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Economic Development, Transportation, Natural Resources and Regulatory Subcommittee Meeting

June 2, 2015

9:30 a.m.

Room 403 - Blatt Building

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- I. Pursuant to House Legislative Oversight Committee Rule 6.8, S.C. ETV was allowed access for streaming the Subcommittee meeting. You may access archived video of this meeting by visiting the South Carolina General Assembly's website (<http://www.scstatehouse.gov>) and click on "Committee Postings and Reports," then under House Standing Committees click on "Legislative Oversight". Lastly, click on "Video Archives" for a listing of archived videos for the Legislative Oversight Committee.

MINUTES

- I. House Rule 4.5 requires the standing committees of the House to prepare and make available for public inspection, in compliance with Section 30-4-90, the minutes of full committee meetings. House Rule 4.5 further provides that such minutes need not be verbatim accounts of such meetings. It is the practice of the House Legislative Oversight Committee to provide minutes, which are not verbatim accounts of such meetings, for its Subcommittee meetings.

Attendance

- II. The Economic Development, Transportation, Natural Resource and Regulatory Subcommittee (Subcommittee) meeting was called to order by Subcommittee Chair Phyllis J. Henderson on Tuesday, June 2, 2015, in Room 403 of the Blatt Building, Columbia, South Carolina. The following Subcommittee Members were present: Subcommittee Chair Henderson, Representative Robert L. Ridgeway III and Representative Ralph W. Norman. The following Members arrived after approval of the minutes from the previous meeting: Representative Samuel Rivers, Jr., and Representative Wm. Weston J. Newton, Chairman of the House Legislative Oversight Committee.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

III. Subcommittee Chair Henderson submitted proposed minutes from the Committee’s previous meeting, April 28, 2015. Representative Norman moved to approve the minutes. A roll call vote was held, and all present voted in favor of approval.

Rep. Norman’s Motion to Approve the Minutes from the April 28, 2015 Meeting	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Phyllis Henderson	Yea		
Rep. Ralph Norman	Yea		
Rep. Robert Ridgeway	Yea		
Rep. Samuel Rivers			(Not Present at time of Motion)
LOC Chairman, Rep. Weston Newton, at his discretion may vote on any subcommittee matter			(Not Present at time of Motion)

Discussion of the Study of the Department of Transportation

IV. This was the third meeting with the Department of Transportation (“DOT”) held to provide the agency and the public an update on the status of the oversight study of the agency; allow DOT to provide information about their budget process and allow Subcommittee Members to begin asking questions about the agency’s budget process.

Subcommittee Chair Henderson began by providing an update on the status of the oversight study. She then swore in all the individuals present on behalf of DOT, including: Karl McCottry, Assistant Human Resources Director; Jim Feda, Director of Maintenance; Jim Warren, Deputy Director of Finance and Procurement; Christy Hall; Deputy Director of Engineering; Mark Lester; Deputy Director of Intermodal Planning; Allen Hutto, Government Relations.

Next, Chair Henderson asked DOT to provide a brief overview of their budget and Jim Warren, Deputy Director of Finance and Procurement began the discussion. Subcommittee Chair Henderson, Representative Norman, and Representative Newton asked various questions throughout the discussion. Based on the question, DOT determined which of their representatives would answer. Of the DOT representatives, the following answered questions: Jim Warren, Christy Hall and Mark Lester.

The Subcommittee Members requested further details from DOT regarding the following, which DOT stated they would be happy to provide within a day or two:

- DOT’s definition of the term “maintenance” and examples of what type of work fall into the two categories of maintenance discussed by Christy Hall during the meeting and any other categories of maintenance;
- Chart that explains which pieces of the pie charts in the SCDOT 2015/16 Budget Submittal relate to Maintenance work; Operational and Capacity Improvement Projects, etc.;
- Breakdown of each bond including outstanding debt, interest rate, maturity date, etc.;
- Breakdown of payroll including a listing of each SCDOT employee, the employee’s annual salary, and the total annual cost of that employee to the agency; and

- The following for each County Transportation Committee (“CTC”): current governance structure and expenditures for the last five years.

At the close of the meeting, Chair Henderson mentioned some of the items the Subcommittee will want DOT to discuss during the next meeting, which included: further details about CTC and their relationship with DOT as well as additional details regarding the DOT budget, including, but not limited to, salaries and bonds.

Adjournment

V. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.