



**MINUTES**  
**ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
**August 15, 2016**  
**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**  
**4:30 P.M.**



Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the news media was notified and notice was posted on the bulletin board 24 hours prior to the meeting.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Johnnie Wright, Sr.  
Johnny Ravenell  
Harry F. Wimberly  
Heyward H. Livingston  
Willie B. Owens

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Clyde B. Livingston  
Harold Young  
Marion Lloyd

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Sinkler Boone, Deputy County Administrator, Public Services  
Henry Summers, Deputy Administrator for Public Services  
Connie Portee, Clerk to Council  
Angel Howell, Executive Assistant

**PRESS:**

Lee Hendren, The Holly Hill Observer

**CALL TO ORDER**

Johnny Ravenell, Chairman

Chairman Johnny Ravenell called to order a special session of the Orangeburg County Public Works Committee on August 15, 2016, at 4:39 pm.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Moment of silence observed

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

August 15, 2016  
July 18, 2016

**1. DISCUSSION OF RELOCATION OF OTT/CLASSIC ROAD**

Chairman Johnny Ravenell stated we would come back for the approval of the minutes from the last meeting July 18, 2016. We will start with the approval for the relocation of Ott/Classic Road. Chairman Johnny Ravenell yielded to Mr. Henry Summers or Mr. Sinkler Boone. Mr. Boone gave out three diagrams showing where the sports complex in Branchville

is located and where the original Classic Rd and original Ott Road is located. The diagrams shows where Public Works relocated Classic Road and Ott to cut through and come back out to Bowman Branch Hwy SC-210. Sinkler advised it was a relocation on both roads and the work has been done. Sinkler Boone stated Henry Summers could give more details if committee needed it but since the roads where relocated, and basically done by county forces, we wanted the Public Works Committee to approve of the relocation. Sinkler Boone advised Henry Summers could maybe go over the property situation if you want to know information about that, we dealt with the church in the area.

Henry Summers advised Mr. Boone did a fine job with explaining the relocating of the roads. Henry Summers showed where the Zion Methodist Church is located on the diagram and where the Classic ball field is located, part of Classic road will be closed off going into Ott Street there will be a forty (40) feet gate built to get inside the cemetery, which will bring Ott Street to a ninety (90) degree angle onto Bowman Branch Hwy, there will be two lanes a turning lane to go to Branchville and a turning lane to go into Bowman. Henry Summers advised everyone was in agreement and the church didn't have any problems. Henry Summers thank Councilman Wimberly for doing all the things he done to make everything look real nice.

Councilman Harry Wimberly advised Chairman Johnny Ravenell the reason they were doing this because there will be a chain-link fence on the church side which was a part of the agreement with the church, when we brought the right away from them to build a new road and the new road has been built. Apart of the agreement was we would put a fence up to keep children from going from the ball field into the cemetery. Henry Summers pointed out on the diagram where the cemetery was located.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell asked was the county under a written agreement with the church, Henry Summers advised concerning the church, that the county brought the property so all that is handled through the attorney, so it's a done deal. The county has brought and pay the church for the property, the church is 100% happy. Chairman Johnny Ravenell stated so in other words this is formality. Councilman Harry Wimberly and Henry Summers both agreed.

Councilman Harry Wimberly advised that the roads wasn't being closed, it was just being relocated and if County Council pass it, Public Works could go ahead and put the fence up. Henry Summers asked, was Council in favor with the fence going up.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell stated if no one had any questions he would obtain a motion. Councilman Heyward Livingston made a motion to accept the request. Councilman Harry Wimberly seconded the motion. Chairman Johnny Ravenell second at the end of maintenance we relocate the roads Ott/Classic. Motion carried.  
(5-0-0).

## 2. DISCUSSION OF COBB ROAD TO THE COUNTY MAINTENANCE SYSTEM

Chairman Johnny Ravenell asked what has changed from the last meeting concerning COBB ROAD until this meeting. Sinkler Boone advised at the last meeting Mr. Billy Milhouse was at the meeting requesting that the County take a portion of Cobb Road. Sinkler Boone advised that Orangeburg County has a half of mile of it from the diagram shown. Sinkler Boone advised Mr. Billy Milhouse made the comment at a committee meeting that the area was in a subdivision, the only area on Cobb Road that has been sub-divided is a portion of the area the County has now, public works maintenance only comes down to just about right where Mr. Billy Milhouse property starts. Sinkler Boone advised that there is a sixty six (66) feet of right away on this road.

Councilman Harry Wimberly confirmed with Sinker Boone the County already maintaining the first half mile of the road. Sinker Boone confirmed the first half (1/2) mile is being paved because it is a Sea Fund Project and the road is being paved.

Councilman Heyward Livingston asked even if there is a subdivision back there, does it still meet the qualifications of taking a road in with the number of people who live back there? Sinkler Boone advised that it would, with two or more houses and the appropriate right away, according to the County Ordinance now we not supposed to take in anything not in the regular county maintenance system that is not fifty (50) feet of right away. The County can take in something less than that as an Access Road.

Councilman Harry Wimberly advised it is easier for the County to accept this road in the maintenance system that is not a subdivision then if it is a subdivision. Sinkler Boone advised that the subdivision regulations are different. Councilman Harry Wimberly advised if it is not a subdivision then it would go under a different rule book. Sinkler Boone advised it would still have to meet some criteria regarding drainage, right away, and utilities being outside or out of the roadway, so there is some different criteria for subdivisions.

Councilman Harry Wimberly asked where would the nearest dirt road be; to Cobb Road. The reason for me asking is, how far would the County have to go if the County scrape another half anyway? If it is going to be paved and the county has to ride down to scrape, we might as well take it in. Sinkler Boone advised that the nearest dirt road would be off of Macedonia Road. Councilman Heyward Livingston confirm with Mr. Boone the dirt roads where over and behind Macedonia Road.

Sinkler Boone advised the bigger question is, the County hasn't taken roads in for a while, Mr. Boone asked does the County want to start back taking roads in? Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised before the county can consider taking a road in, we would need to go back and look at our ordinance. Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised in his council district as well as Chairman Johnnie Wright as well as he knows there has been lengthy discussions about taken roads in when you look at subdivisions rather it is County spent are not because per nineteen eighty nine (1989), Sinkler Boone confirm it was pre nineteen eighty nine (1989). Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised there is a date on the ordinance, however we have to be

very careful on how the County bring this road into the system because it's going to open up another door for all the other ones the County has turn down over the years.

Sinkler Boone advised there are some limiting factors with right of ways because some of the roads that were brought in, was brought in as Access Roads. Access Roads don't require regular maintenance, they require blading on an occasional bases, that means every time the blader goes by the road he will blade it. Sinkler Boone quoted "It is the desire of the county to except Access Roads into the County maintenance system, with a right of way of fifty (50) feet. On those occasion were the right of way is not obtainable, the County will consider maintenance of such road less than fifty (50) feet right of way, only when it is proven that the fifty (50) feet easement are not obtainable. Roads with less than fifty (50) right of way will not be accepted into the County regular maintenance system." Sinkler Boone advised that the reason for that is because of the situation the County get into now with the penny sales tax projects, in trying to pave these roads and then going back an acquiring right of ways, so if we already have a fifty (50) feet of right of way on them, either fifty (50) or sixty six (66) some roads in these subdivision areas are actually at sixty six (66) feet of right of way.

Councilman Harry Wimberly asked, how many feet of right of away was on Cobb Road? Sinker Boone advised Cobb Road has sixty six (66) feet of right of away, but one of the issues Public Works found when paving the road was there was property corners, actually the road way is marked with property corners in the center line. Public Works had to go back on certain sections in the area they are paving and set the property corners back thirty three (33) feet on each side of the center line. If the County decides to take the road, either the County or Mr. Billy Milhouse would need to do for future reference is move the property corners because over the years as the bladers go through blading the road, it may shift the road a little bit. Sinker Boone advised he was not sure how many corners it is, but the property corners are going to need to be set back, instead of having a center line marking through the road, some property corners are going to have to be put back on the thirty three (33) feet line.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell asked; how can the County do that when the County has said in past tense, where existing road is, with cone pins or no cone pins, if the County would do anything with that road from existing road being maintenance maintain, the County would go with the existing road, the County didn't even recognize the old. Sinkler Boone advised, we haven't on some and a lot of the roads the County has been blading for so many years and was brought into the system as just a farm roads, the property pins are really in the center of the road and in various locations and it hasn't been a lot of consideration as to where these property corners were located. Sinkler Boone advised the reason he brought it up on Cobb Road because, maybe this is something that can possibly be remedied up front.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised what he wanted to make sure, if you do for one, you have to consider doing for the old as well. You can't just do for this road and there are numerous of roads in the past people have been inquiring about. Sinkler Boone advised, he agree with that, the County have quite a few people calling about, "I want you to add this road" but it's actually not a road, it's a two rut road and when you look at on the screen there are various property owners and the way the houses/mobile homes are situated the County can't get

enough right of way at this point and someone would need to go in and do some work on the road prior to the County taking it.

Councilman Willie Owens asked, how much impact would it have on private property if the County start setting back parts of the road? Councilman Heyward Livingston advised, it will have no impact because you can't sale the road because what this man done is he sold you a half of the road that he didn't own to start with. Most everybody that survey land goes to the center of the road, well you don't own the center of the road the County and State own it, so you can take off thirty three (33) feet of according to the width of the road. Sinkler Boone confirm the County can take off twenty five (25) or thirty three (33) on either side.

Henry Summers asked Sinkler Boone tell them for information purposes of about this other road that you and I discuss that the young man is trying to get in the system as well, just to run pass them he is going to be looking for that can you tell them about that? Sinkler Boone advised actually there are a couple of more that Billy Milhouse got sites on now, out in Gospel Hill (Army Road & Navy Drive). Councilman Heyward Livingston advised, I don't know if does roads meet the criteria are not. Sinkler Boone advised well some work will have to be done to them it appears to be some denoted right of way in there, but it would be quite a bit of work in there to improve those. Henry Summers asked what about Stephon, Mr. Boone advised, well Mr. Willie B. Owens knows about Stephon and those are actually subdivision roads so that's a little different criteria and actually Stephon's got two and he got plans for quite a few houses out there off the Belleville road and even Rick Strongman has a little area down there off of Santee River that he wants the County to take. Sinkler Boone advised he knows there are some roads in Council district areas that they get calls about and they are private roads that folks want the County to do maintenance on and that's another part of this equation to, at some point in time you going to be asked.

Councilman Harry Wimberly advised let's look at this situation right now, this road here has sixty six (66) feet of right of a way and all the County has to do absolutely nothing but go scrape it. Sinkler Boone confirm, yes go scrape it. Councilman Harry Wimberly advised it fits the access road criteria, if you got a road in your area that meets the same qualifications, we can take this road right here and own it as a standard and any road that meets this same standard and got sixty six (66) feet of right away, and the County don't have to do anything but scrape it, we can consider it an Access Road, when we went back Johnnie years ago and set up that Access Road we did it just for that reason, to help some country folks out.

Councilman Johnnie Wright confirm that was one of the reasons why we set it up, that was the compromise of using the Access Road thing that says you don't have to scrape it on a regular basis, it would be scrape as needed. Councilman Johnnie Wright advised I realized that some of them (roads) could turn into a monsters because, if people start driving big trucks and stuff on the road, the County may end up blading more regular than others.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell stated I know Sinkler Boone has an ordinance there but I would like to have it re-stated/re-written to the point where it can be real clear to the citizens on

what we are doing or how we going to do it or if we going to do anything and we all can be acting on the same accord and not just picking and choosing.

Councilman Heyward Livingston advised will we've always followed guidelines before, if you follow the guidelines what we got set forth nobody can go wrong. I don't care where, if it's Holly Hill, North, or where it's at, we follow the guideline.

Councilman Harry Wimberly asked now if you got a road that meets the guidelines put it on the table and we'll put it in. Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised in the past, in the recent past I have some subdivisions. Councilman Harry Wimberly advised, subdivisions are different. Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised, this is going to turn into a subdivision. Councilman Harry Wimberly advised, we can't help what it's going to turn into but right now it is not a subdivision. Sinkler Boone confirm it is just a private road that wants to come into the County system. Councilman Harry Wimberly advised if it was a subdivision it couldn't come in.

Councilman Willie Owens asked what's makes this not a subdivision, I see five (5) lots already marked off. That's a sign of a subdivision. Councilman Harry Wimberly advised it's not listed in the County as a subdivision. Sinkler Boone advised there is not a subdivision plan on that area down there yet. Councilman Harry Wimberly advised a subdivision has to go through County Planning, so this has nothing to do with County Planning, so it is not a subdivision.

Councilman Willie Owens asked what the difference between this and Stephon, Stephon's own went through County Planning? Sinkler Boone advised far as I know it has been. I know the one out on the North has. Councilman Willie Owens advised, but you not sure. Councilman Harry Wimberly advised if it hadn't been, then it's not a subdivision, see we have rules and regulations. Councilman Willie Owens advised, yeah, I want to go by the rules and regulations.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell advised I just want it to be clear.

Councilman Harry Wimberly advised if you got a road that's sixty six (66) feet of right of away and the County don't have to do anything else to it, basically we got to accept it because that what I plan was years ago, it's an Access Road.

Councilman Johnnie Wright advised that wasn't it only, if they had more than two houses or more. Sinkler Boone confirm, it was two are more residences, structure and or businesses.

Henry Summers asked, let's just say hypothetically the Committee pass the road, will this gentleman come back and turn the area into a subdivision after the County has passed the road? Councilman Harry Wimberly advised he would have to pave the road, new subdivision law says you got to have a pave road. Henry Summers asked, but the Committee would have already agreed for the County to scrape the road, could he trick you? Councilman Harry Wimberly advised yeah he could make it a subdivision but he would have to pave the road before the County could accept it. If you had a subdivision on record in the County and you

had it planned out, rather you had one house built or no house built but it was drawn out and had been submitted to the planning commission, it was a subdivision and it got grandfathered in, from that point on if you come in with a new plan, you have to have a pave road. The rules are there, and this road here can get accepted by the rules without any problems.

Councilman Harry Wimberly advised the only clause I would put in if the committee accepted this road, we accept it as an Access Road, that he would have to on his own expense, move all those pins from the center line, set those pins back thirty-three (33) feet back from the center line, that would be on him, not the County. Sinkler Boone confirm at whatever point he did that, that is when the County would start blading, meaning it's an Access Road and it will not be bladed every time the County comes down, not every thirty (30) days but it will be bladed.

Henry Summers asked, if the committee agree to this, would it be possible to get some language in there that is a little bit strenuous than what you said a moment ago, just in case this gentleman is figuring he gets the County to accept this road as an Access Road, he gets it on paper that the County is going to do that, then he begins to sale lots or whatever he decides to do, can there be some kind of language that would deter him from turning it into a subdivision and the County will still have to scrape it? Councilman Harry Wimberly advised he can't, subdivision laws, he can't, he can sale five acres and it will be a subdivision then, if he sales a lot less than an acre or an acre or less, he can't sale but one (1) or two (2) acres.

Councilman Johnnie Wright reiterated Henry Summers question "you were asking okay if the County starts scraping the road and this gentleman sales all these lots whose going to be monitoring when he do and when he doesn't do, so you are wanting something that says, the County agree to take this road in as an Access Road but if you sale the lots and want to create a subdivision, you are going to have to pave the road. Henry Summers confirm that's what he was saying. Councilman Heyward Livingston advised the County will take care of all that, if he wants to create a subdivision, the County is going to make him pave the road.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell entertained a motion. Councilman Harry Wimberly made a motion that the Committee accept this road in the Access system and the landowner move all the property pins off the road right of away thirty-three (33) feet from the center line and any attempt for a subdivision must go through planning. Councilman Heyward Livingston second the motion.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell second the land owner relocate the property cone pins thirty-three (33) feet from the center line of the road and it be put in the system as an Access Road and any attempt for subdivision must go through planning. Motion carried. (5-0-0).

**3. ADJOURNMENT**

**Chairman Ravenell asked for a motion for adjournment. Councilman Wimberly motioned that Orangeburg County Council Public Works Committee of August 15, 2016 be adjourned. Motion carried (5-0-0-0).**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.**



**Connie N. Portee  
Clerk to Council**



**Johnny Ravenell  
Chairman  
Public Works Committee**