

CARTER COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 8, 2013

APPROVED

MEMBERS PRESENT: VICE CHAIRMAN, JOEL STREET, JOHN LEWIS,
CHARLES VONCANNON, SONJA CULLER, STEVE LOWRANCE, BOBBIE
GOUGE-DIETZ, BUFORD PETERS FOR GEBE RITCHIE

MEMBERS ABSENT: CHAIRMAN GEBE RITCHIE, W. PATRICK HICKS

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY VICE CHAIRMAN, JOEL STREET.
AGENDA AND MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING, MARCH 11, 2013, WERE
APPROVED BY ALL AYES.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mr. Jim McGill, a manager from Aggregates USA, stated that the sand quarry will be opened. This will create 6 jobs and \$20,000 in revenue to the county each year. He stated that environment issues were strictly regulated. The reason for his presents before the committee was to offer for Aggregates to pay for the Judge Ben Allen Road improvement. The company began surveying the road in late February.

Many residents of Judge Ben Allen Road in the Stoney Creek Community expressed opposition to the reopening of the quarry and requested the road not be made more convenient for dump trucks by widening the road. The residents are concerned about dust from the trucks, damage from blastings and trucks traveling the narrow and curvy road. One resident, Jack Buckles, was in favor of the county taking advantage of the offer to widen the road. Mr McGill stated the company intends to open the quarry with or without a widened road.

Motion made to adjourn for 10 minutes by Steve Lowrance seconded by John Lewis. All ayes. Meeting called back to order by Vice Chairman, Joel Street.

Discussion continued about the quarry opening. Vice Chairman Street gave everyone who had concerns an opportunity to speak.

Chris Scheuttler presented a map showing an alternate route for the trucks from the quarry to travel. This would route trucks away from the Judge Ben Allen Road. An old road, Turkeytown Road, runs through the Carter County landfill property. The trucks would travel on Minton Hollow Rd. to US Hwy. 19E or Tenn. Hwy. 91.

Charles VonCannon made a motion seconded by Steve Lowrance to table the JBA road issue and look at Mr. Scheuttler's proposal, involve those affected by the proposal and have Mr. Scheuttler take the lead. Motion carries--all ayes.

Mr. Scheuttler reported bricks were added to Lynnview Circle to fix the problem.

Mr. Lewis reported Stout Hollow Road was now okay.

Mr. Street reported proper signs will be placed by the road department on Ridgefield Drive.

Motion by Vice Chairman Joel Street to replace stop sign with a yield sign on Lonesome Dove Lane--seconded by Sonja Culler. Motion carries--all ayes.

Highway Dept. reported that a pipe has been ordered to widen a culvert area on Bishop Road/Ridgefield Road off Old Lewis Road.

Sonja Culler was ask to work with the city and county to improve the HVHS /Powder Branch Rd. intersection property which is in the city.

Sign on 4th Avenue in Hampton has been fixed.

NEW BUSINESS: Sonja Culler made the motion to change the speed limit on Bishop Road to 20 mph. seconded by Charles VonCannon. Motion carried--all ayes.

Mr. Perkins from the highway dept. reported that the State will aid in the paving of Lynn Avenue. The State will pay 75% and the county 25%. Project to be completed in 2013.

Mr. VonCannon introduced a problem with a bridge which crosses the Watauga River. The bridge was built in 1941 and needs repairs. Mr. Adam Wallen, TDOT representative, stated that the school buses crossing the bridge exceed the weight limit of the bridge. This makes the county liable.

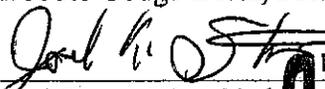
Buford Peters made the motion to give County School Supt., Mr. Ward, the information presented and our recommendation is that bus traffic that exceeds the weight limit not cross Smalling Bridge. Motion seconded by Mr. VonCannon--Motioned carried--all ayes. Sheriff Chris Mathes stated he will make officers aware of the Smalling Bridge situation.

Work will begin on replacing the Coney Island Road.

Sonja Culler moved to adjourn--Buford Peters second the motion. Motion carried--all ayes.

Vice Chairman Street called the meeting back in order. Ms Culler made the motion to recess this Hwy. meeting Seconded by Mr. Peters. Motion carried--all ayes.

Bobbie Gouge-Dietz, Secretary


Joel Street, Vice Chairman

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May 13, 2013