



**CHESTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**R. Carlisle Roddey Chester County Government Complex**  
**1476 J.A. Cochran Bypass Chester, SC 29706**  
**Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at 5:30 PM**

**CTC MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairman Branham, Vice Chairman Wilson, Councilman Vaughn, Councilwoman Mosley, Councilman Agee, Councilman Killian, County Administrator Hester, County Attorney Winters and Clerk to Council Lee. Councilman Guy @ 5:38 pm,

1. **Call to Order**-Chairman Branham called the meeting to order.
2. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. **January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes.**  
Councilman Vaughn motioned to approve, second by Councilman Killian. 6-0 to approve.
  - b. **January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes.**  
Councilwoman Mosley motioned to approve, second by Vice Chairman Wilson. 6-0 to approve.

3. **Old Business**

a. **Update on existing CTC projects. - Bill Coleman.**

Mr. Coleman stated the county roads list that was approved had been finished except for a few minor areas that they would need to go back and repair. The approved list for state roads had not been started due to the fact SCDOT equipment was down. They were having trouble obtaining parts, he also wrote to them explaining the situation since the deadline was not met. He stated he can't see how they would penalize the County CTC when the County was waiting on them. Once they get the equipment back in operation Pilgrim Road will be the first one, they start on.

Councilman Killian asked about Ward Road stating he had received complaints from citizens. Mr. Coleman stated he was not familiar with that road.

Chairman Branham stated he had received complaints about Discovery Road also.

Mr. Coleman stated he would look at both roads.

Councilman Vaughn inquired about Dearborn Street.

Mr. Coleman stated the SCDOT equipment being down would not affect Dearborn but would affect the timeline for Pilgrim Road.

#### 4. New Business

**a. Discussion regarding the State CTC meeting update. Bill Coleman.**

Mr. Coleman handed out brochures to Council from a presentation he had attended at SCDOT. He stated SCDOT has a lot of money and they're spending a lot of money bidding out roads. I know you don't realize it but if you look at this book, and this book is the gospel, and when it says they done it they've done it, and they told us at that meeting, they've done it. In fact, they've over done it to be honest with you. They put so much cement on the street that the contractors can't buy it and the cement mills can't make it. They were also working on bridges. And we're four years behind.

**b. Approval of Bid RFB 22-54 Chester County On-Call Maintenance Projects Faulkner Development and Engineering, LLC in the amount of \$ 129,900 dollars. - Bill Coleman.**

Mr. Coleman stated they were trying something new. Every time we get a contract out. We end up with a driveway pipe torn up and has to be replaced, or somebody's knocked the end off of one. Public Works doesn't have the manpower to fix it. So, I'm trying an On Call Project. They have 40 different items on this project, and they've given us a unit price to do the work. From now on when we get a pipe that's busted in the driveway, we will call him up to say we got 18 feet x 18-inch pipe needs to be replaced and paved over top. Put riprap on each end, and we get a fixed price. We don't have to change order prices that always inflated, and he thinks it's going to work out like a jewel. We did it so that small contractors could bid. I'm not familiar with Faulkner. Except I understand that he's a good guy who does good work. Maybe some of y'all know him. This will be a test project, but he believes it's going to really be good for it to be successful.

Vice Chairman Wilson asked to be clear this was not project specific but as long as projects pop up, this would basically give approval to use this method going forward.

Mr. Coleman stated that was correct, each project would be done by a separate PO (purchase order) Susan Cok is good with keeping up with this. If a project goes over \$100,000 dollars, it will have to be bonded so they don't plan on going over. Most of the projects would run between \$15, 000 to \$20,000 dollars.

Administrator Hester stated this would probably save money at the end of the day, the way its set up it would be a good practice. Councilman Vaughn motioned to approve, second by Vice Chairman Wilson Vote 7-0 to approve.

**c. Approval of Road and Sign Reimbursement for \$ 25,325.01 for road/sign materials to the Road Department. - Robert Hall. Vice Chairman Wilson motioned to approve, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 7-0 to approve.**

**d. Recommendation to change the CTC accounting process. - Administrator Hester.**

Administrator Hester stated there's two methods for accounting, one's D O T administered the other is we're the self-administrator of those funds. Used to we've got charged under DOT's administration plan 3% for them to administer and they have waived that. So now going forward in the future. We can let the DOT administer those funds or administer that program for us. With them administering the program. It does a couple of things once we encumbered, we authorize the expenditure. We won't be in the same situation we're in right now if their equipment breaks down or for whatever reason we can't get the roads paved or the money spent. And I don't know if you guys are aware, but currently, we're in jeopardy because of their equipment being down so we would have to give back the 25% allocation that we've got for state roads. It's actually 33% but because we had extra funds, it came to us it was only 25 in this group. Under this recommendation, you go back with DOT administering the program, as long as we authorize it, and that money has been authorized out whether they've got it done or not. We're not in jeopardy of having to give back money. That makes sense to everyone. The

other thing that's important with the administration being self-administered is it's a tremendous amount of work for Mr. Darby, especially at the end of the year when he has to provide reports to SCDOT. And they're very detailed reports. There's an audit that goes with that, under the SCDOT administer program. We're not responsible for that. On page nine of the booklet that Mr. Coleman gave you there's a little bit of comparison to it one side has the DOT administer one side has to self-administered so you can take a look at it if you want, he felt like for the County it would be a win-win situation since they've waived 3% fee. Chairman Branham motioned to change the accounting process for C funds from the self-administered to the SCDOT administered accounting second by Councilman Killian. Unanimous vote.

**e. Discussion regarding Commerce Drive. - Administrator Hester.**

Administrator Hester stated over the past three years there had been a lot of discussion about Commerce drive and how to repair it and what part of it belongs to the County. In the packets Mr. Bill Coleman had recommended creating a turn lane for trucks and tractor trailers to help ease some of the wear and tear on Commerce drive. The money was in the budget to have it done.

Mr. Coleman stated he had given SCDOT a copy of what they want to do but wanted to get Council's input first.

Administrator Hester stated right now this was for information, if SCDOT gives their approval for Council to go forward it could be voted on at the next CTC meeting in September.

**5. Adjourn**

Vice Chairman Wilson motioned to adjourn, second by Councilman Killian. Unanimous vote.

*Karen Lee, Clerk to County Council*