

**Highway Committee Meeting**  
**3/12/2018, Carter County Highway Department**

**Meeting was called to order** by Commissioner Hill at 2:00 PM

**Roll call:** Commissioners Carroll, Dietz, Hill, Peters, VonCannon and Ward were present. Commissioner Simerly was absent, and Commissioner Lewis arrived at 2:20 and substituted for Miller.

**Approval of minutes of previous session and agenda:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Dietz to approve the agenda, and passed by acclamation.

Motion was made to approve the minutes from the previous session by Commissioner Ward seconded by Commissioner Peters and passed by acclamation.

**Recess for Public Hearing:**

The meeting went into recess for a hearing on the proposed naming of a section of Hogum Hollow Road starting at Ripshin Lake Road and continuing to the end of the pavement on Hogum Hollow Road at the foot of the mountain to "Old Mountain Road". A Mr. Seward who lived in the vicinity spoke on the subject, recommending clarifications of the terminus points of the road segment to be renamed. No other public comments were offered, so the meeting reconvened. Chairman Hill opened the floor for action on the matter. Motion was made by Ward, seconded by VonCannon to rename the portion of Hogum Hollow Road (HHR) beginning at the intersection of Peters Cemetery Road and HHR, and continuing to the intersection of Ripshin Mountain Road and HHR to "Old Mountain Road", and advance the request to the full commission on March 19. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**Old Business:**

- Resolution to approve alternative School parking lot paving request was advanced to April agenda.
- Planning and Zoning report regarding Hidden Oak Lane adoption to road list (attached) was submitted to the committee. Motion was made by Dietz, seconded by Carroll to proceed with the adoption as recommended by Superintendent Colbaugh. Motion passed on unanimous roll call vote.
- There is no new information from TDEC regarding Heaton Creek/Burbank area environmental and flooding issues. All necessary permits are in the pipeline.
- Michael Presnell did not appear to discuss the Bulldog Hollow Road/Will Blevins Road name discrepancy.
- The adoption of a section of Bob Taylor Road to the road list has been finalized.
- Request for paving by residents of Five Sisters Lane in Roan Mountain: paving would be extremely expensive, and the road is not a priority for paving due to dead end and low number of residences. Commissioner Hill relayed the gratitude expressed by the Harris family for the recent gravel and grade work to this road.
- Rob Tony from Elizabethton Electric was recognized and expressed a great deal of disdain form receipt of the County Attorney's official letter regarding tree trimming and brush cleanup along airport road. Mr. Tony stated that there had always been a good working relationship between EEC and CCHD in the past, and a simple phone call would suffice. He went on to state that brush cleanup along the corridor had been completed, that what remained was already there from flooding prior to the tree pruning. Chairman Hill showed Mr. Tony and the Committee photos submitted by Commissioner Acuff on behalf of the residents in the area of numerous trees that had been completely stripped, yet left standing. Mr. Tony's explanation was as follows:
  - EEC does not provide aesthetic trimming services
  - EEC didn't have authority from property owners to completely remove the trees due to no right of way ownership in the area (County ownership ends at edge of pavement in this corridor).
- No update was available on a timeline for guard rail and road striping requests in Poga/Elk Mills, Dennis Cove Road & Rittertown areas.
- Chairman Hill notified the Committee that the Gary Murray Bridge dedication ceremony on Gap Creek Rd. is May 19 at 2 pm. Mr. Bob Phillips, a Viet Nam Veteran who was present, was recognized by the Chair. Mr. Phillips made an impassioned request that the County find some way to provide bridge dedication signage for a Veteran killed in the line of duty at no cost to friends and family as a token of respect for giving the ultimate sacrifice. After discussion and some motions that failed for lack of a second, a Motion was made by Peters, seconded by VonCannon to create a line item in the Highway Budget to cover the cost of honorarium signage for designees who were killed in the line of duty in service to their country, to include police, fire, ems, rescue and first responders in addition to military. Motion passed on unanimous roll call vote.
- Church family has requested April 14, 2018 for their bridge dedication ceremony. for their ceremony.

## New Business and Road Concerns

- Commissioner Peters brought forth a constituent request for erection of a three-way stop at intersection of Price Road and DC Campbell in Danner Subdivision (diagram attached). Three residents of the vicinity who were present testified to how dangerous the intersection was, and the ongoing hazards of attempting to pull out of their respective driveways onto Price Road. Motion was made by Ward and seconded by Lewis to recommend the installation of two additional stop signs here. Mr. VonCannon moved to table the matter until the April meeting when Superintendent Colbaugh would be present, but this motion failed for lack of a second. Discussion continued on the subject until question was called by Ward. Question on the motion failed;

Carroll: Pass

Hill, Lewis, Peters, Ward: Yea

Dietz, VonCannon: No

This put the matter back into discussion, after which recommendation that two stop signs be installed passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- Mr. Nathaniel Stewart requested that Humphreys Lane in Central Community be adopted to the road list. He was given a copy of the road adoption procedures and agreed to return to the April meeting with a petition from all affected residents of Humphreys Lane for further consideration.
- Constituent requests to clean out ditch line on Heaton Creek Road, and to repair a flooding problem pertinent to the recent flood on Jess Jarrett Road was presented by Commissioner Hill.
- Commissioner Culler's complaint from Gap Creek road about snow removal was forwarded to April, and her request for repair and/or caution marking of broken culvert in vicinity of True Gospel Church was presented.
- Chairman Hill presented the Committee with a Resolution (attached) requesting appropriate engineering, ROW acquisition and environmental studys be included in the materials pertaining to the upcoming Smalling Bridge replacement State project to create a potential "park and float" location. There was much discussion about the Resolution, which revealed that TDOT and TDEC representatives had requested that Chairman Hill forward this request in order to facilitate the possible creation of a new tourism accommodation at no cost to the county. "Basically, if the county doesn't make the request, the project definitely won't happen, whereas if the ask is made, we might get something extra out of the bridge project that is in the pipeline." Motion was made by Ward, seconded by Lewis to recommend adoption of the Resolution to the full Commission. Motion passed by roll call vote with all ayes except VonCannon, who voted no.

### Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 3:35

draft submitted by Mike Hill, Secretary

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