

Minutes
Special Called Meeting
Aberdeen Town Board
June 22, 2015
Monday, 5:00 p.m.
Robert N. Page Municipal Building
Aberdeen, North Carolina

The Aberdeen Town Board met Monday, June 22, 2015 for a Special Called Meeting. Members present were Mayor Robert A. Farrell and Commissioners Buck Mims, Pat Ann McMurray, and Eleese Goodwin. Mayor Pro-tem Thomas and Commissioner Dannelley were not in attendance for the meeting. Staff members in attendance were Planning Director Pam Graham, Public Works Director Rickie Monroe, Town Manager Bill Zell, Parks & Recreation Director Adam Crocker, and Town Clerk Regina Rosy. Scott Walston, Rob Stone, Matt Day, Darius Sturdivant, Toby Thigpen, Travis Fluitt, Maurice Holland, Sr., Maurice Holland, Jr., and Reporter for The Pilot Ted Natt were also in attendance for the meeting.

Due to there not being a quorum of the Board present, the meeting began as an informational session only at 5:00 p.m., with only Mayor Farrell, Commissioner Goodwin, and Commissioner McMurray present.

Scott Walston presented a powerpoint presentation of the Moore County Comprehensive Transportation planning efforts thus far. Mr. Walston stated the goals of the Comprehensive Transportation Plan are to receive mutually-adopted recommendations, meet both local and statewide goals, and achieve a balance that everyone can agree to support. Mr. Walston reviewed the history of how the Moore County Transportation Plan has developed. Mr. Walston stated the following:

- NCDOT has honored and respected requests for this project
- NCDOT has provided requested data
- NCDOT has gone beyond the scope of a standard Comprehensive Transportation Plan
- NCDOT has worked within parameters given to them
- NCDOT will continue to support locals
- NCDOT realizes everyone will not be happy
- Leaving US 1 in its current condition will not work

Mr. Walston stated the proposed bypass has been taken off the table because 70% of the local residents who participated in DOT-sponsored charrettes in 2011 indicated they preferred improvements to the existing four-lane road. Mr. Walston stated local decisions need to be made on US 1 so the study can move forward. Mr. Walston stated a consensus decision by Southern Pines and Aberdeen is needed before a Comprehensive Transportation Plan for Moore County can be approved by the County's Transportation Committee.

Travis Fluitt with Kimley Horn stated his firm was tasked with studying the current conditions of US Highway 1 in Moore County and options to consider. Mr. Fluitt discussed the projected growth in traffic on US Highway 1, and reviewed 5 proposed concepts:

- **Freeway concept**
 - No improvement to US 1 by 2040
 - Adding 2 additional lanes with a median
 - Converting US 1 to a 4-lane superstreet
 - Converting US 1 to a 6-lane superstreet

Mr. Fluitt reviewed the property impact for each of the concepts, along with the traffic operations, the pros, and the cons. Mr. Fluitt stated the superstreet concept is believed to be the preferred option at this point, since superstreets are shown to be significantly safer because left-hand turns are eliminated. Mr. Fluitt stated there would be a learning curve for drivers to adjust to a superstreet, and the construction period would be very difficult.

At 5:23 p.m., Commissioner Buck Mims arrived for the meeting, which created a quorum of the Board in attendance.

Rob Stone stated it is real important to get this project moving forward, since doing nothing about US Highway 1 is not an option. Commissioner Mims left the meeting at 5:31 p.m., so there was no longer a quorum of the Board present for the meeting. Mr. Stone stated a lot of resources have been put into this project, and this project needs to move forward so other projects in the State of NC can begin. Mr. Stone stated he looks forward to hearing what the Board decides.

The meeting ended at 5:46 p.m. without a quorum of the Board present.

Regina M. Rosy
Regina M. Rosy, Town Clerk

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Robert A. Farrell
Robert A. Farrell, Mayor

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