is received it will be moved to the completed section.

Started working on the Bluewater Bay MSBU Stormwater project.

College Blvd – traffic study is well underway, data has been collected and is being analyzed. A meeting will be set with all the stakeholders for predesign before vendor starts their design process.

B. Annualized funding projection-

The only change from last month is everything that was allocated at the last meeting is now highlighted in yellow.

Chairman asked what we have collected, spent and allocated towards our project and how we are looking for year 4. Clerk state he would cover this questions during his portion of the meeting.

B. SW Crestview Bypass Funding Summary

Ms. LeJeune asked if she could change the formatting of this report. She asked the committee what they would like to see on the spreadsheet. For her purposes she would like to track the money by the buckets it comes from instead of an overall amount. She feels capturing the information the committee needs is more important than having everything on one report. Chairman asked that she bring a draft at the next meeting for them to review and approve.

Agenda Items and Discussion

A. Brookwood Blvd. Spray Lining

Ms. LeJeune gave a summary of the agenda item. Motion to approve was made by Ret. Gen. Buhrow, seconded by Ms. Wilburn. Approved 4-0.

B. Lee Lane Parcel Purchase

Ms. LeJeune gave a summary of the agenda item clarifying the parcel we wish to purchase and why. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Wilburn, seconded by Ret. Gen. Buhrow. Approved 4-0.

C. Request for an additional Surtax Project Coordinator

Ms. LeJeune recapped the request for this position and explained the need for an additional person on the team. Motion to approve as recommended was made by Ms. Wilburn, seconded by Ret. Gen. Buhrow. Approved 4-0.

Ms. LeJeune then asked if we could look at using Cartegraph-OMS as a more efficient system for tracking the time the staff spends on each project.

Office of Management and Budget

No report

Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller

Overview of FY22

Budgeted Amount FY22- \$19,378,000

Actual FY22- \$17.9 million

Projected for FY22- \$22.1 million

Interest Earned- \$342 thousand on the investment

Allocated on Projects- \$30 million

Mr. Autrey tagged in stating that is why we need to advance year 5 into year 4 to try and be a little more aggressive on how we are spending those funds. The problem we have is the money is coming in faster than we ever anticipated. The advantage that this gives us we are going to advance a year's worth of work. Years 8, 9 and 10 we are going to have to put more projects onto our list. We are ahead of schedule don't forget we have bonds. We are in great shape.

Public Comments

None.

Schedule Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 8th at 10am in the Okaloosa County Administration Building, 1st Floor Training Room.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 A. M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Cook
Public Works Administrative Manager