

TOWN & COUNTY
Liaison Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall Conference Room

1. Update on Town & County's Long Range Transportation Plans - *County*

Mr. Burke presented a map to those in attendance of the recommended regional roadway improvements. He noted that the 2035 Transportation Plan document had not been finalized as of yet, adding that both the Town and County would be reviewing it to make certain the projects listed were current and valid. Mr. Burke stated that the Town would place it up an upcoming worksession and possibly have Mr. Short from VDOT present to discuss the matter as well. He noted that both the Town and County would work together towards adoption of formal 2035 plan.

Chairman Fox noted that with the \$1.4 billion in funding that VDOT referenced, perhaps the roads would come to fruition and match the actual plans that will be adopted.

Councilman Conkey stated that the agenda packet contained excellent ideas. He noted his concern with the narrowness of John Marshall Highway and was please that said road was listed for consideration. Mr. Conkey added that the information on the roads was a good start to the future of the community.

Chairman Fox noted that the Bentonville low water bridge replacement would begin soon and eventually they would address the low water bridge at Morgan's Ford Road as well.

2. Update on McKay Property – *County*

Mr. Burke stated that Tuesday evening the County approved the rezoning for the area, which was another step on the list to be completed. He noted that the Town and County would begin working towards the marketing of the property and they would provide more information to each respective Board as it was available.

3. Update on Urban Development Areas (UDAs) -- *Town*

Mr. Burke stated that the Town had identified sufficient property in the Town limits for urban development and they were now looking to see where the County was in reference to the project.

Chairman Fox indicated that the County had decided to have a worksession on Tuesday with regard to the UDA's. He added that there will be a request for a consent approval, though he was unsure if it would go through. Chairman Fox stated that after the meeting on Tuesday, the County could advise the Town as to where they are on the UDA matter.

4. State of Government Access Channel Equipment -- *Town*

Mr. Burke explained that the current life of the technology to air meetings was nearing it's end. He stated that Comcast explained that the equipment is either no longer made, or is available, but at a high price. Mr. Burke noted that the Town was looking at DVD technology or some type of other digital media to bring the meetings to the Town Hall system for broadcasting. He added that the Town and County may need to pay for the appropriate equipment upgrades at an approximate cost of \$1,000.

5. Consideration of Scheduling Quarterly or Bi-Annual Joint Meeting -- *Town*

Mr. Burke noted that there has been an interest for other joint meetings similar to the recent one regarding the Fair Funding Formula.

Chairman Fox voiced his support of both entire bodies meeting once every six months perhaps. Supervisor White asked if it would be in addition to the Liaison Meetings; Mr. Burke and Councilman Conkey noted that was correct.

Councilman Conkey opined that having both entire bodies of Council and the Board of Supervisors together allowed them to view the issues at hand and reminded everyone that the Town and the County were in the 'same boat' so to speak.

Supervisor White expressed his agreement, noting that both bodies seem to share that point of view, noting that meeting at least twice a year would continue to strengthen the two board's relationship.

6. Field Review of Municipal Operations -- *Town*

Mr. Burke stated that arranging field visits for each locality to better understand how the others work may be beneficial. He noted that having the County representations explain their services to members of the Town Council/Staff would provide a greater understanding of how the two could better work together, and vice versa.

7. Update on Route 522 Corridor -- *Town*

Mr. Burke noted that the Town was currently in their cycle of budget meetings and monies which are being lost in the Corridor area are being discussed. Chairman Fox stated that Mr. Stanley had conveyed that he (Mr. Stanley) and Mr. Burke would be meeting soon to have preliminary discussions on the important matter.

Present: Chairman Fox, Supervisor White, Vice Mayor Holloway, Councilman Conkey, Town Manager Burke, Clerk of Council Berry and members of the press.

Jennifer E. Berry
Clerk of Council