

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

April 1, 2021

6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mark Blevins, Nancy Brown, Jerry Proffitt, Mark Tester, Gary Bailey, Sonja Culler and Kelly Collins
ABSENT: Layla Ward
CALL TO ORDER: Mark Blevins, Chairman
ROLL CALL: Quorum Present

AGENDA: Motion was made by Kelly Collins, seconded by Jerry Proffitt to approve the agenda as presented. By a roll call vote of all ayes (Gary Bailey not present), motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion was made by Nancy Brown, seconded by Kelly Collins to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2021, meeting. By a roll call vote of 5 ayes, 2 absent (Layla Ward & Gary Bailey) and 1 abstaining vote by Mark Tester, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: Chairman Blevins asked Supt. Colbaugh for an update on the Dayton Hayes Circle project. He told the committee the shoulder washed out by the creek had been repaired and hopefully no further damage was done by the last storm. He said his department had put stone on the section of the road that is not paved and hopefully that section as well as the entire road would soon be paved. He stated the Water Department had relocated the water meters, putting them high enough to use a regular meter of a cabinet and the lines had been buried. He stated the part of the bridge abutment partially washed out had been rocked and sealed off and concreted for support. He informed the committee that part of the same Natural Resources project, the rock filling up around the second bridge in Danner Subdivision had been cleaned out and weirs installed. Also, as part of the same project, work was being done on Bill Lewis Road in front of the highschool. He stated a small island had caused debris to collect and work was being done to clean the brush/trees from this location. Commissioner Culler thanked Supt. Colbaugh on behalf of the residents of Dayton Hayes Circle stating they were pleased with the progress taking place.

Supt. Colbaugh informed the committee the flashing caution lights for Minton Hollow Road had been ordered and would be installed with the proper signage when received.

Regarding the drainage issue on Grindstaff Road, Attorney Hardin stated he had sent a letter to Ronnie and Sherry Hazelwood, the property owners, instructing them their alterations on their property was causing the road to flood and needed to be remedied. He stated he asked them to contact the Road Superintendent and he, nor Atty. Hardin, had any reply. He said the next step would be to file a lawsuit asking the court to issue an injunction forcing the problem to be fixed. Atty. Hardin stated he would not like to take this step without even speaking with Mr. Hazelwood in person. Mark Tester informed the committee Mr. Hazelwood ran the dairy in Siam just before you get to Wilbur Dam on the right. Chairman Blevins stated, if the committee approved, he and Gary Bailey would visit Mr. Hazelwood to find a way for Mr. Hazelwood and Atty. Hardin to correspond. The committee all agreed.

NEW BUSINESS: Next on the agenda was the Public Hearing for the adoption of Shalom Drive as a county road. Phyllis Campbell, acting as spokesperson for the residents, stated she and her husband had lived on Shalom Drive for around a year and water consistently washed the road out. She stated all

the residents agreed to asking the county to adopt the road evidenced by the petition they had filed. Atty. Hardin stated the county's policy for adopting a road required a survey and a 40' right-of-way so the road can be clearly identified, making sure the county can get the 40' right-of-way. His suggestion was for the residents to obtain a private survey to which the residents agreed. Atty. Hardin stated the county did not have a private surveyor but he could give them a list of the ones used by the county previously. Motion was made by Nancy Brown, seconded by Mark Tester to refer the adoption of Shalom Drive as a county road to the full commission contingent on the residents providing the necessary survey. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Chairman Blevins informed the committee there was to be a dedication of the J.N.Taylor/Freeman Taylor bridge on May 22, 2021, at 2:00 P.M.

Atty. Hardin let the committee know the lawsuit filed by Mr. McGee had been dismissed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Supt. Colbaugh stated his department had been busy replacing and cleaning out drainage pipe, cutting down trees, clearing brush and working on "winter" type projects since the last meeting. He presented the committee with a Tennessee Adopt-A-Highway packet stating he had a gentlemen come into his office wanting to adopt a highway. He explained some of the restrictions/rules volunteer groups had to follow and felt this idea could be very beneficial to the county by getting more litter picked up. He stated the key to the success of a project of this nature was getting more and more organizations/schools/volunteer groups, etc. interested. He asked the committee to look over the packet and give the project their consideration. Copy of the orientation packet on file in the County Clerk's Office.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Commissioner Culler informed the Road Supt. That Gap Creek had been washed out again with the last storm. Supt. Colbaugh stated that had been looked at but until the water went down there was nothing they could do. He said he had told Shannon as soon as the water went down to try to take the cobble from the ends of the pipes in order to rebuild the driveways over the pipes. Supt. Colbaugh and Commissioner Culler both agreed the best approach to fixing this problem was for the property owners to pay to have a bridge constructed to the properties affected. Supt. Colbaugh stated if the property owners wanted to buy larger and more expensive pipes the Road Department could help install them. With no answer, Commissioner Culler asked if there was anyway to get permission to dig the river deeper in the flooding area.

Commissioner Culler also informed Supt. Colbaugh the Gary Murray Bridge had washed out on upper Gap Creek and asked him to take a look at it.

Kelly Collins thanked Supt. Colbaugh for the paving/pothole patching done Piney Flats Road. She also informed the committee the icing problem from a water main leak at the Dollar General in Hampton had been fixed within a week after being brought up at the last meeting.

Chairman Blevins stated that all future Highway Committee meetings would be held at the Courthouse and in person.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzi Wallace

Approved for entry:

Mark Blevins, Chairman

