

POLK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' DOT PUBLIC HEARING
Monday, September 24, 2012, 2:00pm
R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice, Womack Building
Columbus, NC
MINUTES

PRESENT: Chair Gasperson, Vice-Chair McDermott, County Manager Whitson, Clerk to the Board Fehrmann, media and citizens. Also present were DOT representatives Joel Setzer, Division Engineer, Mark Gibbs, Division Maintenance Engineer, Steve Cannon, District Engineer, B.T. Williams, County Maintenance Engineer, and Thomas Hall, Polk County Supervisor.

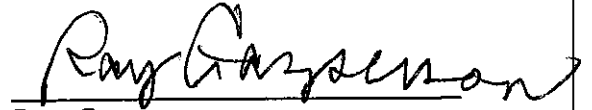
1. Call to Order of the NCDOT Public Hearing – Chair Gasperson called the public hearing to order. The purpose of this hearing was to discuss the Secondary Road Improvement Program with the NC Department of Transportation. Joel Setzer, NCDOT Division Engineer, presented the proposed program for expenditures of the Fiscal Year 2013 Secondary Road Funds for paving unpaved secondary roads and improvements to paved secondary roads. The information is hereby incorporated by reference into these minutes. Mr. Setzer said that improving Hwy. 9 from U.S. 74 to Hwy. 108 is not rated by the DOT as a high priority project at this time, and it could be 3-4 years until the improvements are undertaken. However, Mr. Setzer said he would look into the matter further and get back to the County Manager in two weeks.
2. Citizen Comments – Don Yarbrough thanked the DOT for all of their road improvements in the Silver Creek Community. Mr. Yarbrough also asked that the current estimate for further improvements be checked by the DOT for accuracy, because the estimate is twice as high as it was a year ago. Kit Myers asked that the DOT not widen Collinsville Rd.
3. Commissioner Comments – Vice-Chair McDermott thanked the DOT for their beautification efforts at the Interstate 26 interchange and at the gateway to Columbus. Vice-Chair McDermott asked that white lines be painted on the edges of Golden Rd. where recent road improvements have been made, and that the section of River Rd. from Morgan Chapel Bridge to Golden Road be paved. Mr. Setzer said that, with a consensus from residents on River Rd., it is possible the DOT could move forward on paving the section in question on River Rd. next year. Chair Gasperson thanked the DOT for the good service they provide to the county, and for the road improvements in the Silver Creek Community.
4. Motion to Adjourn – Vice-Chair McDermott moved to adjourn the hearing, seconded by Chair Gasperson and the motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

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Beth Fehrmann
Clerk to the Board



Ray Gasperson
Chair