

Carter County Commission

Minutes of:

Highway Committee

October 04, 2021, 6:00 PM

Members:

Layla Ward in for Ginger Holdren

Mark Tester – present

Kelly Collins - present

Jerry Proffitt – present

Mark Blevins – present

Gary Bailey – present

Nancy Brown - present

Sonja Culler - absent

I. Call to Order

The Highway Committee was called to order by Chairman Mark Blevins at 6:00 pm.

Motion was made by Gary Bailey, second by Mark Tester to accept Layla Ward to fill in for Ginger Holdren.

All in favor, motion carried.

II. Roll Call

Seven (7) voting members present

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Gary Bailey, second by Nancy Brown to accept the agenda for tonight's meeting.

All in favor, motion carried.

IV. Election of Officers

a. Chairperson

Mark Tester nominated Mark Blevins, second by Gary Bailey

Motion by Jerry Proffitt, second by Mark Tester to cease nomination and appoint Mark Blevins by acclamation.

Voice Roll Call Vote as Follows:

Yes:

Layla Ward

Mark Tester

Kelly Collins

Jerry Proffitt

Mark Blevins

Gary Bailey

Nancy Brown

With seven (7) yes votes, **motion carried.**

b. Vice Chairperson

Gary Bailey nominated Mark Tester, second by Mark Blevins. Mr. Tester declined the nomination.

Mark Tester nominated Nancy Brown, second by Mark Blevins.

Motion by Mark Tester, second by Mark Blevins to cease nomination and appoint Nancy Brown by acclamation.

Voice Roll Vote as Follows:

Yes:

Layla Ward	Mark Tester
Kelly Collins	Jerry Proffitt
Mark Blevins	Gary Bailey
Nancy Brown	

With seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

V. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Motion by Gary Bailey, second by Layla Ward to approve the minutes from the last meeting

Voice Roll Call as Follows:

Yes:

Layla Ward	Mark Tester
Kelly Collins	Jerry Proffitt
Mark Blevins	Gary Bailey
Nancy Brown	

With seven (7) yes votes, **motion carried.**

VI. Public Comments

None

VII. Old Business

A. Drainage issue on Grindstaff Road

Chris Schüttler told Chairman Blevins that he and Mr. Blevins along with Attorney Hardin would go up there this week.

Motion by Gary Bailey, second by Kelly Collins to put the issue on Grindstaff Road off for another month.

All in favor, motion carried.

B. Steel Bridge in Siam

Attorney Hardin stated that the deed will be drawn up next week

VIII. New Business

Chairman Blevins stated that the County has about one million dollars coming in from the Governor. There has been a lot of flooding in the county over the last few months and he would like to see the Highway Department get \$250,000 of that to pave and repair flood damage. (This is unrestricted money and not ARP funds).

Gary Bailey asked what districts would get this money. Directory Colbaugh stated that he would love to have some input from the commissioners.

Motion was made by Gary Bailey, second by Mark Tester to ask for \$250,000.00 to pave flood damaged roads and \$50,000.00 to pave school parking lots. Total of \$300,000.00 from the Governors money not the ARP Funds.

Voice Roll Call as Follows:

Yes:

Layla Ward
Kelly Collins
Mark Blevins
Nancy Brown

Mark Tester
Jerry Proffitt
Gary Bailey

With seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Mark Tester stated that there was some interest in naming a bridge after Charlie Bayless.

Motion by Mark Tester, second by Nancy Brown to name the new bridge on Gov. Alf Taylor Road the Charlie Bayless Bridge.

Voice Roll Call as Follows:

Yes:

Layla Ward
Kelly Collins
Mark Blevins
Nancy Brown

Mark Tester
Jerry Proffitt
Gary Bailey

With seven (7) yes votes, **motion carried.**

IX. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Colbaugh stated that they had been working on some issues on Peters Hollow, Liberty Hollow, Dry Hollow, Grindstaff Road and Bobs Hollow. They have most of the shoulders pushed out and cleaned up the debris from the creeks. Getting to the point that they are going to have to start paving. There are several areas that need paving. Flooding has been a huge issue over the last few months. Mr. Colbaugh stated that in the next couple of months he was going to have do an adjustment on the budget. They have four (4) trucks set up for salt this winter.

X. Commissioner Comments

Nancy Brown told Mr. Colbaugh that at the bottom of Smith Branch at McMahan Bridge there was a huge tree that was lodged under the bridge. During the last heavy rain, it dislodged and is laying where they may be able to pull it out of the water. If they get another flooding rain, she worries that it will go down stream and do some damage. Mr. Colbaugh stated that they would check it out.

Mark Tester asked if they had been out to the campground that the gentleman spoke to the commission about. Out near Camp Tapawingo? It looks like the road is giving way. Mr. Colbaugh stated that he has not been out there, but he will as soon as possible.

XI. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Gary Bailey, second by Mark Tester. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Gwen Crowe