

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

APRIL 16, 2008

NCDOT SECONDARY ROADS HEARING & MEETING

MINUTES

Chairman Leatherman convened the North Carolina Department of Transportation annual meeting and public hearing on the County's Secondary Road Program. All Board Members, the Deputy Clerk, NCDOT Board Member Conrad Burrell, DOT staff, members of the news media and interested citizens were present. Chairman Leatherman introduced NCDOT Board Member Conrad Burrell who introduced staff present. Mr. Burrell stated the purpose of the meeting was to present the proposed fiscal years 2008 and 2009 Secondary Roads Improvement Programs and projects. Brian Burch from the NCDOT Division Office explained anticipated funding for FY 2008 is \$1,692,866 and FY 2009 is \$1,231,324. Mr. Burch explained any roads that remain unpaved in the County are a result of right of way issues, that in addition to general improvements the major proposed paved road improvements for FY 2008 and FY 2009 include realignment of Airport Road in the vicinity of the Macon County Airport, asphalt wedging, shoulder construction and guardrail installation on Junaluska Road and improvements on 1.20 miles of Windy Gap Road and .26 miles of Cunningham Road. Assistance with construction of the access road at South Macon School was discussed and Mr. Burrell requested a letter be sent to Joel Setser at the District Office outlining the project and requesting NCDOT to participate with construction costs. The floor was opened for public comments.

Narrelle Kirkland expressed appreciation to DOT for the traffic light at Depot Street and expressed concerns about safety at Lloyd Tallent Road and the turn off Highway 28 on to Airport Road. She stated there is a need for a bicycle track from Harrison Avenue to Sanderstown Road on Highway 28.

James Waddell stated several years ago residents on Mack Branch Road contributed \$100 each for condemnations and questioned the status of the condemnation process and paving of the road. Mr. Grindstaff, DOT District Engineer, stated right-of-ways have been secured and the contract will be awarded within the month.

There were no further public comments and Chairman Leatherman expressed appreciation to NCDOT and staff for their service.

Upon motion by Commissioner Beale and seconded by Commissioner Simpson the Board unanimously voted to adopt funding resolutions as presented per the attached. (Attachments #1 and #2)

The meeting was recessed until 5:30 p.m. on April 28th at SCC to meet jointly with the Planning Board.

C. Jack Horton, County Manager
Clerk to the Board

Charles D. Leatherman
Board Chairman