



Tupelo Major Thoroughfare Program Minutes

Date: 4/14/2025 **Time:** 4:30PM **Call to Order:** Greg Pirkle **Meeting Adjourned:** 5:26 PM

ROLL CALL: Brent Spears

In Attendance

MAJOR THOROUGHFARE MEMBERS PRESENT:

C W Jackson Charlotte Loden Greg Pirkle Dan Rupert Robin Haire George Jones
Ernie Joyner Ted Roach Danny Riley Drew Robertson Robert Traylor Jon Milstead
Raphael Henry Bill Cleveland Stuart Johnson

MAJOR THOROUGHFARE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Terry Bullard David Rumbarger Terry Bullard

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brent Spears Kim Hannah Ben Logan Dennis Bonds John White Kelly Knight Don Lewis

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Greg Pirkle asked the Committee to review and approve the minutes of the March 10, 2025 Major Thoroughfare Program regular meeting. Dan Rupert made a motion to accept the minutes. Bill Cleveland seconded the motion.

Minutes were approved unanimously by Committee.

Budget Report

Kim Hannah reviewed the Major Thoroughfare Phase VII Budget Report for the month ending March 31, 2025. Beginning Cash Balance was \$9,878,502. Total Revenue from Property Tax was \$987,508, Interest Earned was \$34,027. Total Revenue was \$1,136,180. Total Expenditures for ~~January~~ ^{March} were \$41,588. Payments included \$9,707 for Personnel Cost, \$31,880 for West Jackson (Madison to Front). Ending Cash Balance for March is \$10,937,094.

Current Projects

Dennis Bonds reviewed updates on the current projects

- Jackson Street (Madison to Front)
 - Underground Utility work is ongoing and going well.
 - Roadwork contractor is progressing rapidly, contract completion date is 11/10/25. See done footage from last week.
- New Road (Gloster to Northern Loop)
 - Making good progress on the Construction Plans. Headwaters has prepared the USACE application. The application and report have an estimated mitigation cost of \$122,308.80 for estimated wetland and stream impacts. IF USACE interprets adjacent areas to be jurisdictional, the mitigation cost could climb as high as \$200,000.
- 2025 MTP Road Maintenance List

Meet with PWX tomorrow to finalize plans, bids for this work will be advertised immediately after.
- Coley Road Curb & Gutter (McCullough to Ridgeway Dr.)

Job will be readvertised.

Open Discussion

Members of the Committee discussed the USACE application and mitigation cost for the New Road Gloster to Barnes Crossing. Ben Logan also discussed the last easement needed signed for the project.

Members of the Committee discussed the trees at the South end of the cemetery on the Jackson Street project. Dennis Bonds showed the Committee the tree assessment and the recommend action was to remove the trees and grind the stumps.

Jon Milstead made a motion for MTP to spend up to \$100,000 for a landscape plan, removal of trees, and to replace the trees along the cemetery property. There was no second of the motion.

The Committee decided to remove the trees as part of the current Jackson Street job. Dennis Bonds shared that the City will come back later and address the gate, brick columns, and landscaping along the cemetery property. The decision was made to put a sign up with the proposed design for the public to see at the site.



Chairman Greg Pirkle



Recorded by Dennis Bonds

Submitted by Dennis Bonds