

MINUTES OF CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX COMMISSION MEETING

5:30 PM, April 18, 2024

Southern Georgetown Library

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm.

In attendance:

Commission members in person:

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

Robert Crenshaw Gary Cooper

Commission members present via Teams (virtual):

Reed Tiller

Commission members not in attendance:

Ashley Nelson

Also present:

Walt Ackerman – Georgetown County staff liaison for the Commission

Members of the Press present: NA

The Chair then proceeded with the Agenda and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2024 meeting.

MOTION was made by Cooper and seconded by Chewning to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2024 meeting.

Motion passed 5-0.

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

The first group of projects to be reviewed were all submitted by Georgetown County Emergency Services. Director Brandon Ellis presented the projects to the Commission. Prior to presenting the four previously non-reviewed projects, the Commission had a few follow up questions concerning P2 – New EOC Facility and if it was still possible to combine that project with the request for a new 911 center. He will work with the Sheriff on this and get back to the Commission early the next week. Director Ellis also presented four other projects submissions. The projects presented were as follows:

P31-New Fire station Ringle Heights area

P32 - New Airport drive fire/ems station

P33 - Emergency Svcs Training Facility

P11-Replace MFR Station 83

The Commission was able to ask several questions about each project and received additional information and clarification from Director Ellis.

The next presenter was Tommie Kennedy, Executive Director for Georgetown County Water and Sewer District. Director Kennedy presented four projects that have not yet been discussed and also presented P6- Sampit Community Sewer Project again, which was discussed at a prior meeting. During the presentation, it became clear that one of the projects on the list was actually mislabeled. The project labeled as P10 – 701 Water Pump Station should actually be P10 – 701 Sewer main and pump station. The correction will be made to the master list. The projects presented for the first time were:

P10-701 Sewer Main and Pump Station (corrected title)

P12-Big Dam Water

P13 - Brick Chimney Sewer Main

P18- Hwy 521 Water Main

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

After this exercise, members of the public was asked for comments. Several members in attendance had comments. Comments included support for the Sampit Sewer project, and appreciation for all of the work performed by the Commission.

Future meetings were discussed. The Commission asked that Director Kennedy have someone come to the April 25, 2024 meeting to discuss the last three water and sewer projects. They also asked that Walt Ackerman arrange to have representative from Coast RTA, Rural Water and Georgetown County on the virtual meeting on 4/23/24.

The priority list for projects requested from each sponsoring entity will be provided by the next meeting.

The Commission will hold its next two meetings as follows:

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

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:24 pm via motion by Chewning, second by Crenshaw.