

## HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

January 3, 2019

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Charles VonCannon, Chairman

**ROLL CALL:** Quorum Present

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Due to a recent cancer diagnosis, Chairman VonCannon asked the committee to observe a moment of prayer for Commissioner Brad Johnson and his family.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Gary Bailey, seconded by Nancy Brown to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2018, meeting with the correction of the subdivision's name to Stanmoore on page (3). By voice roll call vote, motion carried.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion was made by Austin Jaynes, seconded by Robin McKamey to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of a matter to be presented by David Sayers under new business. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.

### Old Business:

- Supt. Colbaugh stated no work had been done on Rittertown Road. He felt by installing a 24" pipe on Brown's Branch and raising the road grade the problem could be remedied to some extent. This matter was left open on the agenda.
- The proposed straightening of the curve on Sinking Creek was left open on the agenda.
- Addressing the complaint from Connie Williams regarding the conditions on Clarktown Road, Chairman VonCannon passed out pictures he had taken of the area. Supt. Colbaugh stated the road had been ditched on both sides and in December approximately 120 tons of 2" rock had been hauled and placed on the worst areas. He said the road was now holding up much better and a pipe would be installed to keep people from having to drive through the creek when weather permitted.
- The committee agreed the school bus pick up points discussed at the last meeting needed to be brought before the School Board and every effort made to keep the issue ongoing and not forgotten.
- Chairman VonCannon stated another area that needed to be kept in front of the people was the drainage/flooding problems due to debris stopping the flow through drain pipes and tiles. He stated the driftwood dam on Watauga River he had mentioned at a previous meeting had broken lose and flooded the campground during the last heavy rains. He stated people had to be rescued by a Constable and members of the Central Volunteer Fire Department.
- Chairman VonCannon stated the reason for the mail box being hit by a tractor trailer on Dalewood Drive was because the GPS signs were missing/stolen. Supt. Colbaugh informed the committee the signs had been replaced 2-3 weeks ago.
- Supt. Colbaugh stated he was unable to locate the guard rail issue on Cripple Creek Road and was told by Chairman VonCannon he had a phone number he would give him to reach a contact person.
- Supt. Colbaugh stated he had looked at the Oliver Hollow Road situation and had come up with two (2) ways to fix the problem. He said he needed to talk to the property owner regarding the way he felt may be the simplest. He asked Chairman VonCannon to leave

this matter on the agenda for further action.

- Supt. Colbaugh informed the committee the broken pavement at the entrance of Stanmoore Subdivision brought before them by Commissioner Holdren had been replaced.

**New Business:**

- At this time, David Sayers presented a petition to adopt Locust Winds Drive as a county road. Supt Colbaugh stated he had looked at the road and it was in good condition. He said it was paved, 12-14” wide, ditched and no drainage problems. He said the next step was to have a Public Hearing. As all residents involved were present, Chairman VonCannon stated there obviously was no opposition to the county adopting the road but as a matter of procedure they would still have to hold a public hearing. Motion was made by Gary Bailey, seconded by Nancy Brown to hold a Public Hearing regarding the adoption of Simms Hill Road as a county road at the next Highway Committee meeting. 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

- Glen Maney addressed the committee at this time regarding the four-way stop sign at Sunrise and Dawn Avenue. He said he lived in the subdivision at the top of Sunrise Drive and it was difficult to come to a stop there anytime but almost impossible in the snow. He questioned what steps could be taken to have it removed. Supt. Colbaugh stated he had opposed the placement of the sign when it was initially brought to the committee. He said the committee voted to put it in and, against his better judgment he did so. He said the only way he would remove it was if it was brought before the full commission and approved by them. He said the criteria for the installation for the stop sign was for safety and traffic control at that interchange due to it being in a school area. By removing the sign now he felt it would be lowering the safety of a county road. At the suggestion of Chairman VonCannon, motion was made by Nancy Brown, seconded by Gary Bailey to refer the matter to the County Attorney for his advice on the legal aspects that could be encountered. By roll call vote as follows, motion carried:

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

Mr. Maney further stated recently a “No Trucks” sign had been place on Sunrise Drive and was told by Supt. Colbaugh the sign only referred to large trucks such as tractor trailers informing him delivery/service trucks were permitted to use the road.

Mr. Maney asked about the status of the extension of Ron Royce Drive to Airport Road brought to the committee by Dr. Acuff in February 2018. Chairman VonCannon stated he had been told by Dr. Acuff after talking to the Airport Commission, the road would be developed by them at no cost to the county. He stated he would contact Dr. Acuff regarding any progress and report back to the committee.

Mr. Maney stated the area where the airport bought the houses to extend the runway was a disaster. He was told by Commissioner Culler the matter had been brought to the

attention of the Planning Committee and the City had been notified of the problem.

**Public Comments:**

- Robert Ritchie addressed the committee concerning the fact that an out of state whitewater rafting company, Edge of the World, was using the Bee Cliff Rapids on the Watauga River in their advertising as the Anaconda Rapid. He said there was no mention they were located in Tennessee on their websites or U-tube. He stated he would like to see the Bee Cliff Rapids recognized as a natural feature on the Watauga River and labeled as such on future county maps. Chairman VonCannon stated he felt this matter needed to be addressed but the Highway Committee was not the proper committee. Commissioner Holdren informed Mr. Ritchie she was on the “Keep Carter County Beautiful” committee and stated they had received a grant they were using for signage in the county. She said if signage for the Bee Cliff Rapids and labeling it on future maps would attract tourists to our county, he needed to attend one of their meetings.

**Superintendent's Report:**

- Superintendent Colbaugh passed out a copy of “December 2018 Activity” of the County Highway Department which detailed the work performed by his department for this month. He went over his report which was mostly self explanatory, but he did relate that most of the 49 signs replaced were stop signs and name signs. He informed the committee according to the Federal government our signs now had to be 9” instead of 6” with larger lettering. He presented the 2018 County Road List to Chairman VonCannon for approval at the January commission meeting. He stated there were no additions for this year. He also stated his department was in the process of using a GPS distance measure to log the width and length of all county roads in an effort to obtain a more accurate measurement of mileage in the county. Motion was made by Sonja Culler, seconded by Austin Jaynes to present the 2018 Road List to the full commission for approval. By voice roll call vote, motion carried. (Report attached)

**Commissioner Comments:**

- Nancy Brown thanked Supt. Colbaugh and his crew for all the work they did during the last storms and snow. Ginger Holdren thanked the Highway Department for staying on top of the Old Lewis Road and Stanmoore Estates issues. Austin Jaynes commended the Highway Department stating he had never seen Dennis Cove Road plowed before.

On motion by Sonja Culler, seconded by Austin Jaynes the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved for entry:

Suzi Wallace

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Charles VonCannon, Chairman

DECEMBER 2018 ACTIVITY  
COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT.

SNOW REMOVAL =

5 TO 6	\$ 24,056.46
9 TO 12	\$ 47,543.56
22	\$ 4,847.70
TOTAL	\$ 76,447.72

SLOPE MOWING =

4-ROADS

- OLD BUCK MTN. ROAD
- PETERS HOLLOW ROAD
- DOLAN HOLLOW ROAD
- BUCK CREEK ROAD
- BLUE GRASS ROAD

DITCHING & ROADWAY MAINTENANCE:

8-ROADS

- WILLOW SPRINGS
- HAMPTON CREEK
- EARL WALKER RD
- GAP CREEK RD.
- PINEY GROVE RD
- OLD BUCK MTN. RD
- McKEEHAM RIDGE RD
- HEATON HILL ROAD

POT HOLE PATCHING:

10-ROADS

POWDER BRANCH RD,

PRICE RD.

JACK BRADLEY

COAL CHUTE RD,

BLUE BIRD DR,

LAUREL STREET

CRABTREE ROAD

WEAVER HILL RD,

FRANKLIN LANE

GARLAND BRANCH

BRUSH CUTTING & CHIPPING :  
SECTIONS OF ROADS

27-ROADS

CRIPPLE CREEK

BERRY HILL RD.

FORD STREET

PRICE RD.

PETERS HOLLOW RD

FIDDLERS BRANCH

MINTON HOLLOW RD

SOUTHSIDE ROAD

BISHOP HOLLOW RD

SIAM ROAD

BUCK MTN. RD

BULLDOG HOLLOW RD.

OLD BUCK MTN.

BLUE GRASS RD.

OLD LACY HOLLOW

ROCK HILL RD

OLD BRISTOL Highway

JACK TOLLEY RD

SHELL CREEK

BROWNS BRANCH

POGA ROAD

BURNS BERRY RD.

PICROE STREET

TIGER CREEK RD.

LIBERTY HOLLOW

BLACKSNAKE HOLLOW

BLUE SPRINGS

## SIGNS :

49-SIGNS

ICY LANE	RONNIE HICKS ROAD
DEER GLEN DRIVE	PEARL BOWERS RD.
WILL ESTEP ROAD	J.N. NIDIFFER RD.
BELL CLIFF LANE	LAURA BOWERS
DAIRY LANE	JOE WILSON ROAD
BOBBY TAYLOR	ROAN LADDER RD.
SOUTH GATE DRIVE	LOG CABIN LANE
WESTERN STREET	McKINNEY LANE
ECHO DRIVE	GREEN MEADOWS DR.
MARLOUS STREET	GARRISON HOLLOW RD.
LYNN VIEW CIR.	OLLIE COLLINS RD.
ISSAC LINCOLN PL.	CHARITY HILL RD.
MARY LINCOLN PL.	RUSSEL HILL RD.
THOMAS LINCOLN PL.	OLD CHARITY HILL RD.
TAD LINCOLN CT.	COUNTRY SIDE DRIVE
ROBERT LINCOLN CT.	SINKING CREEK RD.
HARRISON HOLLOW ST.	DALEWOOD DRIVE
CLOUDLAND DRIVE	OLD LEWIS RD.
PRICE ROAD	MOUNTAIN VIEW RD.
BROAD STREET	NOAH TAYLOR RD.
ABE LINCOLN CT.	RAVEN ROCK COVE RD
E.L. BOWERS RD.	LOOK OUT LANE
MIDNIGHT DR.	
BLUE SPRINGS RD.	
MAUDE PEEKS RD.	
CAMPBELL RASH RD.	
C. GRINDSTAFF RD.	