

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

May 14, 2018

2:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Robert Carroll, Mike Hill, Ray Lyons, Danny Ward, Charles VonCannon, Bobbie Dietz and John Lewis (for Larry "Doc" Miller)

ABSENT: Buford Peters

CALL TO ORDER: Mike Hill, Chairman

- Motion was made by Danny Ward, seconded by Ray Lyons to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2018 meeting with a revision on page two (2) changing the Arnett property to Jess Jarrett Road and on page four (4) changing Plymouth Road to Blevins Road. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.
- The agenda for the meeting was amended to include (j.) update on the three-way stop sign at the intersection of Price Road and D.C. Campbell Road, (k.) update on the school bus sign in the vicinity of 7694 Hwy 19E and (l.) update on Airport Road under Old Business. Motion was made by Bobbie Dietz, seconded by John Lewis to approve the agenda with the stated amendments. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.
- At this time Chairman Hill recessed the meeting into a public hearing on the adoption of Hidden Oak Lane as a county road. As no interested parties were present for comments, the public hearing was recessed back to the regular meeting. During discussion, the matter of approving a subdivision in that area and paving of the road was brought out. It was clarified only the adoption of the road as a county road and the maintenance of said road as a graveled road was all presently on the table for a vote. Motion was made by Robert Carroll, seconded by Ray Lyons to proceed with the road adoption with the conditions the owners provide a survey and acquire the right-of-way and meet all specifications set out by the committee. Roll call vote as follows:

Robert Carroll	aye	Bobbie Dietz	nay
Mike Hill	aye	John Lewis	aye
Ray Lyons	aye	Danny Ward	aye
Charles VonCannon	aye		

OLD BUSINESS

- (a) Chairman Hill stated the Gary Murray Bridge dedication ceremony on Gap Creek Road would be May 19, 2018, at 2:00 P.M.
- (b) Superintendent Colbaugh stated the permit and pipe for the Heaton Creek/Burbank area environmental and flooding issues had been purchased. He said they had to have low water per the TDEC permit and they were watching and waiting for that.
- (c) As Michael Presnell was not present, the Bulldog Hollow Road/Will Blevins Road name discrepancy was postponed.
- (d) Supt. Colbaugh stated he would be checking into the guardrail and striping requests in the Poga/Elk Mills area, Dennis Cove Road and the Rittertown area now that we were having suitable weather.

- (e) The Regina and Nathaniel Stewart petition for the adoption of Humphreys Lane was postponed to the next meeting as no one was present for comments.
- (f) The Donnie Cable petition for speed limit reduction on Millard Caable Road, plus two (2) other concerns was postponed until the next meeting as no one was present for comments.
- (g) Chairman Hill stated TDOT was very cooperative and the school bus caution signage in the vicinity of 7647 19E had been taken care of.
- (h) Chairman Hill stated Barry Sutton had thanked the committee and Road Department for fulfilling his request to clean out the ditch lines along 19E in the vicinity of the King of the Road.
- (i) Chairman Hill stated a letter had been sent by the County Attorney to TDOT regarding a traffic signal study at the intersection of 19E and Gap Creek Road.
- (j) Chairman Hill stated he had been unable to contact the people regarding the 3-way stop sign at the intersection of Price Road and D.C. Campbell Road but felt if they wanted to pursue this issue they would had contacted him.
- (k) The school bus caution signage was previously discussed under item (g) on the agenda.
- (l) As no one present at the meeting had attended the "Town Hall" meeting in Stoney Creek regarding the Airport Road issue there was no discussion. Charles VonCannon stated when they ended the 500' to the runway it changed the flight plan and that road belonged to the Airport Authority and would not be reopened.

NEW BUSINESS AND ROAD CONCERNS

Chairman Hill informed the committee of the following:

- (a) Request from the Roan Mountain Recreation Foundation which included drainage work behind the post office and the fact they had the area prepped and were ready anytime for gravel hauling to the Happy Trails parking area.
- (b) Matt McKinney had reported a drainage problem behind the medical clinic on 143, attributing it to the recently adopted Rhodendron Lane. Supt. Colbaugh stated that since the adoption of the road there had been no run off.
- (c) Josh Hardin, County Attorney, presented a Resolution to adopt a TDOT proposal. He stated the situation was an emergency and the work had already been completer. He said this paper work was a follow up to the proposal. Motion was made by John Lewis, seconded by Charles VonCannon to adopt the resolution as presented. Roll call vote as follows:

Robert Carroll	aye	Bobbie Dietz	aye
Mike Hill	aye	John Lewis	aye
Ray Lyons	aye	Danny Ward	aye
Charles VonCannon	aye		
- (d) Sinking and cracked pavement on Hampton Creek Road just before Teaberry/Dark Hollow had been reported.
- (e) Cracking and missing pavement at 186 McKinney Lane had been reported.
- (f) Tim Cross was to attend the meeting regarding needed repairs on Walnut Mountain Road. Chairman Hill stated these repairs had obviously been taken care of as Mr. Cross had extended his appreciation to the Highway Department.
- (g) Larry Wilcox had requested the reopening of a county road right-of-way near 114 Infinity Drive. A survey of the property was presented and Chairman Hill stated the property was overgrown with brush, trees, tires, etc. and had been told by the Planning/Zoning office the county had no plans to ever use it as a county road. Chairman Hill further stated the ultimate goal of the residents of Infinity Drive was to get the right-of-way cleaned out. After much

discussion it was determined said right-of-way could in fact be owned by the county or the state. Motion was made by Danny Ward, seconded by Bobbie Dietz to have the County Attorney and Supt. Colbaugh research the situation and report their findings and recommendation to the committee in June. Roll call vote as follows:

Robert Carroll	aye	Bobbie Dietz	aye
Mike Hill	aye	John Lewis	aye
Ray Lyons	aye	Danny Ward	aye
Charles VonCannon	aye		

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Before the highway report, Charles VonCannon stated Roscoe Sams had reported to him a standing water and drainage problem at the end of Blevins Road and asked Supt. Colbaugh to look at it.
- Supt. Colbaugh reported Holston Mountain Road had been paved, the drainage issue solved, pipes replaced and it had been ditched. He stated Cricket Lane had been paved and that his department had starting mowing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & NEW ROAD CONCERNS

- John Allen requested River Island Lane/Road be adopted as a county road. He stated there were four (4) residents and one (1) business on the road, but that he was the sole owner of the property. He stated future plans for a campground were in the making and had been approved several years ago. Motion was made by Danny Ward, seconded by Ray Lyons to move forward with the project and have a Public Hearing on the matter at the June meeting. Supt. Colbaugh stated the road was in good condition and he saw no problems with it. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.
- Richard Winters requested the paving of Five Sisters Road once again. He stated he had been told by two (2) prior Road Superintendents the road was a candidate for paving but no action had ever been taken. Supt. Colbaugh explained cost was the issue and he needed more money in his budget in the asphalt line item. Mr. Harris, also from that area, stated he understood the economics of paving the road and asked that the drainage issues be looked at and maybe some grading done to make it safer. He stated there were erosion issues but the gravel situation was good. Motion was made by Danny Ward, seconded by John Lewis for the Road Supt. To move forward with a study of the project in an effort to develop a plan to correct safety issues. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.
- Chairman Hill passed on a "thankyou" from Mr. Green for the ditching job on Pierce Street.
- Charles VonCannon commended Supt. Colbaugh for the significant progress on the bridges in the county. He stated the initial cost of the Smalling Bridge was \$4 million had been reduced to \$2.7 million due to Supt Colbaugh's work knowledge and ideas.
- Representing his district as commissioner, Danny Ward spoke in opposition of the Road Department purchasing an SUV for an amount of \$55,000 He said he felt the department was over stepping their bounds for an unnecessary purchase. Ray Lyons voiced the same consensus.

On motion by John Lewis, seconded by Bobbie Dietz the committee adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzi Wallace

Mike Hill, Chairman