

# Carter County Commission

## Minutes of:

### Highway Committee

April 4, 2022, 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 - Present

#### 1. Call to Order

The Highway Committee was called to order by Chairman Mark Blevins.

#### 2. Roll Call

##### Voice Roll Call as Follows:

##### Present:

Ginger Holdren

Mark Tester

Kelly Collins

Jerry Proffitt

Mark Blevins

Gary Bailey

Nancy Brown

Sonja Culler

#### 3. Approval of Agenda

**Motion by Gary Bailey, second by Nancy Brown to accept the agenda as written.**

**All in favor, motion carried.**

#### 4. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

**Motion by Ginger Holdren, second by Gary Bailey to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.**

**All in favor, motion carried.**

#### 5. Public Comments

Bill Hampton and John Hampton spoke to the committee about a petition for the Highway Committee. There is a problem at the intersection of Ingram Branch and Morgan Lane. Vegetation has grown up over the road and when it snows the roads stay hazardous for the residents. They are asking for the Highway Department to clear the vegetation and work the section to keep the snow and ice cleared during the winter months. Superintendent Colbaugh stated that it isn't a county road, and he can not service it. There are about three property owners that would have to give them a right of way. Mr. Hampton stated that he has spoken to the property owners, and they have agreed to give the right of way. Mr. Tester stated that the easiest thing to do would be to deem it a county road so it can be cared for.

**Motion by Sonja Culler, second by Nancy Brown to turn this into a county road depending on the right of way.**

**All in favor, motion carried**

Chris Little spoke and gave an update on the Hwy 400 ramp access to Watauga River. Tennessee Department Of Transportation is going to lease it to the City of Elizabethton for \$1.00. Estimates to build the ramp are from \$45/\$91 thousand. Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency has agreed to build the ramp. Rock and concrete will be \$6/\$7 thousand. The parking lot will be prepped by TDOT. TVA is giving \$45 thousand grant for blacktop. The grant has already been signed and will be deposited. There are bids from different companies, but he would like to keep the work at home. He has talked to Roger Colbaugh about the paving and his price quote was \$45,472. If it goes above this, they may have to adjust the thickness of the blacktop. Will this committee give permission to the county to pave it? Mr. Colbaugh stated that the full commission would have to vote for them to do this.

**Motion by Gary Bailey, second by Jerry Proffitt to take the proposal to the full commission for the Highway Department to pave the parking area for the boat ramp. Adding up to \$3000 if needed.**

Voice Roll Call as Follows:

**Yes:**

Ginger Holdren  
Kelly Collins  
Mark Blevins  
Nancy Brown

Mark Tester  
Jerry Proffitt  
Gary Bailey  
Sonja Culler

**All in favor, motion carried**

Mr. Little asked Mr. Colbaugh if they could get together and get a rate on the rock because what the Highway Department can get it for is cheaper than any other quote he has gotten.

Glenn Kverneland 1028 Lynn Drive spoke to the committee about a county right of way that goes from Lynn Drive to his property line. It has been very difficult to get to his property. He would like to discuss options for gaining better access to his property. He believes one option is to designate it as a county road, another option would be to sell or deed it to him and he would maintain it. Mr. Colbaugh stated that the county does own the right of way if he goes in and paves that it would be paving a driveway and he can not do that. He believes that the county can give Mr. Kverneland that piece of land and he can expand his driveway himself. No other property owner will be affected by the county giving him this land. Attorney Hardin stated that it looks like that developer gave the county more right of way than it needed or wanted, and the county can deed it over to Mr. Kverneland. Sonja Culler stated that years ago the county had the same situation, and the county gave the land to the property owner.

Motion by Sonja Culler, second by Ginger Holdren for the county to deed the right of way at the end of Lynn Drive over to the property owner Mr. Glenn Kverneland.

Voice Vote as Follows:

**Yes:**

Ginger Holdren  
Kelly Collins  
Mark Blevins  
Nancy Brown

Mark Tester  
Jerry Proffitt  
Gary Bailey  
Sonja Culler

**All in favor, motion carried.**

**6. Old Business**

A. Update on water problem on Dennis Cove Road

Roger Colbaugh stated that the money has been approved to do a survey, once an agreement is reached the survey will be complete to see what needs to be done to fix it.

**7. New Business**

A. Public Hearing on naming the bridge on Old Watauga Road in honor of Harry Stout

Motion by Jerry Proffitt, second by Gary Bailey to take to the full commission their approval of naming the bridge on Old Watauga Road after Harry Stout.

All in favor, motion carried.

**8. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Roger Colbaugh summarized his report, attached.

He informed the committee that it has been requested that the county extend the right of way to South Gate Subdivision. The extension will be 50' wide x 50' long.

**Motion by Sonja Culler, second by Ginger Holdren to approve the extension of the right of way to South Gate Subdivision.**

All in favor, motion carried.

**9. Commissioner Comments**

None

**10. Adjourn**

**Motion by Gary Bailey, second by Ginger Holdren to adjourn.**

All in favor, meeting adjourned.