

CARTER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
February 14, 2011

- Attendance

Present: Ernest “Gebe” Ritchie, Richard “Dickie” Renfro, Steve Lowrance, Sonja Culler, Pat Hicks, Joel Street, Charles Von Cannon, John Lewis

Ernest “Gebe” Ritchie – Committee Chairman called the meeting to order. The committee addressed concerns regarding water drainage problem on roads, speed limit lowered in a residential neighborhood and paving road.

- Paul Bellany – Phone # 306-4408- A member of Lynn Valley Baptist Church approached the committee regarding Lynn Valley Baptist Church’s plans to widen a section of the road to improve safety. Mr. Bellamy had spoken to the committee last month regarding the church’s plans and returned today to discuss any progress on resolving problem. Assistant Superintendent Doug Miller stated that the solution would be to run a valley ditch that would connect to existing ditch. He stated would need to contact resident for permission to ditch across their property.
- John Shepherd –Phone #542-4255 – 142 Runion Street – Once again address the committee about paving the portion of Runion Street which was left unpaved causing his property to flooded. He approached the committee regarding the status. Committee Chairman Gebe Ritchie informed Mr. Shepherd the committee is continuing to research and will contact him once the commission determines a resolution.
- Trudy Brumitt – Wild Rose Lane located off Rockhouse Road - Addressed the committee requesting CCHD pave and upkeep road. She stated she had lived on this road for 31 years and at one time only 3 houses on road. She and another resident maintain the upkeep until other houses were built. She contact CCHD and was informed not on Uniform County Road List, therefore CCHD could not pave. Commissioner Sonja Culler spoke to committee stating she had done some research and found that Ben Paduch signed off on road, she said it appeared that Mr. Paduch’s intentions was to build subdivision, but pulled out and donated road to county in June 1966 making it a Public Road and explained that Public Road does not mean the same as County Road. Ms. Brumitt stated that she had contacted the Planning Office each time house was built which requires a building permit, however, nothing ever done and when she ask for copies of building permits, she was told by Planning Director that after five years records are purged. Committee Chairman Gebe Ritchie suggested to have County Attorney, Keith Bowers advise committee on this matter.
- Steve Bailey, Sr., 232 Blevins Rd, Phone 542-671- Water problem – He told the committee when Roy H. Taylor was Road Superintendent he gave the county one acre of his property to build road. The problem is that CCHD never put in drain tile. The

residents paved over where ditch should be and water is running over on his property. He said CCHD has visited property, but has done nothing to resolve. Asst. Superintendent, Doug Miller said CCHD must have permission from land owners to cut drive way and install tile. The land owner would be responsible for purchasing tile and CCHD will install tile. Commissioner Charles Von Cannon said he would speak with each resident and get back to the committee.

- Steve Melton – 255 Jenkins Hollow Road – Approached the committee stating that is is unable to have water line installed due to a condemned well. He presented photos of the well setting at the end of road, which he stated the well was owned by neighbor, Gloria Jenkins. He states well is on county road and ask Committee to resolve. Commissioner Steve Lowrance stated this is a dispute between neighbors, which would need to be settled by them. Chairman Ritchie agreed to visit property.
- Doran Marcus – Shenandoah Heights Community presented the committee with signed petition from the residents requesting Committee to lower speed limit to 25 m.p.h. stating this is a residential neighborhood with many elder citizens and children who walk, ride bikes, etc. and are concerned about their safety. Motion made by Commissioner Dickie Renfro and second by Commissioner Joel Street to approve lowering speed limit. Committee voted to approve.
- Matthew Young – Southern Appalachian Greenway Association – Request approval of the Highway Committee to install road sign to direct people to their trails. The SAGA will purchase sign and CCHD to install sign for the Association.
- Motion made by Pat Hicks to adjourn, second by Sonja Culler, approved by committee.