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CARTER COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES/ February 1, 2016

Roll call: 7 members present/ 1 member absent--Present – Acuff, Dietz, Hill, Miller, Simerly, Von Cannon, Ward-Absent Gobble

Chairman Hill requested permission to amend the printed agenda to add two items to the agenda- a voice vote-all ayes

Old Business:Orr street extension-this street is on the road list and is shown as 15 feet wide of paved surface. Approximately 130 feet for some reason was never completed. The committee will consider completing the street upon receipt of the required ROW, deed, etc. required for the consideration

Name change: Morrell Cemetery Road to Sunnyview Ln—Chairman Hill closed the regular meeting and opened a public meeting concerning the name change. No one appeared to challenge the name change. A motion was made by Commissioner Ward with a second by Commissioner Acuff to present this change to the full commission-A voice vote-all ayes

High Speed Internet: Chairman Hill called Rep. Tim Hill, who indicated that money may be available for a survey on the subject. Commissioner Von Cannon read from our last meeting of an effort by Mayor Humphrey concerning applying for a Broad Band Pilot program sponsored by the state. The full commission voted not to apply.

New Business: Chairman Hill relayed complaints of school buses not picking up on roads with no plowed private property turn-a –rounds. Mr. Phil Fritts from the audience pointed out that there is a state statute allowing private property turn-a-rounds to be plowed.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Combs on Cedar street off Rock House Road asked that his driveway off Cedar street be returned to his ownership. His deed indicates the drive is owned by the county. Further research indicates that possibly one other landowner has land that fronts the driveway. More research is needed.

Mrs. Vista Clark daughter of Durward Julian wants a bridge/highway named for her soon to be 100 year old father. Mr. Julian has been a tireless civic minded individual in the Roan Mountain area for many years. Mrs. Clark listed his many civic efforts over his long productive lifetime. A public hearing will be called for the March meeting to consider naming a short section of Old Highway 143 in his honor. Commissioner ward motioned for the public hearing with a second from Commissioner Acuff-all ayes

Citizens Concerns: Three gentlemen from the Happy Valley High School area appeared before the committee. Mr. Phil Fritts of Country Acres Dr. spoke of speeding and vehicles running into lawns. He indicates the heavy traffic occurs as school is being dismissed at the end of each school day. To avoid traffic toward Milligan, the individuals upon leaving the school grounds turn right onto Slemp Lane, right on Country Acres, right on Warrior Lane and then left on Milligan highway. Commissioner Von Cannon motioned that the Commissioner for this area, the citizens involved, and Superintendent Colbaugh get C together and develop solutions to their problems.

Mr. San Stewart of 126 Humphries Lane asked for this street to be placed on the road list. This street with 5 houses and 1 business building was considered by Mr. Jack Perkins and the road committee

several years ago. Commissioner Von Cannon (the street is in the 3rd district) and Mr. Colbaugh will make a preliminary evaluation.

Commissioner Ward spoke of two concerns in his district. Mr. Burchett responded that a shallow ditch could not be deepened due to a water line a few inches under the shallow ditch.

Superintendent Colbaugh: The Railroad grade road bridge project is virtually completed at a cost of approximately \$122,000.00 vs. a replacement cost of \$750,000 to \$1,000,000. This project would have cost at least \$100,000 for the engineering study alone. Since his project came out of the Highway Department fund balance, the balance wasn't endangered.

Commissioner John Lewis speaking from the audience again pointed out two blind school bus stops. One on 321 and the other on 67, both state highways. The exact information will be forwarded to Chairman Hill so he can contact TDOT. Having completed the agenda. Von Cannon motioned to adjourn with a second from Acuff. Voice vote-all ayes

Respectfully submitted by Charles Von Cannon

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