

August 14, 2017

Highway Committee Meeting Agenda
Carter County Highway Department

Roll Call: Present: Dietz, Hill, Miller, Peters, Ward, VonCannon
Absent: Simerly
Arriving late: Collins

1) Approve minutes of previous session.

Motion was made by Dietz, and seconded by Ward to approve the minutes of the previous session. Motion passed by acclamation with all ayes.

2) Approve and current meeting agenda.

Chairman Hill amended the agenda to place a bridge naming for Mike and Sara Sellers under new business. Motion was made by Ward, seconded by VonCannon to approve the meeting agenda as amended. Motion passed by acclamation.

3) Prefix time of adjournment to 3:30

Chairman Hill asked the committee to pre-fix the time of adjournment so that the committee could go and show support to the IDEAS group who was meeting with a representative from TDEC at 4 PM to discuss recreational opportunities in Carter County. There was no motion made, so this agenda item was not taken up.

4) Old Business

The Committee discussed the matter of a 2006 dedication of a bridge in the Foga community in honor of Floyd Harmon who was KIA in Vietnam. For some reason the dedication signage had not been installed since 2006. The Chair presented minutes from the 8/6/2006 Commission meeting in which the dedication had been approved (see attached document). Motion was made by VonCannon and seconded by Ward to proceed with the sign installation, subject to the community paying the current signage fee of \$150 instead of the original \$500 amount set in 2006. During discussion, Commissioner Peters expressed his belief that the community and family should not pay a signage fee on honorariums where citizens were KIA. Superintendent Colbaugh suggested that the signage could be paid for with highway funds in this one instance. Motion was then modified to proceed with the sign installation at no cost to the community. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. Following the vote, the Chair stated that he could find no record of a proper resolution being drafted and read on the commission floor for Mr. Harmon. Ms. Janette Mann then read a brief synopsis of the life of Floyd Harmon, after which motion was made by Dietz and seconded by Ward to direct Attorney Hardin to prepare a resolution for Harmon. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Chairman Hill brought forth word from the residents of Ivy Oak Cove road that they were willing to make the requested railings and modifications to the bridge in order to make the road adoptable. The community requested that Mr. Colbaugh proceed with a weight limit assessment prior to their making any modifications to which he agreed.

Chairman Hill brought forward the Cloudland Drive unopened alley for committee action. County Attorney Hardin informed the committee that the school board minutes had been submitted showing board approval of the conveyance back to contiguous landowners. Motion was made by Ward and seconded by Peters to deed the unopened alley back to contiguous landowners. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Chairman Hill brought forward a request from IDEAS and Backcountry Horsemen for periodic bushhogging of the County-owned Hampton kayak site and the Roan Mountain equestrian parking area off Railroad Grade Road. Superintendent Colbaugh stated that this was a county Sheriff work crew issue and not highway department.

Chairman Hill asked for an update on the Rhododendron Lane adoption. There was no new information.

Thank-yous from the residents of Ingram Branch were brought forward by the Chairman on the speedy reopening of the road after the washout in early July.