

CARTER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
April 11, 2011

- Attendance

Present: Ernest “Gebe” Ritchie, Richard, Steve Lowrance, Sonja Culler, Robert Gobble, Joel Street, Charles Von Cannon, John Lewis, Russell Kyte and Attorney Keith Bowers

Ernest “Gebe” Ritchie – Committee Chairman called the meeting to order.

The committee approved minutes from the March 14, 2011 meeting after a correction requested from Commissioner Charles Von Cannon regarding Scotty Minton owner of the Ice House. Mr. Minton was represented by Attorney at Law – Ken Hale who requested a 25 foot alley (on his property) be opened to allow more parking spaces. Removed the statement “on his property” Mr. Minton does not own this property.

The committee addressed continuous concerns regarding water drainage problem, deterioration of a county road and several other areas of concerns.

- Trudy Brumitt – Wild Rose Lane located off Rockhouse Road – County Attorney Keith Bowers advised Ms. Brumitt that he will continue researching by looking at each plat and the contractors involved. He also stated that he plans to look at the minutes from past meetings for information that would assist to determine who is responsible for the upkeep of this road and will report to the committee and Ms Brumitt.
- Steve Blevins -232 Blevins Road - Several Commissioners, County Attorney Keith Bowers and Assistant Road Superintendent Doug Miller visit the site and concluded to resolve the problem will need to remove dirt from bank and build curbs on each side of road. This will reroute water runoff and prevent flooding on Mr. Blevins property.
- Chris Schuettler – Planning Director address the committee about the flooding of property located in the Lincoln Subdivision of Lynn Valley. He presented a map showing Phase II and Phase III which included E.L. Bowers Road, Abe Lincoln Drive and Robert Lincoln Drive. Several residents attended meeting stating their property get 1 ½ feet of water due no drainage. The subdivision had two retention ponds, one now has a building on it and the other is filled in. Also some residents have filled in ditch line which has caused flooding on other properties. The deed states that a seven foot ditch for drainage on each side of road is required. To resolve drainage problem the ditch line must be opened and retention pond must be maintain. Commissioner Sonja Culler made motion that Planning Office sends letters to residents with a time limit of 30 days to open 7 foot ditch line and motion second by Commissioner Joel Street, committee voted in agreement. Planning Director, Chris Schuettler agreed to send letters to residents who have blocked ditch line.

- Jeffrey Hughes - Resident of Clover Branch, reported that a walk-way with a canopy located on Siam Road is built on county right of way. He said in his research he discovered there was no building permit issued, the structure was built beyond owner's property line and was a zoning violation. Mr. Hughes named several Tennessee Codes to back up his complaint. The County Attorney, Keith Bowers listen attentively then firmly advised Mr. Hughes this should be addressed to the Planning Committee not the Highway Committee.
- Chairman Gebe Ritchie addressed the committee regarding the WRRWA cutting the Siam Road to install water line. He stated the poor resurfacing of the Siam Road is unacceptable and that the WRRWA should be responsible for resurfacing road back to county specification. The committee voted to have the County Attorney, Keith Bowers handle this matter. Chairman Ritchie suggested the county commission pass a resolution stating that Utility Companies sign a bond to ensure county road is completely over layed and must be sounded by Road Superintendent.
- Juanita Miller - Concerned Citizen – Inquired when the Rittertown Road Bridge will be built since it was approved in 2008.
- Motion made by Chairman Gebe Ritchie to adjourn, second by Joel Street, approved by committee.