

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE**

**December 6, 2018**

**6:00 P.M.**

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PRESENT: Mark Blevins, Nancy Brown, Charles VonCannon, Austin Jaynes, Ginger Holdren, Gary Bailey, Sonja Culler and Robin McKamey

ABSENT: None

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CALL TO ORDER: Charles VonCannon, Chairman

ROLL CALL: Quorum Present

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At this time Chairman VonCannon asked the committee members and audience to join with him for a moment of silence in honor of our 41<sup>st</sup> President George H.W. Bush who recently passed.

- Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Sonja Culler, seconded by Robin McKamey to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2018, meeting with the correction that Gary Bailey was present. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.
- Approval of Agenda: Sonja Culler requested the Oliver Hollow drainage problem be added to the agenda. Motion was made by Charles VonCannon, seconded by Robin McKamey to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of the Oliver Hollow issue added to New Business. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.
- Old Business: The following items were each addressed as follows:  
Mr. Powell stated there were plans to resurface McKinney Lane but due to inclement weather had not been done as yet.

Mr. Powell said Supt. Colbaugh had spoken with him briefly regarding the flooding on Rittertown Road at Brown's Branch but to date had no solution.

Mr. Powell informed the committee that some of the trees in need of pruning on Old Stoney Creek Road were actually not on the right-of-way. He said Supt. Colbaugh had spoken with some of the residents as he needed their permission to trim the trees not actually on the right-of-way.

Chairman VonCannon stated when the curve issue on Sinking Creek Road was first brought before the committee, it was a matter of residents donating land to the county to straighten the curve. Since then the residents have stated, in return for them donating their land, they wanted a road to a landlocked cemetery. Since the county's policy is no work can be done on private property, motion was made by Mark Blevins, seconded by Nancy Brown for the County Attorney to write a letter to the residents informing them of the policy and let them know their request was not possible. However the county would still be interested in the donation of their land to remedy the dangerous curve issue as originally considered. By roll call vote as follows, motion carried.

Mark Blevins	aye	Nancy Brown	aye
Charles VonCannon	aye	Austin Jaynes	aye
Ginger Holdren	aye	Gary Bailey	aye
Sonja Culler	aye	Robin McKamey	aye

Mr. Powell informed the committee the road in the Clarktown area had been regraded and stoned.. He said a creek crossed the road and pipe had been ordered and would be installed to address this

problem.

Mr. Powell stated an engineer was looking into the problem reported of washed out portions of roadway, drainage tiles, etc. on Burbank Road. He said they were waiting to hear back from them before taking any further action but they had graveled the driveway of Doris Jarrett as requested.

~~The County Attorney informed the committee he had received a response from the letter he had written to TDOT regarding safety concerns on State Route 321 presented by Karl Broman of Johnson County. He said the letter stating the potential safety concerns had been forwarded to TDOT in Knoxville for study. Once the study was complete, their findings would be forwarded to his office. Chairman VonCannon asked Mr. Hardin to mail Mr. Broman copies of any correspondence with TDOT in this matter.~~

The safety issue concerning the line of sight at school bus stops brought up by Ms. Holdren at the last meeting was discussed in length. The pros and cons of several solutions were discussed including the installation of additional cameras on the buses, reduction of the speed limit on the Old Lewis Road, use of deputies to enforce the speed limit, a crossing guard placed on the buses to accompany the children as they exited the bus and speed bumps. In the end it was decided to leave this matter open on the agenda for future discussion and possible solutions. Also, it was decided to leave it up to school bus drivers to chose a safer stopping place if possible to allow the children off the bus and to install speed limit signs on said road as it seems there are none at present.

Chairman VonCannon stated he would call the woman requesting a speed limit reduction on Old Lacy Hollow Road and inform her if she is interested in pursuing this matter, it would be necessary to follow proper procedures by filing a petition with the committee.

The issue of many of the drainage and flooding problem being caused by downed trees and driftwood brought before the committee by Commissioner Brown was left as an open item on the agenda. Chairman VonCannon stated funds needed to be found for keeping area rivers clean not only for flooding issues but also for safety issues, mentioning the number of people he had observed kayaking down our rivers.

It was decided addressing the issue of tractor trailer trucks on Bob Little Road was better left alone.

- Public Comments: None
- New Business: Chairman VonCannon informed the committee he had received a call from a Mrs. Tipton of 509 Dalewood Drive who said her mailbox and paperbox had been flattened by a truck. He stated that GPS signs had been put up on Smalling Road and Dalewood Road less than a year ago but had been removed. Therefore he stated, GPS problems had cost us two (2) more signs.

Chairman VonCannon stated he had been unable to address the guardrail issue in the Cripple Creek area and it was left open on the agenda.

- Commissioner Comments: Sonja Culler informed the committee that at Oliver Hollow located at the end of the lake, huge pipes had been installed at a new subdivision causing water to run across the road washing everything into people's yards. She asked the Highway Department take a look at the problem. Chairman VonCannon asked Gary Bailey to also take a look at the problem as it was in his district.

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~~Ginger Holdren stated she had been contacted by a resident of Stan Moore Estates subdivision off of Toll Branch asking her to bring to the attention of the Highway Department broken pavement at the entrance of the subdivision they feared could be a safety issue. She asked the Highway Department to look into this matter at their earliest convenience.~~

Respectfully submitted,

Suzi Wallace

Approved for entry:

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Charles VonCannon, Chairman