

Carter County Commission

Minutes of:

Highway Committee

November 01, 2021, 6:00 PM

Members:

Ginger Holdren - present

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 6:03 pm.

II. Roll Call

All members present

III. Approval of Agenda

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

Voice Roll Call as Follows:

Yes:

Ginger Holdren

Mark Tester

Kelly Collins

Jerry Proffitt

Mark Blevins

Gary Bailey

Nancy Brown

Sonja Culler

All in favor, **motion carried.**

IV. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Motion was made by Jerry Proffitt, second by Gary Bailey to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

Voice Roll Call as Follows:

Yes:

Kelly Collins

Jerry Proffitt

Mark Blevins

Gary Bailey

Nancy Brown

Sonja Culler

Mark Tester

Abstain:

Ginger Holdren

With seven (7) yes, one (1) abstain, motion carried.

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

V. Public Comments

Robert Holbrook, 116 Angle Drive, Butler attended the meeting to ask the committee to reduce the speed limit on Cable Hollow Road to 20 MPH and place two signs. He stated that he and other residents believe that the speed limit on the road is too fast for such a narrow road and believe it would be safer if it were reduced.

Superintendent Colbaugh agreed that it should be lowered and needed two stop signs on it. Jerry Proffitt asked if there could be speed humps placed on the road, Gary Bailey and Roger Colbaugh answered that they would destroy the snowplows so they could not be placed on county roads.

Mayor Woodby asked Mr. Holbrook who was speeding and where they were going. He replied that it was some of the residents who were speeding.

Motion was made by Gary Bailey, second by Jerry Proffitt to lower the speed limit to 20 MPH and place two (2) stop signs on Cable Hollow Road.

Voice Roll Call as Follows:

Yes:

Ginger Holdren	Mark Tester
Kelly Collins	Jerry Proffitt
Mark Blevins	Gary Bailey
Nancy Brown	Sonja Culler

All in favor, **motion carried.**

VI. Old Business

A. Drainage issue on Grindstaff Road

Mr. Hazelwood stopped the natural flow of water on his land that is causing flooding on Grindstaff Road. He has been contacted by Chris Schuettler, Chairman Mark Blevins, and Superintendent Colbaugh and he will not cooperate. Attorney Hardin stated that he would file a suit against Mr. Hazelwood asking the court to require him to fix the land back to the way it was to keep it from flooding the county roadway, if that were what the committee asked.

Motion was made by Gary Bailey, second by Jerry Proffitt to have County Attorney Hardin meet with Mr. Hazelwood and see if he will fix what he has done that causes the flooding of a county roadway. If he continues to not cooperate and fix the issue in thirty (30) days, Attorney Hardin is to file suite against him.

Voice Roll Call Vote as Follows:

Yes:

Ginger Holdren	Mark Tester
Kelly Collins	Jerry Proffitt
Mark Blevins	Gary Bailey
Nancy Brown	

No:

Sonja Culler

With seven (7) yes, and one (1) no, motion carried.

B. Steel Bridge Road

County Attorney Hardin stated that Superintendent Colbaugh brought the diagram, and he has prepared the deed. He needs three (3) signatures, he has two (2) the third person lives in South Carolina. The paperwork has been sent to them, but he has not gotten it back to date.

VII. New Business

A. New roof for Highway Department

Chairman Mark Blevins brought to the attention that the roof is leaking at the Highway Department. Superintendent Colbaugh stated that they had an estimate from Lyons Roofing over \$30,000 to repair it, \$68,00 to replace it. He would like to ask that it be sent to the Budget Committee from this committee to ask that they set aside up to \$80,000 from the Highway Fund Balance so that it can be brought before the full commission this month. Gary Bailey asked how many square feet the roof is. Superintendent Colbaugh stated that it was 12,500 sq ft.

Mark Tester asked if an architect would have to be brought in because it was going to be over \$50,000. They answered that that was for new structures only.

Motion was made by Mark Tester, second by Nancy Brown to ask the Budget Committee to set aside up to \$80,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to replace the roof on the Highway Department Building.

Voice Roll Call Vote as Follows:

Yes:

Sonja Culler	Mark Tester
Ginger Holdren	Mark Blevins
Kelly Collins	Nancy Brown
Gary Bailey	Jerry Proffitt

All in favor, **motion carried.**

VIII. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Colbaugh reported that Estep Road Bridge project is complete. Powell Road Bridge may be later this year and Blevins Hollow Bridge, Danner Road Bridge and Gov. Alf Taylor Bridge are all in engineering.

Several Roads were paved this month including:

Skyline Drive, Water Plant Road, Big Springs Road, Hyder Cemetery Road, Anderson Road, Rocky Road, Mallard Cove Road, Cable Hollow Road, Jess Jarrett Road, Burbank Road, and the Planning Office Parking Lot totaling \$256,245.23.

Daily Projects for the month of October included mowing, ditching, pothole patching, replacing road signs, brush and tree removal and installing culverts.

IX. Commissioner Comments

Chairman Blevins stated that he has had some calls about the Highway Department doors being locked. He asked Mr. Colbaugh what the purpose was, all other offices in the county are open to the public and asked if he would consider unlocking them. Mr. Colbaugh stated that it has become habit because they have been doing it for a year. He will unlock the doors but will need some signs to keep people out of the garage.

Kelly Collins asked if anyone has been in contact with Mr. Stoll's, the gentleman that has been to several Commission meetings about his property being damaged by large vehicles on Bob Little Road and Sims Hill Road and by speeding vehicles. Gary Bailey and Mr. Colbaugh both stated that they had tried to get Google to remove that road from truck traffic on the GPS System, but they refused. The 911 office also tried to have the change made but with no results. Mr. Colbaugh stated that chevron signs and signs stating no trucks have been placed but there is nothing else he can do. He has been in contact with the city and state about signs and will follow up with them. Ginger Holdren asked that if Mr. Stoll's returns to another commission meeting if Superintendent Colbaugh could come up and explain to him what has been done and try to explain that they have done everything possible. Chairman Blevins stated that he wanted to let the committee know that despite what Mr. Stoll's stated, he did try to call him back.

Chairman Blevins stated that last month the committee approved the renaming for the Gov. Alf Taylor Bridge to Rosco Charlie Bayless Bridge. He asked for a motion to have a public hearing at the December 2021 meeting.

Motion was made by Ginger Holdren, second by Nancy Brown to have a public hearing at the December 2021 Highway Committee meeting for the renaming of the Gov. Alf Taylor Bridge to Rosco Charlie Bayless Bridge.

Voice Roll Call Vote as Follows:

Yes:

Sonja Culler

Ginger Holdren

Kelly Collins

Gary Bailey

Mark Tester

Mark Blevins

Nancy Brown

Jerry Proffitt

All in favor, **motion carried.**

Attorney Hardin was asked to draw up the resolution for the Homer Salyer Bridge.

Ginger Holdren stated that she was glad to be back on this committee.

X. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Sonja Culler, second by Gary Bailey. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by

Gwen Crowe