

Carter County Highway Committee
October 14, 2013

APPROVED

The Carter County Highway Committee Meeting was called to order promptly at 10:00am by Co-Chairman Joel Street.

Commissioner Street noted the passing of Commissioner Ernest "Gebe" Ritchie, Chairman of the Highway Committee. Mr. Street requested a moment of silent prayer for the family and he offered a verbal prayer afterwards.

In the absence of the Committee Secretary Mrs. Gouge-Dietz, Co-Chairman Street asked Commissioner Von Cannon to take and prepare minutes of the meeting.

Absent: Mrs. Gouge-Dietz; Steve Lawrence, Tom Bowers filling in; Ms. Sonja Culler, Russell Kyte filling in; Mr. Ritchie, Buford Peters was appointed to fill in for "Gebe" during his extended illness.

Roll Call: Commissioners Gobble, Lewis, Von Cannon, Street plus the 3 fill ins; 7 present, 1 absent.

Co-Chairman ask that the election of officers be postponed until the November meeting. Committee member Von Cannon allowed that Mr. Ritchie would want the Committee to move forward and nominated Buford Peters for the Carter County Highway Committee Chairman, with a second from Commissioner John Lewis.

No other members were nominated; however, a roll call was asked for by Co. Chairman Street. The votes-Gobble, aye; Lewis, aye; Kyte, aye; Bowers, aye; Street, aye; Von Cannon, aye; and Peters passed, initially, changed his vote to aye. The call for Vice or Co. Chairman nominating Joel Street was Commissioner Bowers with a second from Commission Gobble, voice vote yielded all ayes. Mrs. Bobbie Gouge-Dietz was re-elected as Secretary by voice vote- all ayes. Co. Chairman Street asked for approval of the Agenda, motion to accept by Lewis, second by Gobble, all ayes.

Mr. Jonathan Powell was introduced as the temporary Carter County Highway Dept. Supervisor replacing the recently retired Doug "Slim" Miller.

Old Business

- The long standing problem of drainage/flooding on Taylor Avenue, (Biltmore Community), as brought to the Committee's attention over a year ago by Mr. Harvey Tester and Mr. Cable, was addressed by Mr. Eugene Coleman of Tysinger, Hampton and Partners. Their recommendations which included ditching the high side of Taylor Avenue, curbing some sections of the lower side of Taylor plus a catch basin on County property were approved by the Committee as well as Carter County Road Superintendent Jack Perkins. Mr. Perkins also indicated the cost of the project would come out of current county road funds. Commissioner Von Cannon motioned to approve the plan with a second from Commissioner John Lewis, the vote yielded all ayes.
- Braemer drainage problems as originally brought to the committee by Mrs. Helen Cates and Mr. Milan from the Hampton Community. Carter County Planning Director Chris Schuettler indicated that clearing brush from an existing right of way should improve

the drainage. Mrs. Cates and her family have maintained a portion of the right of way for years and she asked that the County maintain the total right of way in the future.

- Traffic Problem/Speed Limit change request- Commissioner Ken Arney brought to the Committee a request to reduce the speed limit on Riverbottom Rd. In Valley Forge. The narrow road is very congested and involves people crossing the road from a church parking lot to the church building. Mr. Arney recommended 15 mph, he was informed that the Committee requires a petition signed by families along the road with a recommended speed limit.
- Mr. Jonathan Powell reported a request to name an access road between Old Bristol Highway and the New 19E the "W. G. Woods Road". The Committee advertises and requires a Public Hearing to evaluate possible other names for the access road.
- Another Keensburg area problem involves Spears Avenue, Wilson Avenue, and Ellis Avenue. There is a 911 problem. The Committee will sort out the problem.
- Lower Sinking Creek flooding-Several Commissioners have visited this site along with County Mayor Leon Humphery. The principal damage was to the Charles Goodyear property, although every spring branch along the road topped the roadway. Many metal drain tiles were either plugged with mud and debris while others were mashed close by traffic leaving the narrow roadway. *By the acting secretary admission there was the most rainfall in the shortest time in my 55 years living in the area.
- Jonathan Powell presented a plan to the residents of Lower Sinking Creek Road they are in agreement to his corrective measures.
- Again Commissioner Von Cannon warned of the undermining of Greenlee Road at Joe Carr Bridge, (just off King Springs Rd). Two heavy rains did undermine King Springs Road, however the damage (luckily for Carter County) occurred just up-stream from the Carter County line. Cost nearly \$500,000 according to a recent newspaper article.

Public Comments

Greg Marlow of Marlow Lane, (0.1 miles in length), asked about widening of County Roads. The lane will soon carry more traffic if a trailer park comes on line. Someone stated the right of way is 30'. Von Cannon's check of the Carter County Road list indicated that the road surface is only 11' wide with no additional right of way for widening the road surface and ditch lines.

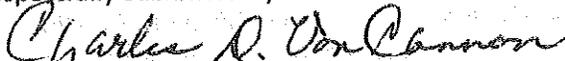
Mrs. Juanita McKinney of 304 Winters Rd. brought two issues to the attention of the Committee.

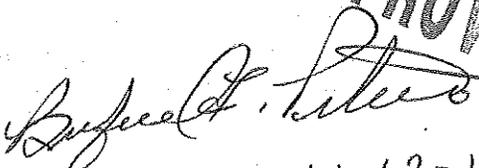
1. Ditches filled with sediment and not carrying water volume at 304 Winters Rd.
2. A problem at Cripple Creek and Keg Mottern Road.

Commissioner Von Cannon will visit these sites and report back to the Committee.

Motion to adjourn by Peters, second by Lewis, all ayes.

Respectfully Submitted by


Charles D. Von Cannon, Acting Secretary



CHAIRMAN 11-12-13