

October 9<sup>th</sup> 2017

Highway Committee Meeting

Members present

Mike Hill

Buford Peters

Larry Miller

Charles Von Cannon

Robert Carroll

Bobbie Gouge Dietz

Danny Ward

Members absent

Scott Simerly

1. Chairman Hill called the meeting to order at 2pm. Motion to accept the minutes from September meeting by Ward, seconded by Dietz motion passed.
2. The agenda was amended to put the Election of officers next. The motion was made by Dietz, seconded by Ward. Mike Hill was elected Chairman. Buford Peters was elected Vice-Chairman. The Secretary will be from Courthouse staff.
3. Old Business
  - We recessed for public hearing on Speed limit for Echo Drive. Danny Ward spoke for the community. Their request was to lower the speed limit to 25 miles per hour. Motion was made by Buford Peters and seconded by Bobbie Dietz. The motion to change the speed limit to 25 from 35 passed 6-1, Charles Von Cannon passed.
  - We recessed for public hearing on Charity Hill and Nave Street stop sign. The neighbors came out in support . Barbara Taylor, John Brookshire, Sharron Shepard, Steve Bailey and Joe Caroso. Motion was made to install 3<sup>rd</sup> stop sign and add an "all way stop" to each sign by Danny Ward and seconded by Larry Miller and passed with all in favor.
  - We recessed for public hearing for Lick Branch road. Larry Walsh spoke, wanting the portion of road going through his property closed and he would maintain it. A motion was made by Danny Ward and seconded by Charles Von Cannon to close this portion of Lick Branch road with the recommendation from Roger Colbaugh and Attorney Josh Hardin. A paved turn around by the county and the owner must give a right of way of 40 x 40 feet with survey, paid for by owner. The motion was passed 6-1 with Robert Carroll abstained.
  - We recessed for public hearing on the closing of ~~Carter Street~~. Eric Anderson spoke on behalf of Roan Mountain Park and Rec wanting the road closed so they could have more parking for the Community Park. Motion to close a portion of Carter Street, was made by Charles Von Cannon and seconded by Bobbie Dietz and passed all in favor.

- We talked about the adoption of Rhododendron Lane. Roger Colbough stated that he saw no drainage problems. Motion was made for the Attorney Josh Hardin to move forward with the right of way deeds by Buford Peters and seconded by Danny Ward and passed 6-1 Robert Carroll abstained.

#### Updates

- Invitation was given to Commissioners and audience to attend Steve Floyd Harmon memorial bridge ceremony on Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 2pm on Poga Road.
- Three other bridge naming's were mentioned Jim and Eda Potter, Mike and Sara Sellers and James David Bowers.
- The Ivy Oak bridge and road adoption was discussed with no action to be taken because the community didn't want to hire a company to rate the bridge and thought it would be paved, instead of being put on a list to pave in the future.
- Roger Colbaugh made the comment, "The hidden Valley Lane is adoptable". A 30 foot right of way is needed along with a survey from the family and community. We requested that Roger go back and look at 113 Hidden Valley Oak and see if this address was included. Will be put on next month agenda.
- Curbing at Von Cannon and Blevins road: Steve Bailey asked when the curbing repairs would happen? Roger Colbaugh said, "30 days or less."
- Laurel Street Ditching and water problem: Roger Colbaugh said, "A basketball was in the pipe."
- Clawson Hollow speed limit: no action taken.
- Resolution to approve alternative school parking lot request: We had no action from the Carter County School Board.
- The Alf Taylor Road Bridge tree removal is completed.
- The Ford Lane and Hwy. brush overgrowth problem is private property.

#### 4. NEW Business

- Bulldog Hollow Road/ Will Blevins Road name discrepancy was forwarded to next meeting because Michael Presnell wasn't present.
- Buffalo Valley Church Road has water problems that need to be looked at.
- John Crew voiced his concern about the traffic at Keenburg School.

#### 5. Report from Highway Superintendent Roger Colbaugh

1. Getting ready for the following paving projects. \$700,000.00
  - Buck Mountain Road
  - Cloudland Highway
  - Bristol Highway
2. Roger gave update on the Happy Valley Elementary turning lane. He turned it over to Steve Borden and TDOT Traffic for evaluation.

**6. Public Comments**

- **Jim Magee at Ridgecrest Drive came to the committee and voiced his problems about a fence that was put on a county right of way.**
- **Charles Von Cannon wanted to go on record stating, "We cannot do anything to help this Veteran."**

**Danny Ward made a motion to meet at Ridgecrest Drive on Nov, 13<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 1pm, to look at Mr. Magee's concerns and invite both parties (Jim Magee and Eddie Taylor) by certified letter to attend, then come back to the Highway department to discuss. The motion was seconded by Bobbie Dietz. It passed 7-0 .**

**Adjournment:**

**3:40 pm by Bobbie Dietz and Charles Von Cannon**

**Prepared by Danny Ward**