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HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

September 3, 2020

6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Thomas Proffitt, Jerry Proffitt, Nancy Brown, Charles VonCannon, Sonja Culler,
Mark Blevins, Layla Ward and Gary Bailey

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: Mark Blevins, Chairman

ROLL CALL: Quorum Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Sonja Culler asked that a matter an issue on Shenandoah Drive and Ripshin Mountain Road be added to the agenda. Also Charles VonCannon asked to add an update on the Smalling Bridge and Ms. Diane Ford's issue on Chambers Drive. Motion was made by Jerry Proffitt, seconded by Gary Bailey to approve the agenda with the additions. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Chairman Blevins and the committee members welcomed Thomas Proffitt the newly appointed commissioner.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Gary Bailey, seconded by Nancy Brown to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2020. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: Superintendent Colbaugh was asked to give an update on the issues on Chambers Road presented by Diane Ford. Supt. Colbaugh said he had looked at the road and some of the ditches were deep but that they needed to be because of the amount of water that runs through there. He stated his department had done some patch work and he hoped to start paving the broken pavement soon.

Regarding the Oscar Banks Road issues, Supt. Colbaugh stated he had talked with Bill Penzola who oversees the Tweetsie Railroad and most of the road work in Johnson City. He said Mr. Penzola was working on a design using the block wall that you put vegetation in for the project. He said once the vegetation grows up, most times you cannot see the retaining wall at all and it makes a stable wall. He told the committee his department had installed an asphalt curb on the roadside to try and keep the water off the float that had given away. He said once the design and costs for the project were determined, he would have to come back to the committee to get their approval as a contract with the City of Johnson may be involved.

NEW BUSINESS: At this time a Public Hearing took place on the closing the J.N. Nidiffer Road. Supt. Colbaugh stated there were only a couple of people that could be affected by the closure but they had no objections and he saw no problem with it. Motion was made by Jerry Proffitt, seconded by Charles VonCannon to close the portion of J.N. Nidiffer Road as requested. By a roll call of all ayes, motion carried.

Sonja Culler stated she had been contacted by a couple of people regarding road issues. One complained that trees were on the right-of-way on Shenandoah Drive from Park Court. Supt. Colbaugh stated they had trimmed the low limbs of those trees but had no equipment to take them down. He stated the J. C. Power Board may be willing to trim them down below the fire line. Ms. Culler asked if

Supt. Colbaugh would look into the matter and was told that Ross Garland may be the best person to contact to help resolve this problem.

Commissioner Culler then reported being contacted regarding a large ditch of the bottom of the hill on Ripshin Mountain Road. She stated the person that contacted her said it was at the "first" place on the road. As Supt. Colbaugh said he was not familiar with where she was talking about, Ms. Culler said she would investigate the matter and report back at the next meeting.

Regarding the Smalling Bridge, Supt. Colbaugh stated he had received a report of several jobs TDOT is going to do in Carter County and Smalling Bridge was one on that report. He stated TDOT would be doing the engineering and letting the contracts for the bridge and it was 100% TDOT funded. He said the bridge would be let for contract next year once the engineering, right-of-way issues and permits were obtained.

Chairman Blevins requested the committee have a Public Hearing at next month's meeting concerning the naming of the bridge off Hwy 91 in Stoney Creek the J.N Taylor/Freeman Taylor bridge. Motion was made by Nancy Brown, seconded by Gary Bailey to schedule a Public Hearing next month on this matter. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Supt. Colbaugh had not prepared a written description of the work being done in the county by his department for this meeting. He stated the Swimming Pool Road project was completed but there was still some work to do next to the project. He reported on the status on the bridge construction for various bridges in the county and informed the committee he was going to ask the Budget Committee once again for funds from the Governor's Grant for asphalt.

COMMENTS: The Chairman was complimented for the results he had gotten due to the letter he wrote to the Mayor of Johnson City regarding the Oscar Banks Road issue. Randal Jenkins asked if the Highway Department could install the John Paul Mathes sign on the Dennis Cove bridge to keep it from getting stolen. He said it could maybe be welded into the bridge once it was finished but not in the bridge's foundation.

On motion by Sonja Culler, seconded by Charles VonCannon the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzi Wallace

Approved for entry:

Mark Blevins, Chairman