

**COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**Minutes of June 9, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Works was held on Thursday, June 9, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., in the Boardroom at 121 West Court Avenue.

**In attendance:**

Gene P. Hancock	Steve D. Reeves, Jr.	Vickie Gorham	George Petersen
Michael G. Monaghan	Ken Barnett	Richard Gentry	Stacia May
Henry O. Watts	Jeff Chapman	Jeff Meredith	Natalie Parramore
	Carlos Cometto	Cary Bishop	Chris Trainer
	Denise Ogletree	David Tuck	Bill Patrick
	Eduardo Noriega	Vicki Knott	Mark Warner
	Greg Shaw	Chris Lindley	Welborn Adams
			Kenn Wiltshire

I. Chairman Watts called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Commissioner Hancock.

II. Chairman Watts gave the statement of compliance with the notification provision of the Freedom of Information Act.

III. Business:

A. Chairman Watts presented a recommendation to deed the Grace Street property to the City of Greenwood. He noted that the Commissioners had received a draft of a Quitclaim Deed for review.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hancock to approve the transfer of the Grace Street property to the City of Greenwood; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Monaghan, and unanimously approved.

IV. Other Business:

1. Commissioner Monaghan referred to departmental reports noting some confusion with ongoing projects. He asked if grants for Augusta Fields had been approved. Manager Reeves responded that the Augusta Fields project was only pending action by the Budget and Control Board; construction is ready to begin. Commissioner Monaghan asked what would happen if they did not approve the project. Mr. Chapman responded that a Notice to Award had been issued; the only thing left is processing of the paperwork. Commissioner Monaghan asked about the remaining grants shown in the report; Mr. Chapman responded that the rest are grants that have either been

- applied for or still in the application process. Commissioner Monaghan noted that the barcode project could be discussed with Mr. Auman at the next meeting.
2. Mr. Warner with the Economic Alliance reported on strong project and retail activity, adding that they should be hearing something official soon from Project Pursuit. He continued that there had been a first reading at County Council on Project Smoke, a retail project, and City Council is ready for their portion. They are also close to closing another project soon.
  3. Chairman Watts asked about bank charges each time a debit card is used to pay a utility bill. Ms. Ogletree responded that it is \$1 per transaction, adding that a percentage is charged for credit cards.
  4. Mayor Adams expressed appreciation to the Board for bringing the Grace Street property issue back to the forefront. He added that from a budget standpoint they cannot construct a park at this time; hopefully, the City can take the first step by taking the property and then move forward. He continued that they are working along with Natalie to get the votes needed. Ms. Parramore stated that this was sweet apple pie, and had been a long time coming. She expressed appreciation to the Board on behalf of the Greater Greenwood Parks and Trails Foundation and Parks Commission for making this happen. She added that whatever projects they have worked on in the past had all started with a piece of land. She continued that this project would have a huge impact on Greenwood County, and expressed commitment to educate people and convince them that this is a worthwhile project. Mr. Wiltshire expressed gratitude to the Board and the hope that they can do something with the property. Commissioner Hancock stated that they have got to get money; the 23,000 City residents cannot support a park for 70,000 people in the County. There has to be a revenue stream to support the park; the Parks Commission should not have to go out begging for money all the time. Ms. Parramore stated that so much of what has happened in the past has been volunteer driven efforts; the most important thing today is to land bank the property, understand its value and what it could mean for the future of Greenwood. Then, lay out the plan and make sure everybody is in agreement before moving forward.

V. Executive Session:

A motion was made by Commissioner Monaghan and seconded by Commissioner Hancock to go into *Executive Session* for contractual and legal matters; the motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting returned to open session. Manager Reeves noted that during *Executive Session* the first item discussed was a Settlement Agreement with the Duke Energy/Progress Energy merger, which provides protection for CPW against any added cost that may result from that merger. He recommended that the General Manager be authorized to execute that Agreement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Monaghan authorizing the Manager to execute the Settlement Agreement; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Hancock, and unanimously approved.

Manager Reeves continued with the second item that was a Sub-Recipient Agreement between Greenwood CPW and the City of Greenwood pertaining to the funding allocation for the Augusta Fields Water System Replacement Project. He recommended that the General Manager be authorized to execute that Agreement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hancock authorizing the Manager to execute the Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Monaghan, and unanimously approved.

After noting that there was discussion of a third item, Commissioner Monaghan made a motion to rescind a previous motion to charge Greenwood Metro for billing at \$1.33 and to maintain the current billing rate of \$1. The motion died for lack of a second.

VI. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

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Secretary