

CARTER COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES-JUNE 6,2016

Roll call-Acuff, Collins, Dietz, Hill, Miller, Von Cannon, and Ward were present-Simerly- absent

Approval of the May 2, 2016 minutes-The secretary asked that each member read the minutes before the approval vote. For the past 3 or so months requests have been made to change or add wording to the minutes outside of the committee approval vote. Usually these changes amounted to sanitizing the minutes. Motion to approve the June 6 minutes- all ayes

Approval of the current agenda-all ayes

Old business-Speed limit reduction on the Braemar section of Dennis Cove road (Hampton)

Mr. Lane is developing a petition of signatures to the committee requesting a speed limit change.

Attorney Joshua Hardin had presented a Road Adoption Procedure and a procedure for naming a bridge or road after an outstanding and worthy citizen.

The Carter County Bridge/Road Dedication Procedure passed as written

The Carter County Road Adoption Procedure was expanded by adding a step to the procedure. After the second step the committee added as step 3 : Before a road can be accepted and before paving begins all ditching and all driveway piping (tiling) (as determined by the Road Superintendent must be in place. The county will furnish the labor: however the property owner must pay for the driveway tiling.

Commissioner Von Cannon pointed out that many of our complaints stem from non-tiled driveways.

New business-With the resignation of Commissioner Robert Gobble, who served as the Committee Vice-Chairman, the committee needed to elect a new vice-chair. Commissioner Acuff was nominated by Mr. Ward. Mr. Ward was nominated by Mr. Miller. Mr. Ward declined the nomination. Mr. VonCannon motioned that the nomination cease and Mr. Acuff be elected by acclamation. All ayes

Chairman Hill suggested a ribbon cutting or dedication of the re-worked Blevins Bridge. Due to the fantastic work of the Carter County Highway Department in bringing this bridge back on stream at a huge savings in taxpayer money, several recognition options were discussed. Since the bridge is of historic significance, it seems fitting to recognize it as one of the few structures associated with the EAST TENNESSEE and WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA RAILWAY (ET&WNC). Commissioner Hill and Commissioner Von Cannon will research the history.

239 Riggs Road-The work to correct this problem was performed on June 6-this meeting date.

Jed Dickey -Speeding complaint-1098 Smalling Road- This is a situation similar to the 45 degree road exit on the Dennis Cove road. Vehicles exit at stste highway speeds without slowing to posted county road speed limits. Mr. Colbaugh discussed several solutions that have been conveyed to TDOT since this is a state road problem.

Commissioner Acuff mentioned a couple of occasions where vehicles have left Highway 91 and crashed into the Hunter Baptist Church. He asked about a guard rail. Again this is a TDOT highway. Mr. Colbaugh furnished a TDOT telephone number to Mr. Acuff.

Mr. Colbaughs report discussed current projects. Commissioner Von Cannon had driven over Heaton Branch, Walnut Mountain, White Oak, and Little Stoney Creek roads and found them in excellent condition. These roads comprise the bulk of the un-paved roads in the county

Cynthia and Garry Fritts again attended the meeting and again spoke of neighbors parking along the narrow section of what was Morrell Cemetery road. This road when widened will correct this problem. The property owner wanted to be paid for the land needed for road widening. Commissioner Acuff motioned to pay a negotiated sum -the motion did not receive a second. Commissioner Miller was of the opinion that since the county had always received donated land, that paying would set a precedent.

The 4 way stop sign at Sunrise and Dawn was addressed by Mr. Colbaugh. He feels the committee by voting 7 to 1 to place the signs "hemmed him in" to a situation with which he is not in agreement. It was also pointed out that Sheriff Lunceford and one of the local citizens had expressed their concerns about the 4 way stop signs as a solution to a speeding problem. Commissioner Von Cannon reminded the committee that we are to help the road superintendent by pinpointing road problems. He has the final decision making power. Commissioner Dietz expressed her support of the superintendent to make the final decision.

Citizen concerns-Mr. Vic Hasler requested signage at the Appalachian Trail crossing of 19E near the North Carolina state line. This is TDOT road so Von Cannon made the motion for Chairman Hill to write TDOT with this request-Commissioner Miller offered a second-all ayes

Sherman Kinner -a drain pipe issue-Bear Cage road-This issue like many others throughout the county involves collapsed ends of metal piping due to the narrowness of many of our roads.

Jim McGee-127 Ridgecrest Drive delivered a lengthy history of a ROW dispute with a neighbor. Mr. McGee indicated that he just wanted the committee to know of this problem.

Chairman Hill pointed out that our next meeting is scheduled near the 4th of July holiday and asked the opinion of the committee as to when to schedule the meeting. A motion to skip the meeting was made by Acuff/second by Von Cannon-all aye

Motion to adjourn-all ayes

Submitted by.

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