



**MINUTES**  
**ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
**September 6, 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:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**Janie Cooper-Smith**  
**Harold Young, County Administrator**  
**Marion Lloyd, Deputy County Administrator**  
**Henry Summers, Deputy Administrator for Public Services**  
**Jerrod Anderson, Deputy County Attorney**  
**Connie Portee, Clerk to Council**

**PRESS:**

**John Mack, The Times & Democrat**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Johnny Ravenell, Chairman**

**Chairman Johnny Ravenell called to order a special session of the Orangeburg County Public Works Committee on September 6, 2016, at 4:31 p.m.**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**Moment of silence observed**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**August 15, 2016**

**Councilman Harry Wimberly motioned that the minutes of the special called meeting of the Orangeburg County Council Public Works Committee of August 15, 2016 be approved as written. Councilman Willie Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0)**

**1. CLOSURE REQUEST SEEKING APPROVAL TO CLOSE DOCKET STREET FOR REMOVAL AND RELOCATION**

**Chairman Johnny Ravenell yielded to Deputy County Attorney Jerrod Anderson. Attorney Jerrod Anderson gave the committee an overview of the plans to do renovations to the parking area and to the structure of the court house. The plan is to close the present position of Docket Street and Doyle Street will come straight down into Amelia Street. The County has already applied with the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) and they have authorize its closure and have deeded the right a way to the County. So now it is in the County hands to further and finish authorizing this closure. Since this is County property, all I would need you to do is formally close this road, and I will file action to close this public right of way. So the new Docket Street will run from Russell Street.**

**Councilman Harry Wimberly asked, are we not going to change the name of that road?**

**County Administrator Young advised the name of the road would not be changed because the court house has a Docket Street address and if the name of the road change, it would change all the court house documents. What we had discuss was calling it Martin Luther King Jr. Plaza.**

**Councilman Willie Owens asked, where would the plaza be located?**

**County Administrator Young advised it would be in front of the court house. It would be a double parking area within that space, all that would be a plaza instead of being a road.**

**Deputy County Attorney Jerrod Anderson also advised the plaza would come from the court house all the way to the new location of the road.**

**County Administrator Young advised in the design we discuss about redesigning the court house steps to be a ramp, instead of straight up steps. Another problem they have is with storage of records at the court house, so right above where the steps are this would be a pop out (of additional space) for a record storage area but this is a separate project but it would look as shown on the diagram. This plan will add forty (40) parking spaces to what we presently have now at the court house. For this project we were waiting on South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) to give us the approval to do away with the curve in the road and now they have given us the authorization, we can move forward with the completion of the plaza.**

**County Administrator Young advised the top of the court house storage space is a separate project because it would come out of a different set of funds but if we can find a way to get it done then we will bring it back before the committee. We currently have a lot of issues with the handicap entrance at the court house, so safety is paramount but we can't really be safe because the handicap entrance is on the other side and it's not up front where the metal detector part so if you in a wheel chair they have to let you in on that side. So with this project**

it would, allow the ramp to be in the front entrance a long side the traditional steps so in the event if someone wants to have a meet on the court house steps day.

Deputy County Administrator Marion Lloyd also advised about the handicap entrance which is a great concern on the security side, I spoke with the Sheriff's Office, someone coming through there may not really be handicap and haven't gone through the metal detectors.

County Administrator Young advised for citizens there are presently only two (2) handicap parking spaces near that ramp, so for someone being dropped off, if there are no parking spaces, someone will have to find another parking space to unload that person and then roll them up the ramp. County Administrator Young also advised from the diagram, that there is a down section underneath those steps where there are two (2) doors and this is where all the flooding takes place because the drain underneath there gets clogged up, so with this project it would do away with those doors underneath the steps and make one big entry way into the court house.

Councilman Willie Owens asked, when would this process for this project start? County Administrator Young advised the process has already started, the architects and engineers are working on a plan and when they get the plans finalize we'll be ready to bid, once we bid it out then construction can get started. We have already spoken with Curry Walter Insurance Agency, he is going to let us use his lot for parking while construction is taking place.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell asked, normally when we deal with road issues we do an abandon maintenance so this is not an abandon maintenance, so are we skipping that process and going directly to the closure or relocation of the road?

County Administrator Young advised on this one what we did was asked them to give us that road, which is not what we normally do, but in this case with Docket Street we asked and their response was yeah, but on their level they would have to actually be the ones to do the closing.

Councilman Harry Wimberly advised so when the new road get built it's going to be a County road because the City could take it back, so the County is going to own a road right in the middle of Orangeburg.

County Administrator Young advised, yes sir, and anytime we get ready to do something at the court house we won't need permission from anybody to shut the street down because it will be our road.

Chairman Johnny Ravenell entertained a motion. Councilman Harry Wimberly made a motion that the Committee move forward on the closure, for removal and relocation of Docket Street. Councilman Heyward Livingston second the motion. Motion carried. (6-0-0).

**2. ADJOURNMENT**

**Chairman Ravenell asked for a motion for adjournment. Councilman Heyward Livingston motioned that Orangeburg County Council Public Works Committee of September 6, 2016 be adjourned. Councilman Harry Wimberly second the motion. Motion carried (6-0-0-0).**

**Meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.**



**Connie N. Portee  
Clerk to Council**



**Johnny Ravenell  
Chairman  
Public Works Committee**



South Carolina  
Department of Transportation

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Christy A. Hall, Secretary of Transportation  
 Brian W. Keys, Deputy Secretary for Finance and Administration

FROM: Michael W. Barbee, Director, Rights of Way *Michael W. Barbee*

DATE: August 5, 2016

RE: Execution of Quitclaim Deed for Road Removal Action, Orangeburg County  
 Road S-924 (Docket Street f/k/a a portion of Doyle Street)

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Upon request from the County of Orangeburg, approval was obtained from the South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission for both the formal removal of a portion of Road S-924 (Docket Street f/k/a a portion of Doyle Street) from the State Highway System and for conveying the right of way of same on July 21, 2016. Therefore, a gratis Quitclaim Deed conveying to the County of Orangeburg the right of way for the road as described below and comprising approximately 0.06 of a mile of road right of way is recommended for your execution. *Two copies of the Quitclaim Deed are attached for execution.*

Description:

Road S-924 (Docket Street f/k/a a portion of Doyle Street): From Road S-1361 (St. Paul Street) Northeasterly for a distance of approximately 0.06 of a mile to Road S-70 (Amelia Street).

Derivation:

The Department acquired right of way for this portion of Road S-924 by Legislative Act 329 of 1951 and action of the Commission dated September 21, 1961.

*Please return to Right of Way Office, Room 422 or call 737-1526 upon completion.*



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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
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COUNTY OF ORANGEBURG ) QUITCLAIM DEED

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 57-5-340, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, the South Carolina Department of Transportation has authority to dispose of the premises hereinbelow described, which premises are no longer required for purposes of the South Carolina Department of Transportation; Now Therefore,

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the South Carolina Department of Transportation ("Grantor"), for and in consideration of the sum of Five and no/100 Dollars (\$5.00) to it in hand paid, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby remise, release and quitclaim unto the County of Orangeburg ("Grantee"), all its right, title, interest in or to the following described property:

All that certain piece, parcel, or tract of land, situate, lying, and being a portion of Road S-924 (Docket Street f/k/a a portion of Doyle Street) in the City of Orangeburg in Orangeburg County, State of South Carolina, containing approximately 0.06 of a mile of road right of way, and all improvements thereon, as shown on Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof, and being shown on the South Carolina Department of Transportation Plans for Road S-924, File 38.689, Sheet 7, and being further described as follows:

Existing right of way on each side of the centerline of Road S-924 (Docket Street f/k/a a portion of Doyle Street) extending from the present right of way line of Road S-1361 (St. Paul Street) in a Northeasterly direction for a distance of approximately 0.06 of a mile to the present right of way line of Road S-70 (Amelia Street).

This portion of Road S-924 was removed from the SC State Highway System by approval of the Highway Commission on July 21, 2016.

This being a portion of the right of way added to the State Highway System pursuant to Legislative Act 329 of 1951 and action of the Commission dated September 21, 1961.

Grantee's Address: P.O. Drawer 9000  
Orangeburg, SC 29116

This conveyance is being made subject to any and all existing public utility rights of user, reservations, easements, rights of way, control of access, zoning ordinances and restrictions or protective covenants that may appear on record or on the premises, other than those hereby released.

TOGETHER with all and singular, the rights, members, hereditaments and appurtenances to the said premises belonging, or in anywise incident or appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all and singular, the said premises before mentioned unto the County of Orangeburg, its successors and assigns, forever.

ATTEST TRUE COPY  
*C. Elaine G. Douglas*  
REGISTER OF DEEDS  
ORANGEBURG COUNTY SC

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ENTERED IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR  
DATE: 08-12-2016  
JIM MCLEAN, ORANGEBURG COUNTY ASSESSOR

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ELAINE G. DOUGLAS  
REGISTER  
OF DEEDS

*C. Elaine G. Douglas*  
REGISTER OF DEEDS

WITNESS the hand and seal of the South Carolina Department of Transportation  
this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Sixteen.

Signed, sealed and delivered  
in the presence of

Maria J. Young  
Catherine L. Brooks

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION

By: Christy A. Hall (L.S.)  
Christy A. Hall, Secretary of Transportation

By: Brian W. Keys (L.S.)  
Brian W. Keys, Deputy Secretary for Finance  
and Administration

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF RICHLAND

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) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  
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Personally appeared before me the above named Grantors on behalf of South Carolina  
Department of Transportation and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.

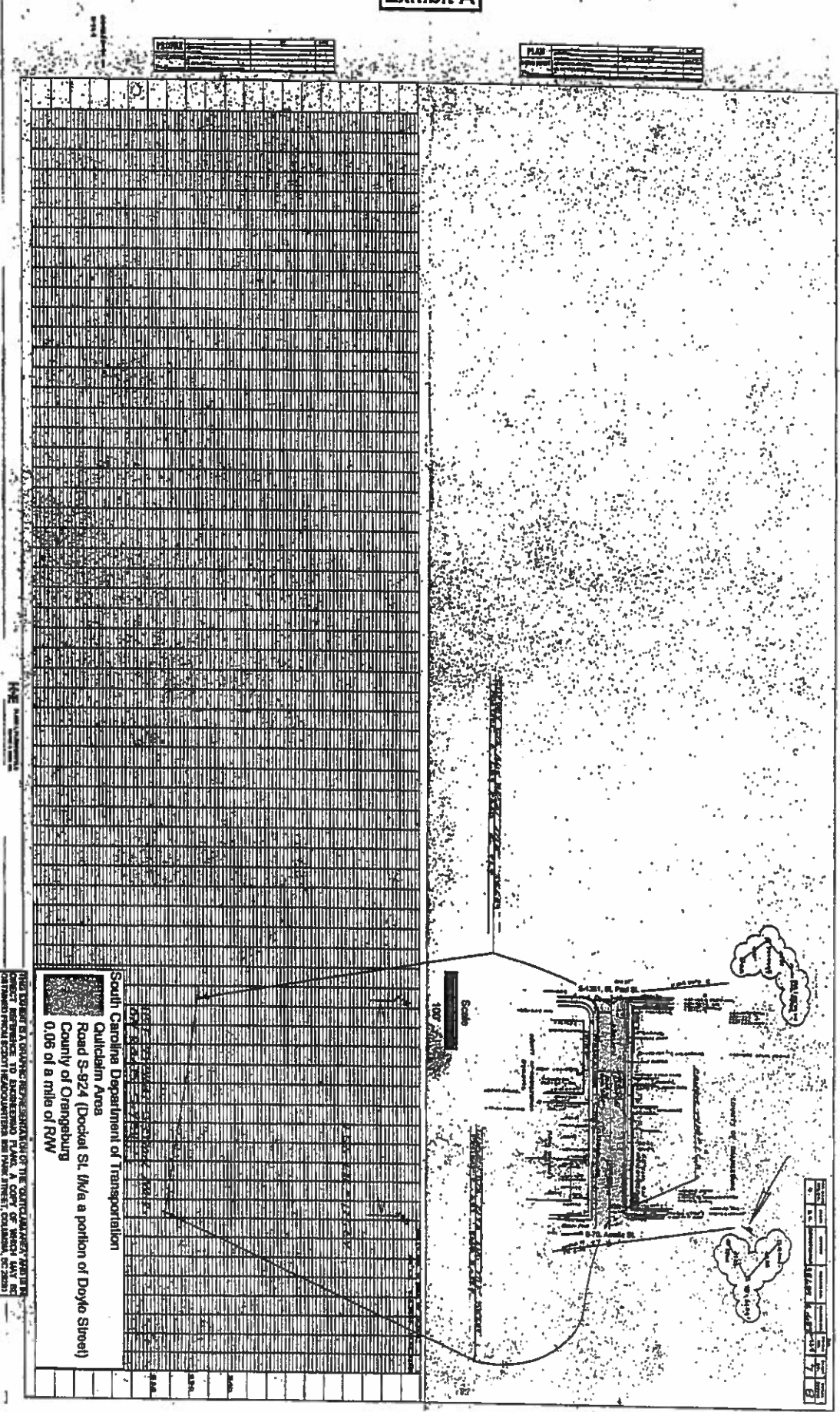
Catherine L. Brooks  
Notary Signature

Catherine L. Brooks  
Printed Name of Notary

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR THE STATE OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA

My Commission Expires: 2/8/26  
(Affix Seal if outside SC)

**Exhibit A**



2022 Design-Build Project #2022-0017, PLAN FOR THE QUILCLAIM AREA, DOCKET ST. (w/a a portion of Doyle Street)



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA }  
COUNTY OF ORANGEBURG }

AFFIDAVIT FOR TAXABLE OR EXEMPT TRANSFERS

PERSONALLY appeared before me the undersigned, who being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- 1. I have read the information on this affidavit and I understand such information.
- 2. The property was transferred by the South Carolina Department of Transportation  
to County of Orangeburg on August 10, 2016

3. Check one of the following: The deed is

- (A)  subject to the deed recording fee as a transfer for consideration paid or to be paid in money or money's worth.
- (B)  subject to the deed recording fee as a transfer between a corporation, a partnership, or other entity and a stockholder, partner, or owner of the entity, or is a transfer to a trust or as distribution to a trust beneficiary.
- (C)  exempt from the deed recording fee because (See Information section of affidavit): #2 (Explanation required) (If exempt, please skip items 4-7, and go to item 8 of this affidavit.)

If exempt under exemption #14 as described in the Information section of this affidavit, did the agent and principal relationship exist at the time of the original sale and was the purpose of this relationship to purchase the realty?  
Check Yes  or No

4. Check one of the following if either item 3(a) or item 3(b) above has been checked. (See Information section of this affidavit):

- (A)  The fee is computed on the consideration paid or to be paid in money or money's worth in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (B)  The fee is computed on the fair market value of the realty which is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (C)  The fee is computed on the fair market value of the realty as established for property tax purposes which is \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Check YES  or NO  to the following: A lien or encumbrance existed on the land, tenement, or realty before the transfer and remained on the land, tenement, or realty after the transfer. If "YES," the amount of the outstanding balance of this lien or encumbrance is \_\_\_\_\_.

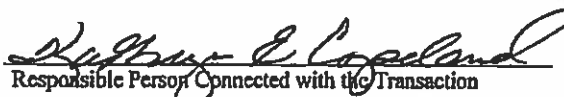
6. The deed recording fee is computed as follows:

- (A) Place the amount listed in item 4 above here: \_\_\_\_\_
- (B) Place the amount listed in item 5 above here: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If no amount is listed, place zero here.)
- (C) Subtract Line 6(b) from Line 6(a) and place the result here: \_\_\_\_\_

7. The deed recording fee is based on the amount listed on Line 6(c) above and the deed recording fee due is: \_\_\_\_\_

8. As required by Code Section '12-24-70, I state that I am a responsible person who was connected with the transaction as:  
the Property Management Manager for the South Carolina Department of Transportation

9. I understand that a person required to furnish this affidavit who wilfully furnishes a false or fraudulent affidavit is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

  
Responsible Person Connected with the Transaction

Kathryn E. Copeland  
Print or Type Name Here

Sworn this 10<sup>th</sup> day of Aug., 2016  
Laura B. Alexander  
Notary Public for South Carolina  
Laura B. Alexander  
Print or Type Name Here  
My Commission Expires: 7-27, 2019