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Vice Chairman
Carter County Highway Dept. Committee
February 11, 2013
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Members present and vice chairman Joel Street, Steve Lowrance, John Lewis, Sonja Culler, Charles Von Cannon, Bobbie Dietz and Lawrence Hodge filling in for Chairman Ritchie. Members Absent: Chairman Ritchie and W. Patrick Hicks.

Vice Chairman received all ayes for agenda approval and acceptance of minutes from the prior meeting of January 10, 2013.

New Business

- Naming of the new Siam Bridge over the Watauga River. Vice-Chairman Street decided to move the naming of the Robert Rainbolt Bridge across Laurel Fork Creek at Hampton first on the agenda. John Lewis made the motion and a second was offered by Lawrence Hodge, all ayes.
- The naming of the Siam Bridge. The Allen family presented a petition with 328 signatures. The Curtis family presented a petition with 250 signatures. Each family gave historical reasons to support their proposed naming of the bridge. It was established that the Allen group gave bridge approach land on both ends of the bridge. Vice Chairman Street suggested a way should be found to accommodate both families in their request. After further discussion, Ms. Culler made a motion to use both family names, the motion was amended to name the S. West end for the Allen family (nearest the home place), and the N. East end of the bridge for the Curtis family. This arrangement served to be acceptable by representatives of both families.
- Five minute recess was given. We departed to the agenda to Old Business (later to return to New Business).

Old Business

- Rumble strips on Dalewood Drive have been removed by someone. Problem solved!!
- Tractor-Trailer Trucks on Dalewood Drive. The trucks were misguided by GPS coupled with the drivers missing the Woodlyn Road sign to Mullican Flooring Factory as their destination. Mullican will work with incoming drivers to use the Watauga Road route. It was suggested that Mayor Humphrey use his office to work with Washington County on a sign at Dalewood and Woodlyn. Commissioner Street asked Mr. Perkins to look into a dangerous curve sign at the point where the rumble strips were located.
- Ohio Street off Sunny View Court off Dave Buck Road. The committee had voted in September 2012 to ask Mr. Perkins to place a never to close notation on this underdeveloped but name street. It had been dedicated to the county but was never placed on the road list submitted to the state. A motion was made by Commissioner Culler to leave open the street second by John Lewis, vote 6 ayes, 1 no from Commissioner Von Cannon. The response to the no vote-we have not protected Mr. Caldwell who is landlocked if at some future time this problem surfaces again.
- Back to New Business-Mrs. Phyllis Hodge of Judge Ben Allen road presented a 4 page petition of signatures opposing the proposed re-opening of Quarry/Sand Mine on Holston Mountain. The citizens noticed surveying being conducted along with Planning