

# Carter County Commission

## Minutes of:

### Highway Committee

May 02, 2022, 6:00 PM

#### Members:

Ginger Holdren - Present

Kelly Collins - Present

Mark Blevins - Present

Nancy Brown - Present

Mark Tester – Present

Jerry Proffitt - Present

Gary Bailey - 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

Kelly Collins

Mark Blevins

Nancy Brown

Mark Tester

Jerry Proffitt

Gary Bailey

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 Gary Bailey, second by Nancy Brown to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.**

**All in favor, motion carried.**

#### 5. Public Comments

Julie Hunsberger came before the committee to speak about Old Milligan Road. Last year a portion of the road was paved but a portion of the road did not get paved. She contacted Road Superintendent Roger Colbaugh and he stated that the county does not own that part of the road. She contacted the City of Elizabethton and got the same answer. What she has found out is that the property that Emmanuel School is on was annexed but the road was not. It is about a quarter of a mile starting where the road meets Milligan Hwy. Attorney Hardin stated that the road is not a city street, it could be a public road that is not owned by the county. If it is not a county road the road superintendent cannot work on it. Nancy Brown asked Mr. Colbaugh how much it is estimated to cost to fix the road. He stated that materials alone would be about \$20,000. It has not been a county road in 29 years.

Other residents stood and spoke about their concerns that everyday students travel that road and there have been several accidents there. There have been several potholes filled in the last few years. Mr. Colbaugh stated that it was paved by the state.

Chairman Blevins asked what the county can do about it. Superintendent Colbaugh stated that the city annexed the land on both sides of the road. Now the county is being asked to fix the road.

**Motion by Mark Tester, second by Jerry Proffitt to adoption this section of road as a county road with the caveat that we give the Highway Department \$25,000 out of the General Fund to fix this road.**

Attorney Hardin stated that he would research the owner of the property, but he was sure that the city would be happy that the county is taking the road. Ms. Holdren stated that she reached out to the City Mayor about this and asked him to investigate the matter. She wants to know if anyone has contacted the Attorney or Superintendent about it. Attorney Hardin stated that he spoke to Danny Hilbert, and he stated that the City did not own it.

Voice Roll Call as Follows:

**Yes:**

Sonja Culler  
Kelly Collins  
Nancy Brown

Gary Bailey  
Jerry Proffitt  
Mark Tester

Nancy Blevins  
Ginger Holdren

**6. Old Business**

**Attorney Hardin updated the committee on the road issues from last month. Lynn Ave property has been signed over to the property owner. The Southgate extension, deed and the survey are done, just waiting on the people to sign. Morgan Lane was exclusively granted to the forest service, so we have to work with them to maintain that road and we have already been in contact with the forest service engineer.**

**7. New Business**

**Road List**

Superintendent Colbaugh passed out a copy of the county road list.

**Motion by Nancy Brown, second by Jerry Proffitt to present the list to the full commission. All in favor, motion carried.**

**8. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Roger Colbaugh updated the committee on the projects that the Highway Department has been worked on over the last month. He stated that they had done some paving. They built a run around on the closed bridge that was closed by the state. Construction will start as soon as possible; it will cost \$1.8 million.

**9. Commissioner Comments**

**None**

**10. Adjourn**

**Motion by Sonja Culler, second by Jerry Proffitt to adjourn. All in favor, meeting adjourned.**