

MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETING

January 6, 2021

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m.

County Attorney Cook provided the following statement: With the meeting being called to order, and if there are no objections from the members, and subject to Executive Order No. 71 as reiterated by Executive Order No.73, the Highway Commission members have determined 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 for public access.

Chairman Anderson conducted roll call: Davis, present; Coleman, present; Wilson, present; Anderson, present. Commissioner Tyson was unable to participate in the voting process due to technical issues.

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 and William Andrews, Engineering; Robert Cook, Buerger, Moseley, & Carson; Diane Giddens, Chief of Staff, and Melissa Callaway, Citizens Communications.

Chairman Anderson asked for the approval of the minutes of the December 2, 2020 Highway Commission meeting. Commissioner Coleman moved for approval of the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Davis. By roll call vote the December 2, 2020 Highway Commission minutes were approved, 4-0. Davis, aye; Wilson, aye; Coleman, aye; Anderson, aye.

Special Announcements: Thoughts and prayers are requested for the family of former Highway Commissioner Richard (Dick) Fowlkes who passed away recently.

Citizen Communications: Melissa Callaway, residing at 1202 Hidden Valley Road spoke to the Commission representing the Hidden Valley neighborhood. She stated that the speeding problem persists and she is hoping the County will continue to engage with the residents of Hidden Valley with a solution to the problem and a timetable for completion.

Elections and Appointments: There were no Elections and Appointments.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution 21-1-15 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2021 WILLIAMSON COUNTY ROAD LIST.

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Resolution 21-1-15. It was seconded by Commissioner Coleman. Chairman Anderson stated that there is an amendment that is needed.

County Attorney Cook stated that the State Law was amended to remove the verbiage 'at its January session' as stated in paragraph one of Resolution 21-1-15 and recommended amending the Resolution to reflect the change. Commissioner Coleman made a motion to approve the amendment, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The amendment was passed by unanimous roll call vote 4-0: Davis, aye; Coleman, aye; Wilson, aye; Anderson, aye.

Superintendent Hood recommended approval of the Resolution as amended. Resolution 21-1-15, as amended was approved by unanimous roll call vote, 4-0: Davis, aye; Coleman, aye; Wilson, aye; Anderson, aye.

2. Resolution 21-1-16 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FIVE YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR SCHOOLS, ROADS, FIRE PROTECTION AND RECREATION.

Superintendent Hood stated that this is an annual process whereby the department anticipates the need for vehicles, heavy equipment and facility improvements over the next five years. He recommended approval.

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Ms. Graham explained that this Resolution doesn't approve the individual items contained in the plan. It simply approves the plan in order to collect the privilege taxes.

Commissioner Coleman moved for approval of Resolution 21-1-16. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. By roll call vote Resolution 21-1-16 passed, 4-0.
Davis, aye; Wilson, aye; Coleman, aye; Anderson, aye.

3. Resolution 21-1-17 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ROADS IN FALLS GROVE SUBDIVISION, SECTION ONE, LOCATED OFF EUDAILY COVINGTON ROAD, AS A PART OF THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM FOR MAINTENANCE BY THE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT. (HC, Coleman; CC District 5, Little/Lothers).

Superintendent Hood and Staff recommend acceptance.
Commissioner Coleman moved for acceptance of Resolution 21-1-17. It was seconded by Commissioner Davis.
By roll call vote Resolution 21-1-17 passed, 4-0.
Davis, aye; Coleman, aye; Wilson, aye; Anderson, aye.

Highway Commission District Reports:

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

Commissioner Tyson: Commissioner Tyson was unable to report.

Commissioner Coleman: Commissioner Coleman reported two calls from constituents. The first call was in regards to a completion date on Arno Road at Page High School. The second call was an issue of concern to the Rescue Squad.

Commissioner Wilson: Commissioner Wilson reported a drainage problem at the Johnson property off of Wilson Pike and stated that Superintendent Hood is working on it. He also reported on the speed issue in the Hidden Valley neighborhood. He reported that Collier Engineering is working on a round-about design that will be implemented as soon as the design plan is approved and that a committee to keep the residents informed will be formed within a month.

Highway Superintendent Report: Superintendent Hood reported that Arno Road at Page High School is 98% complete. He reported that striping the road and installing the guardrail still needs to be done on that portion of the Arno Road project. He also thanked Chair Anderson for his leadership in the administration of the COVID-19 response. All Commissioners were in agreement with Superintendent Hood and expressed their appreciation as well.

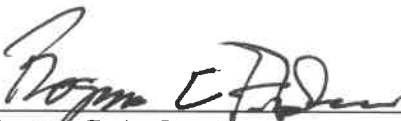
Highway Chairman Report: Chairman Anderson thanked Superintendent Hood and his staff for a job well done, especially under COVID-conditions. He gave an overview of the testing and vaccination operations in the County stating that vaccinations will be done by appointment only. He also stated that testing is being conducted at the Ag Center in the mornings and vaccinations are being administered in the afternoons. He reported that Tennessee is one of the leading states in the nation with the vaccine rollout. He added that the hospital numbers of COVID cases continues to climb and urged everyone to do everything possible to stop the spread. He concluded by stating that people are allowed to travel to surrounding counties to get their vaccination.

Ms. Giddens gave the latest update from the PIO regarding signing up for vaccinations. She reported that the Sign up Genius website has not been functioning properly as it will only allow sign ups through Jan 29th. She recommended emailing questions or requests to vaccine@williamsoncounty-tn.gov or to call the public information line at 615-595-4880 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

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

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 a.m.

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Rogers C. Anderson
Chairman and County Mayor