

CARTER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE  
March 11, 2013

APPROVED

Members Present: Vice Chairman Joel Street, John Lewis, Sonja Culler, Charles VonCannon and Bobbie Gouge-Dietz.  
Members Absent: Chairman Ernest Ritchie, W. Patrick Hicks and Steve Lowrance

Vice Chairman Street received all ayes for agenda approval and amended minutes for Feb. 11, 2013 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Vice Chairman Street informed everyone that Mr. Jim McGill of Aggregates USA, who had been scheduled to speak to the committee, had cancelled and would be rescheduled to speak at next month's meeting. Several citizens interested in not having the Judge Ben Allen Road used by the mining company were in attendance. All highway committee members agreed with Vice Chairman Street to move the Judge Ben Allen Road topic to the first position of the agenda. Nine (9) citizens (Bill Hicks, Daniel Moore, Sandra White, Mike Verbonitz, Rose Lacata, Richard Hodge, Sherry Hardin, Bill Pendleton and Mel Colvard) spoke with concerns about safety, air quality, water run-off, noise pollution, historical landmarks and property value decline. Citizen Mike Verbonitz reminded the committee that the operations of the quarry stopped in 1995-96 as a result of a lawsuit settlement. He stated the settlement does include steps the company must do in order to restart operations. Vice-Chairman Street informed the citizens that the highway committee could make recommendations but Mr. Perkins, Road Superintendent, is in charge of road construction. Mayor Humphrey stated that Mr. McGill had requested to be placed on the agenda for the commission meeting. The citizens were advised by Vice Chairman Street to call him for information about the March agenda for the Commission meeting. Five minute recess was given.

Because of the death of his mother, Mr Scheuttler was not present to discuss Lynn View Circle and Lynn Mountain. The topic will be placed on the April agenda.

Mr. John Lewis is still working on the problem on Stout Hollow Road and will keep the committee informed.

Several citizens thanked the committee for speed-limit signs that have been placed on Ridgeland Drive and Judge Ben Allen Road. Hidden entrance signs will not be installed. Sonja Culler asked if citizens in the community could have signs made and she was informed that this can be done.

Mr VonCannon was concerned about the curve signs on Dalewood Road. He stated the signs were not positioned correctly. He said the signs should be placed where rumble strips had been removed.

NEW BUSINESS

Citizen Rod Whitehead told the committee he believed the stop sign at the Lonesome

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Joel Street

Dove Lane and Old Mill Road was in the wrong place. He was interested in having a traffic light placed at the intersection of Happy Valley High School and Powder Branch Road. This is in the city. Ms Culler made the motion that we investigate the idea of a traffic light at the entrance to H.V.H.S. with the sheriff department and the school department and then make a recommendation. Motion seconded by John Lewis. Motion carried with all ayes.

Ms. Culler stated that Mr. Millard Garland had spoken to her about widening a section of Ridgeland Dr. (off Old Lewis Road in Pinecrest). The road becomes narrow over a culvert.

Vice Chairman Street made plans to travel with Doug "Slim" Miller to access concerned situations. John Lewis requested Mr. Slim Miller to check on a sign missing at 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Hampton

Motion to adjourn by Sonja Culler, seconded by Bobbie Gouge-Dietz  
Motioned carried --all ayes.

The Committee accepted the resignation of Charles VonCannon as secretary. Bobbie Gouge-Dietz was elected secretary.

Respectfully Submitted by

Bobbie Gouge-Dietz, Secretary

Joel Street, Vice Chairman