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Finance Committee Agenda
February 9, 2023 at 5:00 PM
4045 Bridge View Drive, North Charleston, SC 29405

- 1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2023**
- 2 CONSENT AGENDA**
 - 2A Historic Preservation Commission - Appointment (1)**
- 3 PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTORATE ITEMS**
 - 3A McBride Rd Improvements Eminent Domain - Request to Adopt**
- 4 CORONER'S OFFICE ITEMS**
 - 4A Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Opioid Grant - Request to Accept**

Charleston County Council

Memorandum

To: Members of the Finance Committee

From: Kristen Salisbury, Clerk of Council

Date: February 1, 2023

Subject: Minutes of January 26, 2023

At the Finance Committee meeting of February 9, 2023, the draft minutes of January 26, 2023 will be presented for approval.

Charleston County Council

Memorandum

To: Finance Committee
From: Kristen Salisbury, Clerk of Council
Date: February 8, 2023
Subject: Historic Preservation Commission

Mr. Kobrovsky has nominated W. Michael Walsh for appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission for a term to expire December 2026.

Committee Agenda Item

To: Bill Tuten, County Administrator
From: Steve L. Thigpen **Dept.:** Public Works
Subject: McBride Rd Improvements Eminent Domain
Request: Request to Adopt
Committee: Finance Committee **Date:** February 09, 2023

Department	Approver
Deputy County Administrator	James D. Armstrong
Budget	Mack Gile
Legal	Marc Belle
Administrator	Bill Tuten
Clerk	Kristen L. Salisbury

Fiscal Impact:

Funds are available in the 2nd Transportation Sales Tax Fund.

Funding: Was funding previously approved? YES

If yes, please provide the following:	Org	Object	Balance in Account	Amount Needed for item
	TT4205001			\$229,693.22

Situation:

McBride Road Improvements is one of the prioritized Rural Roads projects approved for funding by County Council back in July 2020. After preliminary improvement plans were created, it was determined that sufficient right-of-way would need to be acquired to proceed with the improvement plans.

A Right-of-Way agent was contracted to acquire the necessary right-of-way needed for the road improvements. After making contact with the landowners or their heirs and researching the title information in the ROD Office, it has been determined that it will be necessary to condemn the proposed right of way for McBride Road Improvements for TMS #7110000073 as shown on the attached exhibit. Contact with the individual currently residing on the property was made for this tract and the project was explained to him. He is in agreement with proceeding with the project and has signed the "Concurrence" letter which acknowledges that a friendly condemnation is necessary since the property needed is still owned by an Estate.

Staff requests that Council approve the use of the eminent domain in order to avoid negatively impacting the entire schedule in efforts to get the improvements constructed for the citizens that reside on McBride Road.

Department Head Recommendation:

Adopt the attached resolution which authorizes the use of eminent domain for McBride Road Improvements for TMS # 7110000073.

Resolution # _____

Adopted: _____

A RESOLUTION

**AUTHORIZING THE EXERCISE OF EMINENT DOMAIN TO ACQUIRE TITLE TO OR INTERESTS
IN REAL PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING ROAD IMPROVEMENTS FOR
THE
MCBRIDE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

SECTION I. FINDINGS

**THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CHARLESTON COUNTY, IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED,
HEREBY FINDS AS FOLLOWS:**

WHEREAS, as a project being undertaken as part of its Transportation Sales Tax Program, Charleston County intends to construct certain improvements to McBride Road in McClellanville in Charleston County, SC (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the plans for the improvements will be shown on the technical drawings entitled "Construction Plans" (the "Plans"); and

WHEREAS, the Plans will depict, *inter alia*, the existing roadway, the proposed roadway and the privately-owned properties and portions of properties that the County seeks to acquire to complete the Project; and

WHEREAS, said Plans are subject to refinement and revision as additional design efforts and investigations are undertaken regarding the roadway alignment and the Project's components, including but not limited to sidewalks, utilities, drainage facilities and the traveling surface; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of the privately-owned property TMS# 7110000073 will be accomplished in accordance with the eminent domain laws of the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of Charleston County to acquire title to or an interest in the privately-owned properties in order to complete the Project; and

WHEREAS, public purposes, health, welfare, and safety, including, but not limited to, the facilitation of commerce and the convenience of the traveling public will be served by acquiring the properties and completing the Project; and

WHEREAS, the properties acquired will be for a public use, including but not limited to, the improvement of a publicly-owned thoroughfare in Charleston County.

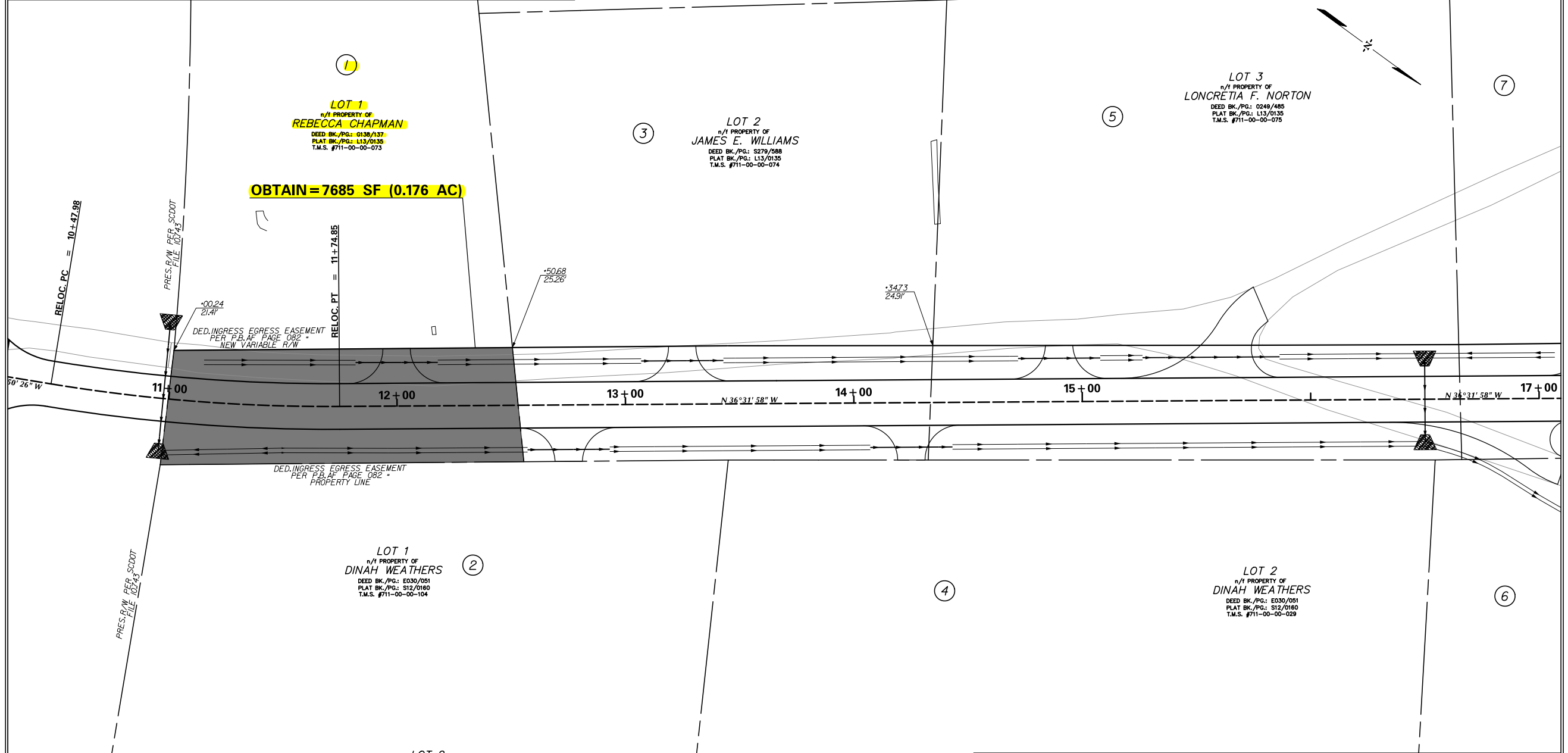
SECTION II. ACTIONS AUTHORIZED

As a result of the findings set forth above, and by virtue of the powers granted to the County under the constitution and statutes of the State of South Carolina, the Charleston County Council hereby authorizes and directs the following:

Charleston County Council hereby authorizes the exercise of eminent domain to acquire full title or a property interest in the privately-owned property that will be shown on the above-described Plans, as the same may be refined or revised from time to time, for the Project. Council expressly authorizes the acquisition of the parcels that will be identified on the above-described Plans, in whole or in part, as the needs of the Project so require.

EXHIBIT "A"

THIS EXHIBIT IS A GRAPHIC REPRESENTATION OF THE "AREA OF ACQUISITION" AND IS IN DIRECT REFERENCE TO ENGINEERING PLANS, A COPY OF WHICH CAN BE OBTAINED FROM SCDOT HEADQUARTERS; 955 PARK STREET, COLUMBIA, SC 29201. ADDITIONALLY, UPON COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION, A RECORDABLE RIGHT OF WAY PLAT SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE REGISTER OF DEEDS IN COMPLIANCE WITH SCDOT STANDARD DRAWING 809-105-00.



OBTAIN = 7685 SF (0.176 AC)

LOT 1
 n/1 PROPERTY OF
REBECCA CHAPMAN
 DEED BK./PG.: G138/137
 PLAT BK./PG.: L13/0135
 T.M.S. #711-00-00-075

LOT 2
 n/1 PROPERTY OF
JAMES E. WILLIAMS
 DEED BK./PG.: S279/588
 PLAT BK./PG.: L13/0135
 T.M.S. #711-00-00-074

LOT 3
 n/1 PROPERTY OF
LONCRETIA F. NORTON
 DEED BK./PG.: 0249/485
 PLAT BK./PG.: L13/0135
 T.M.S. #711-00-00-075

LOT 1
 n/1 PROPERTY OF
DINAH WEATHERS
 DEED BK./PG.: E030/051
 PLAT BK./PG.: S12/0160
 T.M.S. #711-00-00-104

LOT 2
 n/1 PROPERTY OF
DINAH WEATHERS
 DEED BK./PG.: E030/051
 PLAT BK./PG.: S12/0160
 T.M.S. #711-00-00-029

LOT 2
 n/1 PROPERTY OF
DINAH WEATHERS
 DEED BK./PG.: NONE FOUND
 PLAT BK./PG.: S12/0160
 T.M.S. #711-00-00-145

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

**MCBRIDE ROAD
 AREA OF ACQUISITION FROM TRACT 1
 CHARLESTON COUNTY**

ORIGINAL PREPARED: 04-13-22

GRAPHIC SCALE 1" = 50'

Committee Agenda Item

To: Bill Tuten, County Administrator
From: Bobbi Jo ONeal **Dept.:** Coroner
Subject: Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Opioid Grant
Request: Request to Accept
Committee: Finance Committee **Date:** February 09, 2023

Department	Approver
Grants	Gail Marion
Budget	Mack Gile
Legal	Marc Belle
Administrator	Bill Tuten
Clerk	Kristen L. Salisbury

Fiscal Impact:
 No match required.

Funding: Was funding previously approved? N/A

If yes, please provide the following:	Org	Object	Balance in Account	Amount Needed for item

Situation:

The Charleston County Coroner’s Office requests permission to accept funds for the FY23 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program’s Opioid-Related Deaths grant. This is year three of grant funds for this project. The grant provides funds to hire a full-time Special Opioid Medicolegal Investigator. The investigator will continue to act as a liaison between the Coroner’s office, law enforcement agencies, and other organizations. This individual will investigate drug-related deaths, track toxicology reports, input data into the DEA Mapping system, conduct data analysis and analytics, work with the Forensic Toxicologist, and perform other investigative and preventative initiatives.

Department Head Recommendation:

Approve the Coroner’s request to accept the FY23 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program’s Opioid-Related Deaths grant program. The request is for \$60,913.00 to hire a Special Opioid Medicolegal Investigator with the understanding that:

- The grant period is October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023
- There is a one FTE associated with this request
- There is no employer contribution match