

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

October 3, 2019

6:00 P.M.



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PRESENT: Mark Blevins, Nancy Brown, Charles VonCannon, Austin Jaynes for Jerry Proffitt, Layla Ward, Gary Bailey, Sonja Culler and David Miller

ABSENT: Jerry Proffitt

CALL TO ORDER: Charles VonCannon, Chairman

ROLL CALL: Quorum Present

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As there were new members on the committee Chairman VonCannon asked the committee members to introduce themselves to each other and tell a little about themselves and the district they represent

- A roll call vote was taken at this time to approve Austin Jaynes as an acting committee member in place of Jerry Proffitt. Vote was as follows:

Mark Blevins	aye	Nancy Brown	aye
Charles VonCannon	aye	Austin Jaynes	abstain
Layla Ward	aye	Gary Bailey	aye
Sonja Culler	aye	David Miller	aye

- Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Mark Blevins, seconded by Nancy Brown to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2019 meeting. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.
- Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Mark Blevins, seconded by Nancy Brown to approve the agenda with no additions. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.
- Old Business: Shannon Burchett stated a petition was to be filed regarding the request of Sherman Knaack's 3-way stop sign but had not been presented as yet.

As the Warrior Estates problem was not a top priority, Shannon Burchett said they had not gotten to it due to the fact they were still working on the flood issues.

Chairman VonCannon stated the full commission had voted to allow a small portion of land on Gunsmoke Hollow Road be donated to the Highway Department. He said the land donation allowed the department to address a drainage problem that otherwise could not have been. He said this matter had been taken care of.

Chairman VonCannon asked Gary Bailey if he had heard from anyone in his district involving the Earl Avenue issue and was told "no". Sonja Culler stated the no thru truck traffic signs were in place and seemed to be improving the situation.

- New Business: Chairman VonCannon recognized Mr. Larry Forbes who presented a Bridge Resolution for US Army Staff Sergeant Larry Jerome Lyons asking to name the bridge at Mile Marker 2, Highway 361 (Laurels Road) in his honor. He asked the committee to vote to present the resolution to the full commission for their approval and the proper procedures taken as set out in the recently passed Resolution No. 745 adopting a formal policy setting forth the protocol for ceremonies conducted or authorized by the Board for the presentation of honors/awards or

the dedication of bridges, highways, etc. Motion was made Sonja Culler, seconded by Nancy Brown to present the resolution to the full commission for their approval. By voice roll call vote motion carried. (Resolution attached to minutes)

Judy Hughes of 410 Crook Street in Hampton addressed the committee regarding an overgrowth of bamboo in an alley adjoining her property. She stated her main concern was possible damage to her septic system and had used everything she could find to kill it but nothing worked. Gary Bailey, commissioner in her district, questioned who actually owned the property and whether or not this was actually a matter for the Highway Committee. Chairman VonCannon suggested the County Attorney be notified of this situation and press him for an answer/opinion to be brought before the full commission.

- Election of Committee Officers for 2019-2020: As September is the month the Secretary, Vice-Chairman and Chairman/woman are elected for the next year, the following were properly nominated and each elected by acclamation:

Secretary	Layla Ward
Vice-Chairman	Charles VonCannon
Chairman	Mak Blevins

- Superintendent's Report: Shannon Burchett, sitting in for Supt. Colbaugh, presented the September Activity Report. (Attached to minutes)

On motion by Austin Jaynes, seconded by Sonja Culler and by voice roll call vote, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved for entry:

Suzi Wallace

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Mark Blevins, Chairman

## **Bridge Resolution for US Army Staff Sergeant Larry Jerome Lyons**

**US Army Staff Sergeant Larry Jerome Lyons was born on July 19, 1941, to George L Lyons and Cora Burleson. Jerome, as he was known to family and friends, was born and raised in Carter County, where he graduated from Happy Valley High School in 1959. He joined the United States Army later that year, and volunteered for Vietnam on June 12, 1967, where he served as a heavy equipment operator in C Company, 87<sup>th</sup> Engineering Battalion, 35<sup>th</sup> Engineering Group, 18<sup>th</sup> Engineering Brigade. Nearly 10 months later, on April 6, 1968, Jerome was killed by mortar fragments during a hostile mortar attack on an airfield in Tuyen Duc province, South Vietnam. At the age of 26, after eight and one-half years of dedicated military service, he paid the ultimate sacrifice for his country.**

**Jerome was survived by his wife - Peggy, one daughter- Sherrie Lee, and one son - Larry J Lyons, Jr. His wife, son, and daughter, along with other Happy Valley High School alumni, are here today to ask that a resolution be approved to name a bridge in his honor. We are, therefore, requesting that the bridge at Mile Marker 2, Highway 361 (Laurels Road) be named the US Army Staff Sergeant Larry Jerome Lyons Memorial Bridge – Vietnam – 1968.**

**Thank you for your consideration of this resolution.**

**Larry Jerome Lyons Family**

**Happy Valley High School Alumni**

## SEPTEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT

BRIDGE BEING REPLACED NOW:  
BIG SANDY ( UPPER ENTRANCE)

FLOOD DAMAGE REPAIRS:

HERM BARNETT ROAD / RIP RAP LIMESTONE  
MAN HOURS, EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL  
TOTAL COST \$10,777.49

ROADS RESURFACED W/HOT MIX ASPHALT:

CARTER BRANCH / 335.24 TONS  
ROY GARLAND / 91.35 TONS  
MELODY LANE / 347 TONS  
LOVERS LANE / 329.06 TONS  
SANDMINE ROAD / 325.24 TONS  
TOTAL COST: \$137,600.05

CULVERTS INSTALLED:

HERMAN JOHNSON LP / 15x20  
WARRIOR LANE / 15x30  
WINTERS HOLLOW / 15X20  
BEAR HOLLOW / 48x30 ARCH PIPE  
DOTY ROAD / 42x20  
CUYLER WILEE ROAD / 15x40  
CLARKTOWN ROAD / 15x30  
TOTAL COST: \$25,128.20

DAILY PROJECTS:

MOWING  
DITCHING  
POT HOLE PATCHING  
REPLACED OVER 100 ROAD SIGNS  
BRUSH / TREE REMOVAL