
CARTER COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE
MARCH 11, 2014 10:00 A.M.

APPROVED
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MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Buford Peters, John Lewis, Joel Street, Russell Kyte for Sonja Culler, Steve Lowrance, Charles VonCannon and Bobbie Gouge-Dietz

Members Absent: Robert Gobble and Sonja Culler

Chairman Peters called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A motion to approve the minutes for February and the March agenda made by Commissioner John Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Steve Lowrance. The motion passed with all ayes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Commissioner Lowrance said the drop-off on Siam Road had been repaired and he thanked the highway department for the good work.

After the February meeting Chairman Peters and Assistant Road Superintendent, Shannon Burchette, visited 304 Reynolds Road, the area Juanita McKinney asked the committee to check out. It was determined a tile needed to be moved. Ms. Reynolds will need to get permission from the property owner to have the tile moved. Chairman Peters stated the problem area could probably be solved, but there is a property controversy which the highway department has no control over. Property owners need to work out their problem then the highway department can solve the problem.

Commissioner John Lewis asked that the county install guardrails on a section of the county highway in Poga. Asst. Road Superintendent Shannon Burchette said the highway department has the guardrails but not the correct equipment to install them. Chairman Peters stated we need to determine the cost to the county highway department to install the guardrails. He plans to talk with Supt. Perkins about the project.

Commissioner VonCannon said there was a need for guardrails at the approach to Smalling Bridge to prevent cars from missing the bridge and going into the river.

A motion was made by Commissioner VonCannon and unanimously approved to invite all Carter County road superintendent candidates to attend the next highway committee meeting.

Commissioner VonCannon brought up the subject of the county's dilapidated bridges, which were inspected by the state in 2011. Mayor Leon

Humphrey told the committee about a bill sponsored in the House by Representative Timothy Hill that would reduce the percent of local match money for repairing bridges from 20% to 2%. This bill will allow the county to use state aid grant funds, which will be available through the 2016 fiscal year. Mayor Humphrey said the bill has already passed the House by a 92-0 vote and the Senate is prepared to vote on the bill this week. The bill would enable the county to qualify for as much as \$1.8 million in grant money that is already in TDOT funds. Commissioner VonCannon made a motion to invite TDOT District II Senior Bridge Inspector Adam Wallen to attend an upcoming meeting to provide a report on the county's bridges. John Lewis seconded the motion and the motion was approved --all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Dietz made the committee aware of a problem brought to her attention on Price Road off of South Roan Street. Ms. Linda Tipton wants a speed limit sign because of the heavy traffic on the road. Vehicles speed around a curve and end-up in her yard. Ms. Tipton needs to have her neighbors sign a petition to have the speed limit reduced. Commissioner John Lewis asked the highway department to check on a turn into Nowhere Mountain in Poga to check on the tile that is eroding.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Citizen Jerry Marlowe asked the highway department to consider placing guardrails along a narrow section of River Road where there is a steep cliff. Chairman Peters stated Dennis Hardin had asked to be added to the agenda but he was not present.

Commissioner John Lewis made a motion to adjourn . The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lowrance and passed with all-eyes.

Buford Peters, Chairman

Bobbie Gouge-Dietz, Secretary