

**MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETING**

**February 3, 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](http://www.youtube.com/user/wctvnet/live) for public access.

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, Highway Department; Nena Graham, Budget Director; Joe Horne, Community Development Director; Floyd Heflin and William Andrews, Engineering; Robert Cook, Buerger, Moseley, & Carson, and Melissa Callaway, Citizens Communications.

Chairman Anderson asked for the approval of the minutes of the January 6, 2021 Highway Commission meeting. Commissioner Tyson moved for approval of the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. By roll call vote the January 6, 2021 Highway Commission minutes were approved unanimously, 5-0. Davis, aye; Wilson, aye; Coleman, aye; Tyson, aye; Anderson, aye.

**Special Announcements:**

**Citizen Communications:** Melissa Callaway, residing at 1202 Hidden Valley Road spoke to the Commission representing the Hidden Valley neighborhood. She reiterated a desire to work with the County on the speed and safety issue in the Hidden Valley neighborhood. She also expressed interest in participating in a pilot program as suggested by Commissioner Wilson, to utilize roundabouts and smart speed limit signs. She added that a successful plan to address the problem would include input from the residents who know the roads and have an interest in the property values. She thanked the Commission and Mr. Collier and reiterated their willingness to work together. Ms. Callaway also stated that Mr. Collier emailed her a copy of the traffic calming plan in December. She stated that she sent back suggestions to Mr. Collier but got no response back.

**Elections and Appointments:**

<b><u>Highway Commission</u></b>	<b><u>Expiring Terms 3/31/2021</u></b>	<b><u>Nomination</u></b>
<b>NW District</b>	<b>Stan Tyson</b>	<b>Stan Tyson</b>
<b>2 year term-expiring 3/2023</b>		

Commissioner Davis moved to nominate Commissioner Tyson for another 2 year term. It was seconded by Commissioner Coleman. By roll call vote the motion passed unanimously, 5-0. Davis, aye; Wilson, aye; Coleman, aye; Tyson, aye; Anderson, aye.

<b>NE District</b>	<b>Charles Wilson</b>	<b>Charles Wilson</b>
<b>2 year term-expiring 3/2023</b>		

Commissioner Coleman moved to nominate Commissioner Wilson for another 2 year term. It was seconded by Commissioner Tyson. By roll call vote the motion passed unanimously, 5-0. Coleman, aye; Tyson, aye; Davis, aye; Wilson, aye; Anderson, aye.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Hidden Valley Traffic Plan**

Mr. Collier of Collier Engineering stated that he has submitted a plan that would call for two roundabouts that would serve to slow traffic by placing a small island in the intersection that would require drivers to slow down in order to drive around it. Mr. Collier stated that the cost of a roundabout is relatively low.

Mr. Collier also mentioned utilizing electronic speed signs. These signs operate on solar panels and a battery. The sign can detect the actual speed of the driver and flash the rate of speed. He stated that he spoke with Superintendent Hood who told him that to date no electronic speed signs have been funded by the Highway Department. Mr. Collier stated that it's his opinion that two electronic speed signs would be required.

Mr. Collier requested that Ms. Callaway please re-send the email that she had sent him, stating that he didn't receive it possibly due to security settings on the network.

Superintendent Hood stated that he'd like to try the roundabouts for about 6 months and then re-evaluate with another traffic study before utilizing the electronic speed signs.

Commissioner Wilson stated that he concurs with Superintendent Hood. He also expressed his thanks to Mr. Collier for his input on the project.

Commissioner Rainey stated that he feels like this has re-opened the lines of communication with the residents of Hidden Valley.

Commissioner Davis asked who would be responsible for the cost and maintenance of the electronic speed signs.

Chairman Anderson stated that he is not in favor of the homeowners taking care of the electronic speed signs and believes that it is the County's responsibility. He also stated that he'd like to have some input from the residents in Hidden Valley to find out their preferences on the speed calming plan.

Ms. Calloway stated that 80% of the residents are in favor of the roundabouts, and 90% would like to have the electronic speed signs as well. She stated that the cost of 2 electronic speed signs is less than the cost of striping the road.

Mr. Horne pointed out that Hidden Valley Subdivision is on a septic system which should be taken into consideration.

Chairman Anderson asked Superintendent Hood to set up a meeting with Mr. Collier and the residents of Hidden Valley to get input and to share the proposed plans. He asked that it be brought back at the March or April Highway Commission Meeting.

**2. Intersection of Harpeth Peytonsville Road, Cool Springs Road, Peytonsville Arno Road, and Peytonsville Trinity Road.**

Mr. Collier stated that he provided Superintendent Hood with a plan for the intersection of Harpeth Peytonsville, Cool Springs, Peytonsville Arno, and Peytonsville Trinity Roads. He stated that the intersection warrants a 4 way stop along with signage and striping.

Superintendent Hood recommended approval of the plan submitted by Mr. Collier. He stated that he would like to put up message boards 2 weeks prior to installing the stop signs to notify the public. He added that he'd like to put down rumble strips to warn drivers of the newly installed stop signs.

Commissioner Coleman stated that he is in favor of the plan to improve the intersection and asked that the Rescue Squad be notified of the changes to the intersection.

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Commissioner Coleman moved for approval of the improvement plan to the intersection of Harpeth Peytonsville, Cool Springs, Peytonsville Arno, and Peytonsville Trinity Roads. It was seconded by Commissioner Tyson and passed unanimously, 5-0 by a roll call vote. Coleman, aye; Tyson, aye; Davis, aye; Wilson, aye; Anderson, aye.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Highway Commission District Reports:**

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

**Commissioner Tyson:** Commissioner Tyson requested an update on the Major Thoroughfare Plan at the March Highway Commission meeting.

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

**Commissioner Wilson:** Commissioner Wilson reported a guardrail issue that needs to be addressed.


**Highway Superintendent Report:** Superintendent Hood reported patching potholes and cleaning ditches. He also reported on the progress of the round-about on Manley Lane at Grassland Middle School.

**Highway Chairman Report:** Chairman Anderson requested thoughts and prayers for Mr. Dennis Anglin and his family after the recent passing of Mr. Anglin's wife. He also gave an update on the COVID-19 case statistics and on the vaccination process. He urged everyone to continue to take precautions to prevent the spread.

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

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20 a.m.

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