

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

September 2, 2021

6:00 P.M.

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

Motion was made by Layla Ward, seconded by Gary Bailey to accept Commissioner McInturff's sitting in for Commissioner Culler at the meeting. By a voice roll call vote, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman Blevins asked the agenda be amended to state the Highway Department is asking for four (4) rock dump trucks and not two (2). Motion was made by Mark Tester, seconded by Nancy Brown to approve the agenda with the amendment. By a voice roll call vote, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Nancy Brown, seconded by Mark Tester to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2021, meeting. By a voice roll call vote, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: A resident of John Hall Road in Watauga addressed the committee stating this road had deteriorated to the point it was a safety hazard. He informed them this was not the first time he had attended a meeting requesting the road be looked at but as yet had no response. He presented pictures of the road showing how it was extremely sloped causing it to be dangerous. He informed the committee the pavement around his mailbox had eroded to the point the mailman would not deliver his mail in bad weather. Chairman Blevins asked for his phone number and told him once Supt. Colbaugh had looked at the situation, he would get back to him and maybe at least they could patch around his mailbox.

OLD BUSINESS: As the County Attorney has been looking into the Grindstaff Road drainage issues and was not present at the meeting, the matter was deferred to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Road Superintendent Colbaugh addressed the committee at this time informing them he wanted to buy four (4) new Mack trucks with 16' OX Stampede Dump Bodies. He stated with this type of truck they could haul stone, asphalt, big rocks, etc. because of the type of tailgate on them. He said he wanted to purchase the vehicles through Sourcewell to avoid any bid process and receive a 32% discount. He presented the total of the Highway Department's Unassigned Fund Balance in the amount of \$4,079,575.99 and stated the purchase price of the vehicles would be \$632,732.00 and would leave a balance of \$3,446,843.99. He then asked the committee to approve the purchase from these funds. Motion was made by Nancy Brown, seconded by Mark Tester to approve the request from the Highway Department for the purchase of four (4) new rock trucks with the funds coming from the Highway Department's Unassigned Fund Balance. By a roll call of all ayes, motion carried.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Supt. Colbaugh presented the committee with his August Activity Report which is attached to the minutes.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Gary Bailey asked the committee how to handle the situation in his district where the Hampton Utility District/Contractor sliced the pavement up on Dennis Cove Road while installing a waterline. Supt. Colbaugh stated the Utility District may be asked to pay for the



repairs and be reimbursed by the Contractor.

Several of the Commissioners voiced their appreciation for the Highway Department for a job well done during the last rain downpours and winds.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved for entry:

Suzi Wallace

Mark Blevins, Chairman

