



# Tupelo Major Thoroughfare Program Minutes

**Date:** 8/14/2023 **Time:** 4:30 PM **Call to Order:** Greg Pirkle **Meeting Adjourned:** 5:20 PM

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**ROLL CALL:** Brent Spears

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## In Attendance

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### MAJOR THOROUGHFARE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

### MAJOR THOROUGHFARE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Raphael Henry      Ted Roach  
Charlotte Loden      Drew Robertson

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Brent Spears      Haley Dean      Kim Hanna      John White      Dennis Bonds

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## Approval of Minutes

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Chairman Greg Pirkle asked the Committee to review and approve the minutes of the July 10, 2023 Major Thoroughfare Program regular meeting. Ernie Joyner made a motion to accept the minutes. Dan Rupert seconded the motion.

Minutes were approved unanimously by Committee.

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## Budget Report

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Kim Hanna reviewed the Major Thoroughfare Phase VII Budget Report for the month ending July 31, 2023. Beginning Cash Balance was \$6,972,001. Total Revenue from Interest Earned was \$21,944. Total Expenditures for May was \$1,112,873. Payments included \$8,642 for Personnel Cost, \$51,146 for Maintenance Cost and \$1,053,085 for Eason – Veterans to Briar Ridge. Ending Cash Balance for Phase VII is \$5,987,079.

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## Current Projects

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Dennis Bonds reviewed updates on the current projects

- Maintenance Work – Mill & overlay update
  - Update on Main Street Safety Improvements Project Will handle in house, start working soon on bulb outs along Main Street
  - Eason Blvd (Veterans to Briar Ridge) – currently working on finish milling and and paving. If weather cooperates, will finish paving this week. Rest of work will be behind curb to finish job.
  - Veterans (Main to Hamm) – All the lane widening has been completed to the top of base pavement. Aquatic Center has major event on 7/24-7/29. Contractor will resume after that to finish job.
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## Open Discussion

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1. Dennis Bonds began the project update and asked Chuck Williams to give an update on the mill and overlay.

Chuck Williams gave update on completed projects as well as ongoing projects.

2. Dennis Bonds updated the Jackson Street project (Madison to Front). We have held meeting about underground utilities with the contractors and engineers. We ask them to get back with us on what they needed not what they wanted trying to be as cost effective as possible. Engineer said when that was done give them a couple of weeks to pull that together.
3. Dennis Bonds talked about the ride quality issues on the Eason Boulevard project. The contractor elected to do his own paving on the job. A profilometer was used to test and it did not meet the specifications.

John White stated that the first directive they gave them was since it didn't meet specification the first option would have to mill it all up and try again, which would be very expensive. The contractor asked if they could try diamond grinding to see if they could get it within the specs.

There was lots of discussion and questions such as What caused the problem? Would this effect the lifespan of the road? And could they overlay the project?

4. Dennis Bonds gave an update on the Veterans Boulevard project. The contractor is back on the job forming sidewalk. He said with contractor back on the job maybe 2-4 weeks to finish.
5. Dennis Bonds began the discussion of the bridge on Hwy. 6 in front of Steele's dive was posted at 3 tons.

Greg Pirkle What does this mean economically? He also asked if there was a way to reroute traffic?

Stuart John asked Dennis Bonds if he saw this bridge closing before repairs could be made.

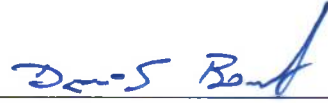
Dennis Bonds responded with there is always that potential but there would be another inspection done soon.

John White stated that on that grading program when it gets to a certain point the only option is closure.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.



**Chairman Greg Pirkle**



**Recorded by Brent Spears**

**Submitted by Dennis Bonds**