

**ROAD COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
5:30 P.M.**

Present: John Watley, Jerry Taylor, Nathan Futch and Glenn Hutto. Also present was Lanny Parker and Lane Rugg.

Mr. Watley called the meeting to order. Mr. Watley led the group in prayer.

**Motion Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hutto and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the Committee to approve the agenda with one addition:**

- 7      Discuss and make recommendations, if necessary, concerning a meeting with Dr. Wilson, Secretary of Transportation regarding the state taking over parish roads.**

**Motion made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hutto and declared adopted by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

A discussion was held concerning load limits on bridges. Apparently, there is a lot of heavy truck traffic on Linville Firetower Bridge and the jury is looking for ways to help with the load limits. Mr. Taylor met with Bob Brotherton, President of the Bossier Parish Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit. They use retired state troopers and retired DOTD personnel. The unit pays for itself through fines and fees. They have three units in use in Bossier parish. They follow the same guidelines the state does when setting up penalties and fines. They are trained to make inspections on trucks just like the state does. If anybody on the jury is interested in seeing how the program works in Bossier Parish, Mr. Taylor can set up a meeting with Mr. Brotherton.

No truck traffic on Linville Firetower Bridge was also discussed. Lane Rugg will talk to Mr. Hampton about adding no truck traffic in the ordinance he is currently working on. Currently we have weight limit signs posted, but nothing about truck traffic. **No action taken.**

A brief discussion was held on portable scales. The Louisiana State Police were contacted to see what type of scales they use. The particular type they use cost \$5,000 each and you would need four. That would be a total cost of \$20,000. The sheriff's office would have to weigh the trucks and Sheriff Gates said he does not have the man power to do this. **No action taken.**

A request was previously discussed regarding the Town of Bernice and Village of Junction City. At that time, the matter was tabled until further discussion could be had. The Secretary-Treasurer will contact Mr. Hampton to prepare a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Village of Junction City.

Mr. Taylor met with Dr. Wilson, Secretary of Transportation while in Baton Rouge. They discussed the size of the parish and where we stand in regard to state roads in our parish. Dr. Wilson suggested that the Jury pick out three roads using the criteria that the roads must be going to a port or connecting two state roads. The following roads were mentioned: Cherry Ridge Road, Dean Road, Downsville Road, North Spillway Road, Patrick Church Road, Pint Road, Risinger Road, Stewart Road and Rocky Branch Road. Governor Edwards had commented on the condition of North Spillway Road before. **Motion Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hutto to submit the following roads to Dr. Wilson, Secretary of Transportation, to turn over to the state: (1) Rocky Branch Road, (2) North Spillway Road and (3) Downsville Road; motion carried unanimously.**

**There being no further business to come before the committee, Mr. Watley declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Taylor and duly seconded by Mr. Hutto on this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.**

**John Watley, Chairman  
Paula Strickland, Secretary-Treasurer**