



Richland County Council
Regular Session
MINUTES
March 15, 2022 – 6:00 PM
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Overture Walker, Chair, Jesica Mackey, Vice-Chair, Bill Malinowski, Derrek Pugh, Yvonne McBride, Paul Livingston, Joe Walker, Gretchen Barron, Cheryl English and Chakisse Newton

OTHERS PRESENT: Michelle Onley, Angela Weathersby, Kyle Holsclaw, Ashiya Myers, Randy Pruitt, Michael Byrd, Stacey Hamm, Dale Welch, Geo Price, Jeff Ruble, Leonardo Brown, Tamar Black, Lori Thomas, Patrick Wright, Justin Landy, Michael Maloney, Aric Jensen, Abhi Deshpande, Quinton Epps, Zachary Cavanaugh, Anette Kirylo, Sandra Haynes, Steven Gaither, Ashya Myers, Dwight Hanna and Syndi Castelluccio

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman O. Walker called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00PM.
2. **INVOCATION** – The Invocation was led by the Dr. George A. Ashford, Jr., Lead Pastor at Journey Church.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Honorable Overture Walker.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. **Zoning Public Hearing: February 22, 2022** – Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Ms. Barron, to approve the minutes as distributed.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, J. Walker, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey, English and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. **Regular Session: March 1, 2022** – Ms. McBride moved, seconded by Ms. English, to approve the minutes as distributed.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, J. Walker, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey, English and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

5. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Ms. Barron, to adopt the agenda as published.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, J. Walker, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey, English and Newton

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The vote in favor was unanimous.

6. **REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS** – The County Attorney, Mr. Patrick Wright, stated there are no items for Executive Session.

7. **CITIZENS' INPUT**

- a. **For Items on the Agenda Not Requiring a Public Hearing** – No one signed up to speak.

8. **CITIZENS' INPUT**

- a. **Must Retain to Richland County Matters Not on the Agenda (Items for which a public hearing is required or a public hearing has been scheduled cannot be addressed at this time)**

Ms. Carol Goodson Eaddy, 1204 Clarkson Road, Hopkins, SC 29061 spoke regarding the County taking over Wendell V. Neal Road, a poorly maintained private road, to curtail the use of her backyard as a cut through. Ms. Eaddy provided the Clerk's Office with a signed petition, which has been incorporated into the minutes.

9. **REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

- a. **Conservation Commission Annual Plan** – Mr. John Grego gave a brief overview of the Conservation Commission's Annual Plan.
- b. **Coronavirus Update** – The County Administrator, Mr. Leonardo Brown, stated, at the time he presented the report for the agenda packet, the County was considered in the medium tier. Currently, the County is considered to be in the low tier. He noted 57.6% of County residents have completed their vaccination.

Mr. J. Walker inquired if the County is considered to still be in an emergency situation.

Mr. Brown responded, at the low level, the CDC recommends individuals stay vaccinated and get tested if they exhibit symptoms.

Mr. J. Walker moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to immediately terminate the emergency ordinance and resume normal operations.

Mr. Livingston inquired if someone from the prevailing side would have to make the motion.

Mr. Wright responded it is appropriate for any Councilmember to make the motion, but it would take a super majority to pass the motion.

Ms. Barron inquired as to what the emergency ordinance included, and what the County would be doing at this point.

Mr. Wright responded, from his understanding of the motion, all of the emergency things in place related to COVID would be undone.

Ms. Barron inquired if that includes the mask ordinance.

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Mr. Wright responded in the affirmative.

Ms. Barron stated, for clarification, this would eliminate the shields and all of the safety precautions put into place in the last two years.

Mr. Wright responded we would not necessarily have to take away the shields, but everything we use from now on, would not be on the basis of an emergency. He noted this may call into question some of the issues being discussed in the Coronavirus Ad Hoc Committee.

Ms. Barron noted this motion could impact the funding associated with the items being taken up by the Coronavirus Ad Hoc Committee.

Mr. Wright stated, if there is no longer an emergency, there is no need for any emergency funding.

Mr. J. Walker withdrew his motion, and encouraged someone on the prevailing to reconsider.

c. **Project Updates** – Mr. Brown stated additional remapping sessions have been scheduled. The schedule is as follows:

- **Garners Ferry Adult Activity Center – Banquet & Dining Hall
Thursday, March 17, 2022; 6:00 -8:00 PM**
- **Parklane Adult Activity Center – Banquet & Dining Hall
Monday, March 21, 2022; 6:00 – 8:00 PM**
- **Gadsden Park Community Center – Banquet Hall
Tuesday, March 22, 2022; 6:00 – 8:00 PM**
- **North Springs Park Community Center – Banquet Hall
Thursday, March 24, 2022; 6:00 – 8:00 PM**
- **Pine Grove Community Center – Banquet Hall
Monday, March 28, 2022; 6:00 – 8:00 PM**
- **Ballentine Community Center – Banquet Hall
Tuesday, March 29, 2022; 6:30 – 8:30 PM**

Ms. Newton requested staff provide additional information to the constituents.

d. **Other Updates** – Mr. Brown stated they are preparing to review applications that have been received for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. No new applications will be accepted until all of the applications on file have been processed.

Mr. Livingston inquired if they will take into account if a person's financial status has changed.

Mr. Brown responded in the affirmative.

Redistricting Process – Mr. Brown read an email from the Voter Registration & Elections Director, Alexandria Stephens, related to the constituents being issued new voter registration cards if their precincts were affected by the redistricting process. She assured those wishing to file for candidacy

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that there is a system in place to check the street addresses against GIS.

10. **REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL** – Ms. Kirylo reminded Council there will not be a Zoning Public Hearing on March 22nd. The next Zoning Public Hearing is slated for April 26th. In addition, those Councilmembers wishing to register for Institute of Government classes in August, should contact the Clerk’s Office to coordinate registration.

11. **REPORT OF THE CHAIR** – No report was given.

12. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

- a. **An Ordinance Authorizing an easement to East Richland County Public Service District for sewer utility facilities; specifically located at the Cooper Library Branch of the Richland Library, being at 5317 Trenholm Road and described as TMS # 14014-06-25 [SECOND READING]**
- b. **An Ordinance Amending Sections 16-5 and 16-7 of Article 1, Chapter 16 of the Code of Ordinances of Richland County relating to business licensing and regulation and to establish an effective date for certain amendments to the Code of Ordinances [SECOND READING]**

Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve the consent items.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, J. Walker, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey, English and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

13. **THIRD READING ITEMS**

- a. **An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 12, Garbage, Trash and Refuse; to rename the chapter and replace the language therein to more clearly reflect the operations and administration of solid waste, recycling, and public sanitation within the County** – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. J. Walker, to defer this item until the April 5th Council meeting.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, J. Walker, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey, English and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

14 **REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

a. **NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENTS**

- 1. **Hospitality Tax – Three (3) Vacancies (ONE applicant must be from the Restaurant Industry)**
- 2. **Richland Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees – Two (2) Vacancies**

Ms. Barron stated the Rules and Appointments Committee recommended appointing Mr. Christopher

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Ziegler to the Hospitality Tax Committee and Mr. William Garland to the Richland Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, J. Walker, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey English and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

15. **REPORT OF THE SEWER AD HOC COMMITTEE**

- a. **Modifications to ERCPSD Special Purpose District Boundary** – Mr. Malinowski stated the Sewer Ad Hoc Committee recommended Council approve the proposed modifications to the East Richland County Public Service District’s Special Purpose District (ERCPSD) boundary.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, J. Walker, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey, English and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. **Richland County Properties Identified for Water Master Plan – TMS # R02315-01-14 and TMS # R01700-02-02** – Mr. Malinowski stated the Sewer Ad Hoc Committee recommended Council approve placing a hold on any sale or use of these properties until Richland County Utilities’ Master Plan in completed.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, J. Walker, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey, English and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- c. **Projects Funded by Grants** – Mr. Malinowski stated the Sewer Ad Hoc Committee recommended Council approve staff’s pursuant of various projects where a grant may cover all, or a portion, of the project cost over the next few years. The projects include, but are not limited to , the following: (1) Shady Grove Pump Station (PS) Rehabilitation; (2) 24” Forcemain (FM) Gadsden Elementary to Eastover Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP); (3) Eastover WWTP Upgrade; (4) 10” FM from Rabbit Run to Garners Ferry Road; and (5) Stoney Point/Cedar Cove Sewer Rehabilitation Project.

In Favor: Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, J. Walker, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey, English and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. J. Walker, to reconsider Items 15(a) – 15 (c).

Opposed: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, J. Walker, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey, English and Newton

The motion for reconsideration failed.

16. **OTHER ITEMS**

- a. **FY22 – District 10 Hospitality Tax Allocations:**

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1. Township Auditorium - \$7,500
2. Town of Eastover - \$7,500
3. Lower Richland Alumni Foundation - \$7,500
4. Auntie Karen Foundation - \$5,000
5. LR Sweet Potato Festival - \$5,000
6. Columbia City Ballet - \$5,000
7. EdVenture - \$5,000

Ms. English moved, seconded by Ms. Barron, to approve this item.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey, English and Newton

Opposed: J. Walker

The vote was in favor.

Ms. English moved, seconded by Ms. Terracio, to reconsider this item.

Opposed: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey, English and Newton

The motion for reconsideration failed.

17. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – There were no items for Executive Session.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Ms. Mackey acknowledged that the Clerk of Court, Jeanette McBride was in the audience.

18. **MOTION PERIOD** – There were no motions.

19. **ADIJOURNMENT** – Ms. Barron moved, seconded by Mr. J. Walker, to adjourn.

In Favor: Malinowski, Pugh, McBride, Livingston, Terracio, J. Walker, Barron, O. Walker, Mackey, English and Newton

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:42 PM.

District 10

To Richland County Councilwoman, Cheryl English, in the County of Richland, and to the Richland County Council members: In consideration with resident complaints and request:

On November 18, 2013, Roland L Boyd Sr., purchased Tax Map Number:R21500-02-74 Wendell V Neal Road, 1.03 Acres with dimension legal description (PR53-2913, 53-3589) Zoned Rural. This property is an access road to four properties in Richland County. Under the ownership of Mr. Boyd Sr, he is responsible for the upkeep of the access road. The road is in poor condition owned by him. Upon many pleas, he refuses to provide good quality of service for the citizens, who lives on that road. Mr. Boyd Sr, does not reside on that roadway in Richland County.

We hereby petition for better right away, repairs and other maintenance works for Wendell V Neal Rd to be established and maintained as a public road by Richland County:

- 1. ~~Sam D Boyd~~ 101 Wendell V. Neal Rd, Hopkins
- 2. Jacqueline D. Bryant " "
- 3. Paul Fred Laddy 1204 Clark Rd Hopkins
- 4. ~~Kelli S. Gaddy~~ " "
- 5. Carol Anderson 115 Wendell V. Neal Rd
- 6. Starmore Foster 115 Wendell V. Neal Rd
- 7. Jessie S. Foster 115 Wendell V. Neal Rd,
- 8. Nathaniel Pringle 114 Wendell V. Neal Rd
- 9. Lillo Williams 106 Wendell V. Neal Rd
- 10. ~~Lillo Williams~~ 108 Wendell V. Neal Rd
- 11. Ted Bastie 108 Wendell V. Neal Rd
- 12. Archie Williams 108 Wendell V. Neal Rd
- 13. ~~Weylin Pringle~~ 108 Wendell V. Neal Rd
- 14. Nathaniel Pringle 104 Wendell V. Neal Rd
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February 3, 2022

Ms. Cheryl English
Richland County Council
District 10

Mrs. Carol "Carleen" Goodson-Eaddy
1204 Clarkson Rd
Hopkins, SC 29061
(803) 917-7910

Ref: Wendell V Neal Road

Dear Councilwoman English,

In 11/18/2013, Roland L Boyd Sr. purchased Tax Map Number R21500-02-74 WENDELL V NEAL RD, 1.03 Acres with dimensions' Legal description (PR 53-2913,53-3589) Zoned Rural. This property is an access road to four properties to prevent them being landlocked and cannot be used for any other uses.

The road has become impassable with large potholes which the owner refused to repair or maintain and residents are driving through my property (1204 Clarkson Rd), which is a burden becoming dangerous.

Mr. Boyd should not have been allowed to purchase that property initially because of its purpose. Emergency vehicles like Fire, EMS and Law Enforcement, Mail Services needs access the road to serve residents.

I am requesting with you, other constituents, and some experts to discuss what can be done to resolve this issue.

The County can purchase the property, Imminent Domain, if necessary, to repairs and service the road. This can be done through a motion to committee Development Services then to full Council. It is a Special Circumstance Safety issue.

December 21, 2021, I mailed Mr. Boyd a letter, which is enclosed about the upkeeps on Wendell V. Neal Road, as the date of this letter, he has not responded.

Respectfully,

Carol "Carleen" Goodson-Eaddy

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December 21, 2021

Carol Goodson-Eaddy
1204 Clarkson Rd
Hopkins, SC 29061

Mr. Roland L. Boyd, Sr
P. O. Box 322
Hopkins, SC 29061

Dear Mr. Boyd,

I am writing this letter to your notice the bad conditions on Wendell V Neal Road, located in Richland County, Hopkins, South Carolina. For quite some time the road has been almost impassable that the families and friends, who are visiting their love ones are using my backyard as a pass through. This is unacceptable for me.

I have made several contacts and requests to you personally, but you insisted that I am the only one complaining, which is not true. In the past, my neighbor (who lives on the road) has tried to reason with you, but to no avail. The dwellers are not pleased with the upkeeps on the road. It has been neglected for a long time. Wendell V. Neal Rd is full of dangerous potholes, muddy during rainy seasons, and dusty in the course of dry seasons.

This road serve families, who lives on it. They deserve a drivable, safe access, and right-away in peace. According to Richland County, you purchased Wendell V Neal Rd. Therefore making you responsible for the maintenance.

So I am grateful to you, if you take action to repair the road, paving it, or having Richland County to maintain it.

Thank you and I hope for immediate reply (within thirty days) and action with this request or I will seek legal attention to this matter.

Sincerely Yours,



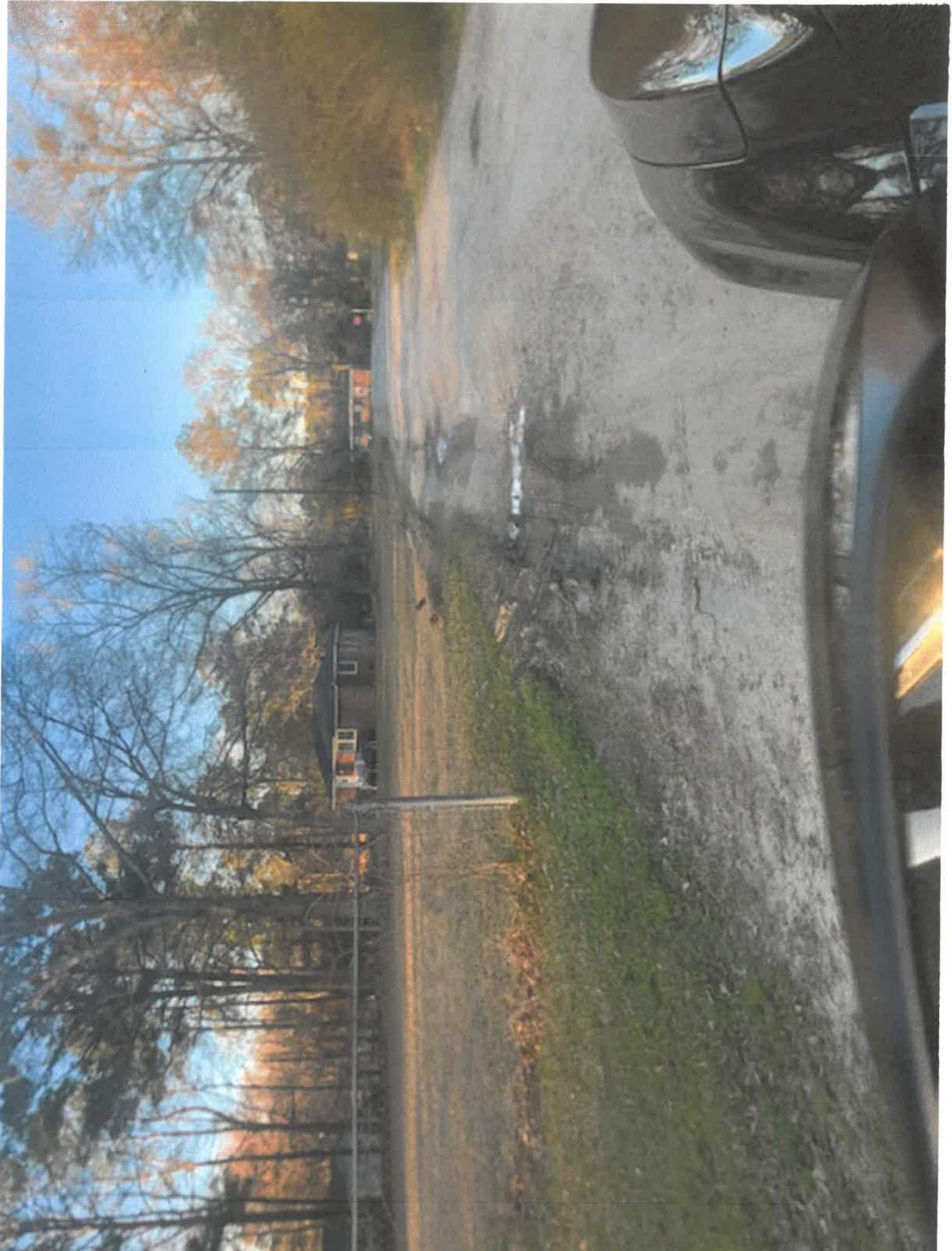
Carol Goodson-Eaddy

Enclosures: Pictures of Wendell V Neal Rd

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Wendell V Neal Rd

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