

MINUTES OF CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX COMMISSION MEETING

5:30 PM, April 11, 2024

Andrews Branch Library

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

In attendance:

Commission members in person:

Mark Hawn - Chair Harris Chewning (arrived at approximately 5:35pm)

Ashley Nelson Reed Tiller

Commission members present via Teams (virtual):

Gary Cooper

Commission members not in attendance:

Robert Crenshaw

Also present:

Jim Hipp – Facilitator for the Commission (via Teams)

Walt Ackerman – Georgetown County staff liaison for the Commission

Members of the Press present:

Charles Swenson – Coastal Observer

Charles Perry – Post and Courier

Scott Harper – GAB News (via Teams)

The Chair then proceeded with the Agenda and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2024 meeting.

MOTION was made by Tiller and seconded by Nelson to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2024 meeting.

Motion passed 4-0.

The Commission then began the review of several of the projects that were submitted.

The projects that were reviewed were all submitted by the Town of Andrews. Mayor Frank McClary and Town Administrator Mauretta Wilson both gave significant insight and compelling justification for each of the four projects. The projects presented were as follows:

P50 – Town of Andrews water system improvements – This project is necessary to correct several identified deficiencies in the total system. Three main areas of the system will be improved with this project which will ensure sufficient flow and capacity across the entire system.

P59- Town of Andrews water and sewer improvements – This project will replace and upgrade both a main water and sewer line that is failing due to collapse. This project is critical not only due to the effect on water and sewer services, but transportation on a major federal highway that runs through the town. Should the pipes completely collapse, the road would be impassable, which would greatly impact commerce for not only the Town, but the entire County.

P-60 – Town of Andrews stormwater improvements – This is a large project designed to alleviate some of the severe flooding that the Town experiences during severe rain events. The stormwater system that installed over 40 years ago has become non-functional for a variety of reasons. This project would reroute the outfall to a much more viable location.

P61 – Replacement of Town of Andrews public works facility – This project would demolish the existing facility, which has been rendered unusable due to storm damage and age, and construct a new metal facility with ample bays for the storage of both public works equipment and fire department apparatus.

None of the projects were given an initial score at the meeting.

After this exercise, members of the public were asked for comments. Several members in attendance had comments. Comments included support for the projects presented by the Town of Andrews, support for the review and consideration process in use by the Commission, and concern over the distribution of project funds across the County.

The Commission discussed the need to hold meetings in addition to its regularly scheduled meetings. The Commission proposed adding at least two virtual meetings as noted below.

The Commission will hold its next several meetings as follows:

- April 16, 11:00 am - Virtual
- April 18, 5:30 pm – Southern Georgetown Library
- April 23, 11:00 am - Virtual
- April 25, 5:30 pm – Carvers Bay Branch Library

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:08 pm via motion by Chewning, second by Tiller.