

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

April 2, 2018

2:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Robert Carroll, Mike Hill, Larry "Doc" Miller, Ray Lyons (for Scott Simerly), Robert Acuff (for Buford Peters), Danny Ward and Charles VonCannon

ABSENT: Bobbie Dietz

CALL TO ORDER: Mike Hill, Chairman

- Motion was made by Robert Carroll, seconded by Danny Ward to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2018, meeting. By voice roll call vote, motion carried with Dr. Acuff and Ray Lyons abstaining.
- Motion was made by Danny Ward, seconded by Robert Carroll to approve the current meeting agenda. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.
- The Public Hearing for the adoption of Hidden Oak Lane was postponed for lack of being advertised.

OLD BUSINESS

- Motion was made by Charles VonCannon, seconded by Ray Lyons, to advance to the full commission a resolution approving a Highway Department project to be completed by the Carter County Highway Department on the grounds of Siam Alternative Learning Center. By roll call vote as follows, motion carried.

Robert Carroll	aye	Ray Lyons	aye
Mike Hill	aye	Danny Ward	aye
Doc Miller	aye	Charles VonCannon	aye
Dr. Acuff	aye		
- Updating the committee on the Heaton Creek/Burbank issues, Supt. Colbaugh stated he had received a receipt for the \$500 paid for the permit. He said the pipe had been ordered for Jess Jarrett Road and the pipe for the property owner in Burbank had been installed.
- As Michael Presnell was not present, the Bulldog Hollow Road/Will Blevins Road name discrepancy issue was postponed until the May meeting.
- Regarding the guardrails and striping requests in the Poga/Elk Mills, Dennis Cove Road and the Rittertown area, Supt. Colbaugh reported there was \$10,000 in a line item in his budget for striping and more money was needed to complete these projects. Doc Miller suggested applying for grants as it was his understanding there were such grants for rural areas. John Lewis questioned striping vs recessed pavement markers. Supt. Colbaugh related that recessed markers would last longer but at the same time were more costly to install. Robert Carroll requested Siam Road be added to the list of roads in need of striping.
- Supt. Colbaugh voiced his disapproval of a 3-way stop sign at the intersection of Price Road and D.C. Campbell Road. He stated he could not recommend putting a stop sign on a road with main flow traffic and a controlled speed. He suggested the placement of Caution signs. Chairman Hill said he would speak to the ones who requested the stop sign and see if they would be willing to comply with the necessary changes needed on their part to make the request

possible.

- In case they were a late show, Chairman Hill left the petition of Regina and Nathaniel Stewart for the adoption of Humphreys Lane in the Central Community open as they were not present at this time. A letter from Chris Schuettler, Direct of Planning & Zoning, stated that after researching this matter , the opinion of the Planning Commission was Humphrey Lane off Smallings Road should not be adopted until upgraded to said county standards. Charles VonCannon stated the drainage problem would still be an issue even if the road itself was brought up to county standards.
- Regarding a complaint to Commissioner Culler concerning snow removal on the Gap Creek Road, Supt. Colbaugh stated his snow removal crews did not work all night but came in around 4-5:00 AM. at which time they concentrated on roads with the greatest volumn of traffic. He stated more salt had been ordered for back roads and that his department would try and concentrate more on major roads next year.
- Supt. Colbaugh informed the committee the broken culvert in the vicinity of True Gospel Church in the Gap Creek area had been repaired.
- As Donnie Cable was not present to present a petition for a speed limit reduction on Millard Cable Road, the matter was postponed until the May meeting.
- Chairman Hill informed the committee the dedication of the Owen Ray Church Bridge would be on April 14, 2018, at 2:00 P.M. and stated the Highway Committee had been invited to attend. He urged all members to be there for the ceremony.
- Supt. Colbaugh asked that resolutions adopted in the future to have highways named in honor of certain individuals include the method of payment for the signage or marking costs, either private persons, private groups or the county. Attorney Hardin read T.C.A. 54-1-133 pertaining to Signage and marking costs, attached to minutes. Motion was made by Danny Ward, seconded by Dr. Acuff, to take out any gray areas and adopt the State's law as a Highway Department policy. Chairman Hill stated he would ask the County Attorney to read the code at the next meeting in order to inform all the commissioners of the newly adopted policy. By roll call vote as follows, motion carried.

Robert Carroll	aye	Ray Lyons	aye
Mike Hill	aye	Danny Ward	aye
Doc Miller	aye	Charles VonCannon	aye
Dr. Acuff	aye		
- Charles VonCannon reported he had done research on the Sunrise Drive and Airport Road situation. Dr. Acuff informed him of a request for a Town Hall meeting to discuss the issue would be held this month.

NEW BUSINESS

- Chairman Hill stated he had been contacted by a parent whose children were on a bus when an unfortunate incident with a log truck occurred in the vicinity of 7694 Hwy 19-E. She requested school bus signs be placed in that area similar to the ones placed in Poga. Motion was made by Robert Carroll, seconded by Dr. Acuff, to approve Chairman Hill writing a letter to TDOT making the sign request as it was a State route and the County could not place signs there. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.
- Commissioner Lewis asked that in Chairman Hill's letter to TDOT, a request also be made for a red light placement on 19E and Gap Creek Road, the interchange of 36-19E, due to accidents occurring at this intersection. Danny Ward asked that an investigation and traffic study be conducted prior to this request and a separate letter be sent to TDOT on this issue. Motion was made by Ray Lyons, seconded by Danny Ward to refer this matter to the full commission for consideration. By roll call vote as follows, motion carried.

Robert Carroll	Aye	Ray Lyons	Aye
Mike Hill	Aye	Danny Ward	Aye
Doc Miller	Aye	Charles VonCannon	Aye
Dr. Acuff	Aye		

- Commissioner Lewis also requested a "Pot Hole" issue on the Siam Road be looked into. Supt. Colbaugh stated that Siam Utility District should be contacted to do a "drive thru" as the problem was a drainage or valve issue.
- Chairman Hill stated Barry Sutton had requested TDOT be contacted to clean out a ditch line across the highway from the old King of the Road restaurant as built up sediment was washing onto his property and eroding the bank. Supt. Colbaugh stated this appeared to be a local maintenance issue and suggested a call be made to Johnson City TDOT asking them to check out this problem.
- Commissioner Ward stated he had been contacted by Paul Tolley who complained the ditchline on North Road was overgrown and needed cleaned out. Supt. Colbaugh said he would check out the problem.

HIGHWAY REPORT

- Superintendent Colbaugh reported on multiple projects conducted at various county sites by the Highway Department since the last meeting, including ditching, pipe placement, bridges and plastic pavement marking.

PUBLIC COMMENTS /NEW ROAD CONCERNS

- Chairman Hill introduced Tim and Crystal Decker stating they had requested several months ago the county gravel and resume maintenance of the portion of Orr Road leading up past Cloudland Drive belonging to the county. Mr. Decker stated the maintenance already completed had made a huge improvement. Chairman Hill asked if there was a possibility the Highway Department could put extra base /compact the portion the county owns periodically.

Supt. Colbaugh agreed and stated when there was future paving in Roan Mountain, the Highway Department would pave that portion and ditch it on both sides. Chairman Hill further stated the Highway Committee would be open to a petition being filed to have the county adopt the small portion they do not presently own.

- Commissioner VonCannon thanked Supt. Colbaugh for replacing the 25 mph speed limit sign on Blevins Road where the kayak kids get out of the river and the float boat people go down the other side of the river. He also stated the parking problem at that location had been solved.
- Commissioner Lewis asked the "pot hole" situation be checked out on Ed Lewis Road.
- Chairman Hill related he had been informed by Mr. Burleson there was a lot of brush that needed to be removed on Jim Archer Road stopping up the culverts. He said he would take pictures of the area and bring back more input to the next meeting.
- After thanking Ray Lyons for sitting in for Scott Simerly and Dr. Acuff for sitting in for Buford Peters, motion was made by Danny Ward, seconded by Dr. Acuff to have Ray Lyons permantly sit in the Scott Simerly as his job prevented him from attending. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.

On motion by Danny Ward, seconded by Dr. Acuff, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzi Wallace

Mike Hill, Chairman