

**MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETING**

**November 4, 2020**

County Attorney Cook provided the following statement: If there are no objections from the members, and subject to Executive Order No. 65, the Highway Commission members determine that it is necessary for the Highway Commission meeting to be held electronically to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. The Commissioners were asked if there were any objections. No objections were noted. With no objections noted, the meeting proceeded.

The meeting was broadcast on Comcast Channel 3, Charter Channel 192, AT&T Channel 99, United Communications Channel 207, and on You Tube at [www.youtube.com/user/wctvnet/live](http://www.youtube.com/user/wctvnet/live) for public access.

County Mayor and Highway Commission Chairman Rogers Anderson called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. Chairman Anderson conducted roll call: Davis, present; Coleman, present; Wilson, present; Tyson, present; Anderson, present.

**Also on the teleconference were:** Eddie Hood, Highway Superintendent; Greg Boll, Elaine Vasquez, Highway Department; Nena Graham, Budget Director; Joe Horne, Community Development Director; Floyd Heflin, Engineering; Chad Collier, Collier Engineering; Robert Cook, Buerger, Moseley, & Carson; and Melissa Callaway, Citizens Communications.

Chairman Anderson asked for the approval of the minutes of the October 7, 2020 Highway Commission meeting. Commissioner Tyson moved for approval of the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

**Special Announcements:** There were no Special Announcements.

**Citizen Communications:** Melissa Callaway, residing at 1202 Hidden Valley Road spoke to the Commission representing the Hidden Valley neighborhood. She stated that the neighborhood has 60 homes and is located between North Berry's Chapel Road and Mallory Lane. On an average day 1000 cars pass through the neighborhood at speeds of 41-46 MPH with some going as fast as 60-70 MPH. She added that she has been working with Commissioner Wilson, County Commissioner Rainey and Mr. Collier on the best solutions to lower speeds through the neighborhood.

**Elections and Appointments:** There were no Elections and Appointments.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Resolution 11-20-13 RESOLUTION TO SET THE SPEED LIMIT ALONG COUNTY ROADS LOCATED IN CEDARMONT FARMS AND CEDARMONT VALLEY ESTATES SUBDIVISION. (HC Wilson; CC District 4, Story/Lawrence)**

Superintendent Hood remarked that the speed limit was lowered to 25 MPH earlier in the year. After a survey was taken, 92% of the neighborhood were in favor of raising the speed limit back to 30 MPH. Superintendent Hood recommended approval. Commissioner Wilson moved for approval of Resolution 11-20-13. It was seconded by Commissioner Tyson. By roll call vote, the Resolution passed unanimously, 5-0. 5-0. Davis, aye; Coleman, aye; Wilson, aye; Tyson, aye; Anderson, aye.

**Highway Commission District Reports:**

**Commissioner Davis:** Commissioner Davis had no road issues to present.

**Commissioner Tyson:** Commissioner Tyson was not aware of any road issues to report.

**Commissioner Coleman:** Commissioner Coleman was not aware of any road issues to report. He asked if the Highway Commission meeting agenda packets could be delivered electronically from now on.

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Commissioners Tyson and Wilson voiced their approval of the request. Commissioner Davis stated that he would like to receive his packet in the mail. Ms. Vasquez stated that the request is so noted.

**Commissioner Wilson:** Commissioner Wilson stated that he has been working with Superintendent Hood, Mr. Collier, County Commissioners Rainey and Lawrence, and Ms. Callaway regarding the best way to address the excessive speed issue in Hidden Valley Subdivision.

**Mr. Collier** reported that he met with Ms. Callaway and others to address possible solutions to the speeding issue. He stated that the road is 22-24 feet wide which is relatively narrow. The average speed on Hidden Valley Road was determined to be in the range of 41-43 MPH with some vehicles traveling in the 60-72 MPH range. Mr. Collier stated that striping a line on the outer edges of the road would help reduce the speed by making the travel lanes appear narrower. If other measures are deemed necessary to control the speed, a financial assessment might be required depending on the solution he added.


**Highway Superintendent Report:** Superintendent Hood reported paving projects in the Fairview area as paving season winds down for the year. He added that the asphalt plants usually close around the 14<sup>th</sup> of November. He expressed his appreciation to all his employees for the great job they do.

**Highway Chairman Report:** Chairman Anderson had no further issues to present.

**Legal Issues:** County Attorney Cook had no legal issues to address.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:48 a.m.

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**Rogers C. Anderson**  
**Chairman and County Mayor**