

Approved 07-08-13
Joel K. Street

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CARTER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE

MAY 13, 2013 10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Chairman Joel Street, John Lewis, Charles VonCannon, Sonja Culler, Bobbie Gouge-Dietz, Buford Peters for Gebe Ritchie, Tom Bowers for Steve Lowrance, Robert Gobble new committee member.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gebe Ritchie. Steve Lowrance, Patrick Hicks has resigned from the committee.

Vice Chairman Street called the meeting of April 8, which was recessed, back to order. Motion to adjourn the April meeting was made by Sonja Culler, seconded by John Lewis. Passed all Ayes. Meeting of May 13 was called to order by Vice Chairman Street. Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes of April meeting and to accept the agenda for the May 13 meeting. Ms Culler seconded the motion--all Ayes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Chris Scheuttler reported on the alternate truck route to the quarry. Mr. Scheuttler said that the alternate route was doable but costly (\$750,000). Ultimately the truckers could choose their route and they usually would choose the shortest route. Mr. Jim McGill, sales manager for Aggregates USA was asked if his company would pay for the alternate route. He declined stating that the cost was beyond their budget. Several citizens from the community addressed the committee with reasons for not opening the quarry.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to recommend that the Judge Ben Allen Road remain as is, as requested by the citizens of that neighborhood. Mr. Gobble seconded the motion.

Mr. VonCannon amended the motion to not sanction the opening of the quarry. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Original motion made by Mr. Lewis passed--seven (7) Ayes. With Mr. VonCannon casting a No.

Commissioner Culler reminded everyone that the vote was a suggestion for Highway Supt. Perkins. Supt. Perkins will make the final decision about widening the Judge Ben Allen Road.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Chris Scheuttler will meet with Highway Supt. Perkins to discuss what can be done about the water in the road on Warrior Lane.

Citizen Mr. Jerry Hooper requested the committee change the name of Ripshin Mountain Road back to Roaring Creek Road. John Lewis made the motion to take no action on the request. Ms. Culler seconded the motion-- all Ayes.

Mr. Lewis was concerned about the water and rocks on Stout Hollow Rd. Mr. Street, Mr. Lewis and members of the highway department will visit the area and evaluate the situation.

Highway Supt. Perkins stated that money has been appropriated for the Coney Island Road project but the money has not been released. Mayor Leon Humphreys stated the county has done everything and waiting for the money to be released.

Motion was made by Ms Culler to adjourn--seconded by John Lewis - all Ayes.

The committee traveled to Siam to the dedication of the Siam Bridge at 11:30 a.m. The bridge is named to honor two Carter County families, William "Bill" Allen and John Curtis.

Bobbie Gouge-Dietz, Secretary

Joel Street, Vice Chairman

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