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HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

November 7, 2019

6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Nancy Brown, Charles VonCannon, Laya Ward, Gary Bailey, Sonja Culler and David Miller
 ABSENT: Mark Blevins and Jerry Proffitt
 CALL TO ORDER: Charles VonCannon, Vice-Chairman
 ROLL CALL: Quorum Present

- Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Sonja Culler, seconded by Nancy Brown to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2019, meeting. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.
- Approval of Agenda: With the addition of a resolution honoring the life of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Larry Jerome Lyons to the agenda, motion was made by David Miller, seconded by Sonja Culler to approve the agenda with the amendment. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.
- Old Business: Charles VonCannon asked Commissioner Bailey if he had contacted Judy Hughes, one of the owners of the overgrown alley on Crook Street in Hampton concerning who actually owned the alley, the county or the adjoining property owners. Mr. Bailey stated Ms. Hughes wanted the county to contact someone with a bobcat to push down the overgrowth and level the alley in order for it to be mowed. He said he had contacted U.T. and found out how the brush/shrubs could be removed. There again county equipment cannot be used on property they do not own. Attorney Hardin stated generally these kinds of cases were settled by private actions between the land owners and a judge rules on whose property is whose, where the lines are, etc. Mr. Hardin stated the county could not arbitrarily deed property that is not theirs and said "our position is...we have no position".

Supt. Colbaugh stated he was aware of both the Sherman Knaack request for a 3 way stop sign on Herschel Julian Road and Bear Cage Road and the problems reported by Richard Whitson at Warrior Estates. He said he did not feel the 3 way stop signs were needed and would be looking into the Warrior Estates situation just as soon as they could.

Charles VonCannon passed out a map showing the property Michael Whitehead needed to give up in order to fix the dangerous curve on Sinking Creek Road. He stated he would like to propose to the full commission that the Road Superintendent be given the option to pay a few dollars to people unwilling to donate their land in order to solve a dangerous situation. Attorney Hardin stated we could take the property by eminent domain if it can be justified for safety reasons but negotiations with the property owners always was the better way. Supt. Colbaugh stated he would revisit the situation to see if it was feasible. Motion was made by Sonja Culler, seconded by Nancy Brown to postpone any action on this matter until the next meeting. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.

Diana Ford, 313 Chambers Drive in the Keenburg area stating the road was very dangerous and so narrow that two (2) vehicles could not pass each other in certain areas. She said large trucks were causing deep ditches that were not only hazardous but could tear the bottom out of your vehicle. Motion was made by Sonja Culler, seconded by Nancy Brown to have Supt. Colbaugh look into the situation to see if there was anything that they could do to help and report back at the next meeting. By voice roll call, motion carried.

Motion was made by Nancy Brown, seconded by Sonja Culler to accept the prepared resolution presented by Atty Hardin honoring Staff Sergeant Larry Jerome Lyons into the minutes. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.

Superintendent's Report:

Supt. Colbaugh presented the committee with a copy of the Carter County Bridge/Road Dedication Procedure an Road Adoption Procedure as a matter of information. He also presented a 2019 Carter County Off-System Bridge Inventory on file with the Clerk's office. He submitted his October Activity Report which is attached. He updated the committee on the bridge situations and informed them the Connie Williams problem had been taken care of.

• Commissioner Comments:

Gary Bailey brought up the Earl Avenue situation stating stop signs had been put up, no thru traffic signs installed but the resident's were getting a letter together to see if there was a possibility for a 4-way stop sign be installed where Ken Arney's property is. Supt. Colbaugh stated if they would allow one end of Bob Little Road to be closed he thought the problem would be solved. He said there would have to be a Public Hearing if that route was taken.

On motion was made by Sonja Culler, seconded by David Miller the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzi Wallace

Approved for entry:

Mark Blevins, Chairman