

Carter County Highway Committee
June 12, 2017
Carter County Highway Department

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The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairman Hill. Commissioners Dietz, Hill, Lewis (substituting for Miller), Peters, Trivett (substituting for VonCannon) and Ward were present. Commissioners Collins and Simerly were absent.

Public Comments

Jim and Darlene Hawk expressed concerns regarding future airport expansions and Sunrise Drive. Mr. Hawk described the volume of traffic on Sunrise Drive that required frequently pulling off the pavement into right of way. Options for future rerouting of traffic were briefly discussed.

Jim McGee spoke about parking and right of way issues that he had raised many times before, and once again was informed that the county could not take sides in an inter personal dispute. Chairman Hill implored McGee to try to sit down with his neighbor and settle the dispute amicably, if possible.

Gregory McKeehan reported a sizeable pothole in the vicinity of 731 Sugar Hollow Road, which is in the Elizabethton City limits. Chairman Hill offered to contact city public works on his behalf. The pothole is scheduled for repair on 6/14/2017.

Old Business

A thank-you was relayed on behalf of the Baldwin family for the quality paving job on Laurel Ave. in Roan Mountain. A request for additional ditching in the vicinity of the Odom residence on Laurel Ave. was also brought forward.

Alleged encroachments on the Wood Lane right of way have been inspected and no action is recommended.

Ivy Cove Road has been inspected to determine eligibility for adoption to the road list. The road is being rejected due to the following:

- not all property owners signed the petition in agreement
- there is a bridge along this route with no posted weight limit and no guard rails that is narrower than state requirements. It was estimated that repairs and upgrades to come into compliance could cost \$400,000.00

No action was taken on the requested conveyance of the unopened alleyway in Roan Mountain between Cloudland Drive and 19E, because the minutes of the School Board meeting where the approval was given had not been presented. The matter was "punted" to the August meeting for final action.

No new information was brought forward on the adoption of Rhododendron Lane.

The installation of an arched drainpipe in the vicinity of 270 Ingram Branch Road is complete except for paving. Paving will be completed in a few weeks once the back fill has settled completely.

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Tweetsie Extension signs will be installed on county roadways as soon as signs and posts are delivered to the Highway Department. Chairman Hill said he would try to go get the signs and bring them to the Highway Department.

Miller Hollow road relocation is underway, with all deed work completed. Silt fence is being installed, "no-rise" flooding assurances have been given by Tom Isaacs and the new road bed should be graded by the end of June, and then paved in July. Sense of urgency is because technically, after the property exchange, the county doesn't own a road to access Miller Hollow until the new road is completed.

New Business

Commissioner Dietz informed the committee of the Wilson Family's upcoming dedication of the Happy Valley bridge on June 26 at 10 am. Senator Crowe has arranged for the signage to be installed at no cost to the family.

Commissioner Lewis informed the committee about missing signs in Poga and Hampton.

Report from Road Superintendent

Mr. Colbaugh stated that we covered almost everything under Old Business. The Highway Department placed two new mowers in service with four more to follow by the end of the month. The mowing crews are busy in the height of mowing season. State Aid projects are being set up for next year, and they are still working on securing needed right of ways for the Roan Mountain Main Street bridge rehab.

July meeting was cancelled.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.