



NE Polk County Roadway Advisory Committee

April 28, 2016 Meeting Minutes

PCSO NE Command Center
1100 Dunson Road
Davneport, FL 33896
10:00 a.m.

Attendees:

Bill Beasley	Deputy County Manager
Quen Wilson	Concurrency & Entitlements Director – Office of Planning and Development
Jay Jarvis, P.E.	Roads & Drainage Division Director
Elizabeth Voss	Assistant County Attorney
Bill Skelton	Roads & Drainage Division Public Information Coordinator
Paul Senft	Polk County CRA/Community Development Consultant

Committee Members:

Mark E. Wilson	Commissioner District 1 Appointee, Vice–Chairperson
J. Michael Nolen	Commissioner District 2 Appointee
Tommy Addison	Commissioner District 3 Appointee, Chairperson
Russel L. Mouton	Commissioner District 4 Appointee (Absent w/ Notice)
Kevin Hoover	Commissioner District 5 Appointee
Wade Allen	Polk County Right–of–Way and Real Estate
Ryan Kordek	Polk Transportation Planning Organization (TPO)
Joe Montoya, P.E.	Polk County Roads & Drainage Division

1. Roll–Call and Introductions

Chairperson Tommy Addison called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. and bypassed on a formal roll call.

2. Review and Approve Minutes

Review and approval of the January 12 and March 3 proceeded since the January minutes were not received by members in advance of the March meeting. January meeting minutes were motioned for approval by Mr. Nolen and seconded by Mr. Mouton; and the March meeting minutes were motioned for approval by Mr. Nolen seconded in unison by Mr. Allen and Mr. Hoover.

3. Public Comment

Mr. Addison acknowledged no one from the public was in attendance.

4. Old Business

Mr. Beasley mentioned calling Mr. Giddens to follow–up on his public comments at the March meeting calling for a signalized intersection at CR54 and CR547. Mr. Beasley was pleased to that Mr. Giddens expressed his appreciation for the process demonstrated by the Committee and was happy with their endorsement for the project.

Mr. Addison asked Jay Jarvis if Roads & Drainage staff responded to Mr. Giddens other concern about water accumulating on his property from the Ernie Caldwell Blvd. project construction activity. Mr. Jarvis answered in the affirmative, saying staff had met twice with Mr. Giddens onsite to discuss issue. Mr. Jarvis said it appeared that project blockage might've been at play, but Mr. Giddens's problems were effectively addressed. Mr. Jarvis added, staff will continue to monitor situation in anticipation of heavier rains to come.

Mr. Addison was pleased to hear the positive updates. He continued by saying he expected Committee members had time to review remaining projects for consideration and wanted to open the floor for further discussion.

Mr. Beasley recommended letting Mr. Jarvis update the committee on the status of the previously endorsed projects and speak to aspects related to "what's left," particularly Lake Wilson Road (CR54 to CR532), Waverly Barn Road (North Ridge Trail to US27), Deen Still Road (US 27 to ½-mile west), and North Ridge Trail Phase (Waverly Barn Rd. to Deen Still Rd.). Mr. Beasley thought the additional information will help broaden the committee's long-term perspective with their current and future recommendations.

5. Discuss Prioritization of NE Polk County Roadway Projects

Mr. Jarvis started by mentioning the contract awarded to Jr. Davis for North Ridge Trail Extension (Phase 3) and the remaining unpaved portion of Access Road. Mr. Jarvis said they are some tight deadlines, but the project is progressing well. Mr. Jarvis added the access road, jug handle and signalization (design and permitting) have been "turned-over" to the developer. Mr. Quen Wilson concurred. Mr. Jarvis noted the Walmart facility is scheduled for a September opening.

Mr. Jarvis continued by saying the alignment study is underway for the North Ridge Trail Phase 4 extension from Deen Still Road to Waverly Barn Road; which includes evaluating improvements to Deen Still Road and Waverly Barn Road, along with the intersection of US 27 and Waverly Barn Road.

Mr. Jarvis reminded the Committee they approved moving construction funds to support the Dunson Road intersection at Buckingham Drive project; and the project fund has been established. Quen Wilson added the developers are still in Level 2 review. He was hopeful the Level 2 review would be finalized in 4-6 weeks. Mr. Wilson added that Chelsea Park has completed their road segment. The Glen subdivision road segment will interconnect and complete the roadway to the Dunson Road intersection at Buckingham Drive.

Mr. Jarvis told the Committee that the BoCC approved funding their endorsements for CR54 (Ronald Reagan Parkway) at CR547 (Lee Jackson Highway) Signalization at \$690,000; and \$150,000 for the US 17/92 and Bates Avenue Intersection Improvements; as well as \$150,000 for the Lake Wilson Road (CR54 to CR532–Osceola County Line) widening study.

Mr. Jarvis added the Roads & Drainage Division was in the process of selecting design engineering consultant services for the approved projects.

Mr. Jarvis noted the remaining projects needing Committee input were:

- CR 54 U–Turn Bay East of Old Kissimmee Road
- Johnson Avenue at Power Line Road Signalization and Intersection Improvements
- North Ridge Trail Phase 1 (Deen Still Road to Sand Mine Road)

Mr. Nolen commended the BoCC for their fast approvals. Mr. Jarvis acknowledged help from the County Managers Office in expediting process. Mr. Beasley said while there is still several million in funds available for the Committee’s recommendation, members may want to consider a “pause” regarding further recommendations pending more information (engineering reviews) and the progress of endorsed projects so far. Mr. Kordek concurred with monitoring the progress of current projects before making more funding commitments.

Mr. Addison asked about what projects are left that can be regarded as “low–hanging fruit.” Mr. Beasley felt the Committee had made a dent in identifying and funding such projects. Mr. Addison continued with an ad–hoc calculation of about \$2 million in funding commitments to date relative to the initial \$10 million funding amount. Mr. Jarvis and Mr. Beasley agreed with total amount mentioned. Mr. Addison was looking to see if there was sufficient funding for other projects that could considered with remainder and asked if members had any more questions of staff.

Mr. Mark Wilson inquired about updates to other nearby FDOT improvements, such as the I–4 Ultimate, Central Florida Parkway and US 27/I–4 interchange projects. Mr. Jarvis said he was unaware of significant progress with the I–4 Ultimate project design and mentioned much of the interchange work was focused south of I–4. Mr. Jarvis added he knew of a lighting project being discussed in the ChampionsGate/CR 532 area; and he intended to discuss funding opportunities with Osceola County for the Lake Wilson Road interchange at CR 532.

Mr. Quen Wilson mentioned a project (Legacy Callaway Walk) on Heritage Pass off of CR 54 heading north that could create a new two–lane connection between CR 54 and CR 532 that would provide an alternate route and relief for Lake Wilson Road traffic.

Mr. Hoover asked Mr. Quen Wilson if the developer was paying for design/build improvements for the Waverly Barn jug handle and signalization at US 27. Mr. Wilson answered yes.

Mr. Hoover continued by asking Mr. Quen Wilson about roadway usage by Walmart truck traffic. Mr. Quen Wilson stated that the truck traffic would exit at the jug handle and the employee traffic could go north or south from either building. Walmart truck traffic would be limited to a single secured entry at the access road. Mr. Allen added that all FedEx traffic would use Waverly Barn Road. A discussion ensued about the challenges being addressed by improvements proposed for Deen Still and Waverly Barn Road. Traffic in and out the newly opened Love's Truck Stop was also briefly discussed.

Mr. Quen Wilson was asked about the total employees for FedEx and Walmart facilities. Mr. Quen Wilson said peak employment during holidays would approximate 1,400 and truck trips would be about 3-5 trucks per hour for both Walmart buildings. He added another future 200,000 SF Walmart building expansion was also approved.

A discussion ensued about the jug handle right-of-way ownership and likely truck circulation pending improvements, including the privately-owned Main Street between Deen Still Road and Waverly Barn Road.

Mr. Beasley said this all begs the question, "where do we go from here?" He related this to the need for the frequency of future meetings to help members make informed decisions about the \$8 million "still in play." Mr. Mark Wilson agreed waiting periods were likely as studies and projects advanced; and estimates were solidified. Mr. Jarvis said Deen Still Road improvements do not make sense without North Ridge Trail Phase 4. He said decisions will likely come down to Waverly Barn Road and Lake Wilson Road. Mr. Jarvis added that the completion of Ernie Caldwell Blvd. will also impact decision-making.

Mr. Kordek and Mr. Mark Wilson asked about the schedule for the Waverly Barn Road/North Ridge Trail Phase 4 study. Mr. Montoya said about it should be completed in about 6-8 months. Traffic volumes would be known in about 4-6 months.

Mr. Mouton asked about Impact Fee funds projections. Mr. Beasley said it is premature due to the staggered implementation of rates and the rush of projects beating imposition deadline. Mr. Jarvis said that it was recently discussed that the county wide projection was \$5 million this year and \$10 million annually with full implantation. Raising other revenues was discussed and the consensus was any tax increases would be limited and insufficient to fund the identified needs.

The conversation turned to the next scheduled meeting. It was agreed that September would allow for enough project progress to take-up new discussions.

Mr. Addison asked about the potential impacts of the opening of the Poinciana Parkway on the Johnson Avenue at Power Line Road Signalization and Intersection Improvements project. Mr. Quen Wilson said he was aware of a pending traffic study from an AV Homes subdivision development that includes Johnson Avenue. He added staff was getting together with AV Homes and Osceola County in the coming weeks to discuss results. Mr. Quen Wilson said he would share results with the Committee at the next meeting. A related conversation ensued.

Mr. Beasley suggested the Committee could recommend funding more “low hanging fruit” projects by endorsing the CR 54 U-Turn Bay East of Old Kissimmee Road and the Johnson Avenue at Power Line Road Signalization and Intersection Improvements (design and permitting only). After further deliberation, Mr. Addison asked for a motion to approve the two projects.

Mr. Mouton motioned approval, and Mr. Allen seconded. Committee endorsed both unanimously.

6. Open Forum and New Business

No further business was discussed.

The date and time for next committee meeting was set for Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the PCSO NE Command Center located at 1100 Dunson Road in Davenport.

7. Adjournment

Mr. Addison adjourned meeting at 11:24 a.m.