

CARTER COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 1, 2016

Members Present: Acuff, Dietz, Hill, Miller, Von Cannon, Ward, and Culler attending for Simerly

The minutes of the June 6, 2016 meeting and the present agenda were approved by a voice vote-all ayes

Old Business: The no parking signs along the narrow section of Sunview Drive can now be removed. The neighbors are now working together to keep the road clear. County Attorney Josh Hardin answered a question by stating that EMS vehicles always have the right of way when on a servicing call. The motion to remove the signs was worded by Commissioner Acuff with a second by Commissioner Ward-all ayes

Adoption of the as yet un-named road to Townview Estates was re-visited. The land issue needed to widen the west end of the road was resolved. Attorney Hardin presented a drawing showing the requirements and improvements have been met from prior discussions of this request several months ago. A voice vote-all ayes

Petition to reduce the speed limit on Dennis Cove Road- Mr. Lane showed the committee a petition signed by resident living along the Braemar section of Dennis Cove Road. This section is approximately a mile in length from US321 to the base of Cedar Mountain, after this section Dennis Cove Road is a series of switch-back curves. The petition recommended a speed limit of 20 mph, the committee voted all ayes to reduce the speed limit from 35mph to 25 mph. Note from the secretary: There are side streets that have a 35mph posting. The committee and the superintendent need to review these speed limits as well.

Defacing Signs-Roan Mountain area-Appalachian trail signage vandalized by spray painting. On election day the secretary drove to all voting places in the 3rd district and found spray painting on Happy Valley road stop signs plus crude drawings under the Highway 67 overpass over Happy Valley Road. This area is a hotspot for spray painted drawings and crude words.

A letter from TDOT concerning a request for a Highway 19E pedestrian sign was discussed

Mr. Colbaugh discussed the flooding at Southgate Road.

New Business:County Attorney Josh Hardin presented a plat showing an unused county ROW situation brought to this committee by Mr. Mark Watson for the first time: however several years ago the prior committee thought it was a civil matter. The issue was set aside until more research could be developed. Motion to set aside-Ward-second by Von cannon-all ayes.

Lynn Valley Baptist Church-The highway committee several months ago worked with the church on a road issue as they wished to expand their parking area. Their traffic and parking plans have now changed, due to a fire which destroyed the building. To address their present request would cost the department some \$11,700 in asphalt cost plus paving cost. The committee voted all ayes. This item is to be presented to the full commission.

Keith Kelley and Alice Cohen of the U.S. Forestry Service came to the committee with two issues. They requested the county place no parking signs along the Dennis Cove Road at the Dennis Cove Campground. Secretaries Note:Much of this overflow parking isn't associated with the campground. It has to do with people hiking downstream to the Laurel Fork Falls. The same overflow parking problem occurs at Highway 321 where people park and hike upstream to the falls. The second request was the status of a new bridge over the Laurel fork of the Doe River. Mr. Colbaugh will likely need to take the 20% matching funding for the bridge from the highway department reserve fund. A resolution will be prepared that will require full commission approval. The vote by roll call 7 ayes and 1 no.

Trash dump off railroad Grade road: The asphalt was explained by Mr. Colbaugh from the county, the boat probably can be traced to the owner by the registration # on the boat TN 3505 AX. The debris is a typical hotspot dump.

Planning Director Schuettler introduced Barbara Moffett who several years ago wanted to extend water lines to her property so she could add two more mobile homes to her property. She eventually drilled a well. The problem seems to be a planning issue. Commissioner Acuff motioned to set aside the issue with a second from Commissioner Miller-all ayes

Mr. Jason Smith very vocally informed the committee that he did not agree with the 7 to 1 vote to place 4 way stop signs at Sunrise and Dawn. He admitted coming down the hill toward Highway 91 and running through the stop sign. Mr. Colbaugh has spent approximately \$1,000 for signage at this intersection. Chairman Hill indicated to Mr. Smith that we could re-visit this decision. Commissioner Miller that the vote reflected the views of the committee based on the public hearing and the comments from several individuals.

Seeing no other business-Chairman Hill as for an adjournment motion-Motion by Dietz-second by Ward-all ayes