

Highway Committee Meeting
September 11, 2017
Carter County Highway Department

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Hill at 2:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Commissioner Collins, Dietz, Hill, Peters, Ward, and VonCannon present.
Miller and Simerly were absent.

Approval of minutes of previous meeting:

Motion made by Commissioner Dietz, Seconded by VonCannon, motion passed.

Approval of current meeting agenda:

Motion made by Commissioner Ward, Seconded by Dietz, motion passed.

Old Business:

- Motion made by Commissioner Ward, Seconded by VonCannon to accept the resolution for Floyd Harmon Memorial Bridge (Elk River Bridge over Poga Road/Near Stone Mountain. Baptist Church.
 - Vote: Ayes: Collins, Hill, Peters, Ward, VonCannon - Motion Passed

- Recessed Meeting for the Public Hearing of Jim and Edna Potter bridge memorial naming, Reconvened
 - Motion made by Commissioner Ward, seconded by VonCannon to accept the resolution of naming the Roan Mountain Main Street Bridge Jim and Edna Potter Memorial Bridge.
 - Roll Call: Ayes: Collins, Deitz, Hill, Peters, VonCannon, and Ward -
 - Motion Passed

- Recessed Meeting for the Public Hearing of Mike and Sara Sellers public bridge memorial naming-- Reconvened
 - Motion made by Peters, Seconded by Collins to have Attorney Hardin prepare a resolution naming said bridge.
 - Roll Call: Ayes: Collins, Deitz, Hill, Peters, VonCannon, and Ward -
 - Motion Passed

- Recessed Meeting for the Public Hearing of James David Bowers public bridge memorial naming-- Discussion- This bridge is in city limits and a state bridge therefore must go before the general assembly. Reconvened
 - Motion made by Peters, Seconded by Collins to have Attorney Hardin prepare a resolution naming said bridge.
 - Roll Call: Ayes: Collins, Deitz, Hill, Peters, VonCannon, and Ward -
 - Motion Passed

Updates & Progress

- Hidden Oak Lane adoption to road list - this was petitioned to adopt, residents must have road/area surveyed and get the right-of-way. Residents were willing to do this.
- Road adoption of Rhododendron Lane - no new updates

- Curbing repairs at ConCannon and Blevins requested by Steve Bailey - no curbing had been done, Superintendent Colbaugh stated they will try to start that in a few weeks.
- Weight limit on Ivy Oak Cove Bridge - This is on private property and the county can not pay for this- residents in subdivision must pay for an engineer.
- Wilshire Drive sinking/drainage system - Superintendent Colbaugh stated that this has been corrected.
- Cloudland Drive and Highway 19E conveyance of unopened right of way-- Attorney Hardin stated that he has the deeds and this project was almost completed.
- Laurel Ave ditching - Supt. Colbaugh stated that he would have this checked this and report back to committee.
- Clawson Hollow Speed Limit- residents would like the speed limit lowered to 35 mph. Committee discussed that the residents would need to petition area residents to lower the speed limit.

New Business:

- Michael Presnell: Bulldog Hollow Road/Will Blevins Road name discrepancy - no action taken.
- Eric Anderson: Roan Mtn Community Park master Parking plan and request
 - Motion made by Commissioner VonCannon, seconded by Ward to have Supt. Colbaugh study and prepare a report estimating cost to see what help and be done.
 - Roll Call: Ayes - Collins, Dietz, Hill, Peters, VonCannon, and Ward -
 - Motion passed.
- Dr. Kevin Ward request a resolution to approve Alternative School parking lot paving - This will come out of the school system's funds balance.
 - Motion made by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Collins for highway department to begin the process getting with the school system of paving Siam Learning Center parking lot area.
 - Roll Call: Ayes - Motion passed
- Commissioner Dietz discussed the Al Taylor Rd Ridge tree and roots removal, Supt. Colbaugh stated that he would go out and check the area out, then report back.
- Commissioner Ward
 - 1) Turn Lane at Happy Valley Elementary - ask the Supt. to look into the possibility of a future turning lane to alleviate traffic congestion in area.
 - 2) Echo Drive speed limit - residents had petitioned to have the speed limit lowered from 35 mph to 25 mph..
 - Motion made by Commissioner Peters, Seconded by Collins to lower speed limit to 25 mph.
 - Roll Call: Ayes - Collins, Dietz, Hill, Peters, VonCannon, and Ward
 - Motion Passed
 - 3) Charity Hill stop sign - City has asked if this could become a 3 way stop sign making it an "All Way Stop". Park of this is in the county and must have county approval.

- Motion made by Commissioner Ward, Seconded by Collins to recommend a stop sign be placed at Charity Hill at Nave Street to make this an "3 Way Stop". Motioned passed - All Ayes
- Commissioner Acuff requested that the brush overgrowth at Ford Lane and Highway 91 be checked. Supt. Colbaugh stated that he would look at the area.
- Commissioner Collins had a request from a resident to place signs on Highway 19E for truckers that are bottoming out and hitting Jack brakes before the red lights. Resident Mike Hamilton stated that this is very loud and disturbing to neighborhood. Collins went to the area and agreed that the trucks were very loud and it sounded like gunfire. This is a state highway and inside the city limits.
 - Motion made by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Dietz to recommend that the chairperson contact the city to see if what can be done to help this neighborhood.
 - Motion passed -All Ayes
- Attorney Hardin suggested that the committee make a motion to present the 3 resolutions for naming the bridges to full commission since he had them ready and he had a public hearing.
 - Motion made by Dietz, seconded by Ward to present the three resolutions (naming bridges after Jim and Edna Potter, Mike and Sara Sellers, and James David Bowers) to the full commission meeting.
 - Roll Call: Ayes- Collins, Dietz, Hill, Peters, Simerly, VonCannon
 - Motion Passed

Public Comments:

- Lisa Walsh from Lick Branch Road requested that the county abandon the ownership and maintenance of the last .3 of the road /dead end, due to this area becoming a hangout area for parking. Ms. Walsh was told that she would need to get a petition by the two residents (which were her and her parents) with the understanding that the tax burden would be on the two landowners and would have to sign over the right of way. She did not see a problem and stated that she would get that and bring back to the committee.
 - Motion made by Commissioner Ward seconded by Dietz to proceed with a public hearing on about the county abandoning the ownership and maintenance of the last .3 of Lick Branch Road.
 - Roll Call: Ayes- Collins, Dietz, Hill, Peters, VonCannon, Ward
 - Motion passed.

Commissioner Comments:

- Commissioner Ward asked Supt. Colbaugh if we pave roads what are in the Johnson city limits but have Carter County addresses. Supt. Colbaugh stated it would be the same as if it were in the city limits of Elizabethton and that it would be Johnson City's responsibility.
- Commissioner VonCannon stated that the parking on 321 at the Laurel Falls area is still a problem.

Adjournment - 3:20 p.m.

- Motion made by Commissioner Peters and seconded by Ward
- All Ayes