

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PUBLIC HEARING  
JANUARY 24, 2006  
MINUTES

Chairman Bryson convened the annual Department of Transportation public hearing on the County's secondary roads program at 9:00 a.m. as noticed. All Board Members with the exception of Commissioner Davis, the County Manager, Deputy Clerk, NCDOT officials and interested citizens were present. Chairman Bryson recognized Joel Setzer, NCDOT Division Engineer, who apologized for NCDOT Board Member Conrad Burrell who was unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. Setzer introduced DOT staff present and gave an explanation of the \$4,167,586 allocated to Macon County for secondary roads. District Engineer Wesley Grindstaff reviewed the program projects for 2006 per attachment #1. Commissioner Shepherd questioned the status of improvements to U.S. 64 East, the County Manager questioned if the proposed signage safety program would include speed limit signs,

Commissioner Leatherman expressed appreciation for improvements to Highway 28 and questioned if Macon County is only getting an allocation of what was not spent in previous years and Commissioner Simpson questioned the paving status of Marcetta Drive off Shope Road and placement of a stop light at the intersection of Depot and Wayah Streets as discussed at last year's hearing.

Mr. Setzer replied that upgrades to 64 East had been discussed but is not slated for any time soon, that usually speed limits signs are not included in safety signage, explained the allocation process stating, basically that Commissioner Leatherman was correct, that the information on the stop light had been passed to the traffic engineer and he would follow up on the status.

Mr. Grindstaff stated Marcetta Road does not meet State standards and the estimated cost to bring the road up to standard far outweighed what DOT can do. He added that approximately 800 feet can be brought within standards and right-of-ways are being obtained on that portion.

The following individuals spoke: John Wilde asked if roads listed, specifically Fox Hollow, would be paved. Mr. Setzer stated that was NCDOT's intent. Marvin Bachtal expressed appreciation for the information, maintenance on his road and questioned if the money allocated was in the bank. Mr. Setzer responded the allocations are budgeted. Bunny Raby, Brown Lake Road, passed her name and address asking for a call to let them know when their road would be paved. No one else wished to speak.

RESOLUTION: Upon motion by Commissioner Leatherman and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd the Board unanimously voted to adopt the attached resolution allocating anticipated funding of \$4,167,586.35.  
(Attachment #2)

Adjournment: Upon motion by Commissioner Leatherman the meeting was adjourned.

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Sam K. Greenwood, County Manager  
Clerk to the Board

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Daniel A. Bryson  
Board Chairman

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