

**ROAD COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
August 22nd, 2023
4:00 P.M.**

Present: Ceis Nyegaard, Johnny Buckley, DeWayne Ramsey and Curtis Moses. Absent: None.
Also present: Ben Bridges, Nathan Pilgreen, L.W. Nolan, Brenda Abercrombie, Tommy Durrett, Chris Strickland, Mike Holley, Johnny Roberts, Glenn Hutto, Russell Wade, Luke Britt, Lawrence Hill, John Schultz, Fred Shields, Ricky Carter, Tammy Ramsey, Judy Auger and Tim/Mary Beth Biron.

Mr. Nyegaard called the meeting to order. Mr. Ramsey led the group in prayer.

Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Ramsey and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote to approve the agenda with the addition of Love Road being discussed in Item No. 6.

Motion Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to approve the minutes of the August 1st, 2023 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding Burma Road. Burma Road is located in District 5 and leads to the lake. It crosses two ravines. There are several homes located on this road. The road needs two (2) cross drains replaced. Both of the cross drains have caused half of the road to be washed out and it is not safe for travel. The current condition of the road poses an imminent risk of injury to any person traveling over it, and failure to repair the road expediently poses a risk of a complete washout. Paul Riley, Riley and Company, has provided an estimate of \$670,000 for the repairs.

Please note that after considering the assessment of the engineer, the Road Committee concluded that the current state of Burma Road is an unforeseen road condition, resulting from mischance, which poses an imminent risk of injury to life and damage to property which requires immediate action.

Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to recommend to the full jury to declare a need to make urgent repairs to Burma Road on an emergency basis. The state of emergency will allow the formal advertisement for bids to be waived. Motion carried unanimously.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding No Thru Truck Traffic on Dean Road, Hudson Road and Love Road. All three (3) roads have been recently chip/sealed. Mr. Durrett reported that there have been numerous calls on Dean and Hudson Road. McGivens and McLemore Trucks are using Dean and Hudson Roads as a cut through road for the Landfill. Mr. Durrett presented the committee with two options:

Option 1 – Require all trash companies to complete a blanket heavy haulers permit. This would allow the jury to limit access to certain roads that they are using as cut through roads. It would also allow fines to be issued.

Option 2 – Impose a *No Truck Ordinance* on the three (3) roads in question. This would allow the trucks that have to be on the roads to continue using them. Fines could also be issued with this option.

Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Buckley to recommend to the full jury to require permits for commercial and non-residential traffic on parish roads. Motion carried unanimously.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the invoices received for Mac's Tree Service. The Secretary/Treasurer reported that two invoices were received from Mac's Tree Service totaling \$33,150. The work was for labor and equipment to sidearm/bushhog parish roads. The work was performed 6/12, 6/13, 6/14, 6/15, 6/19, 6/20, 6/21, 6/26, 6/27, 6/28, 6/29, 7/3, 7/5, 7/6, 7/10, 7/11, 7/13, 7/17 and 7/19/2023. The work performed was on five (5) roads: Charles Road, McGee Road, Ervin Road, Lem Road and Oakland Bridge Road.

Mr. Durrett said he made the decision to hire Mac's Tree Service. Mr. Durrett stated that he was only trying to benefit the parish. Mr. Durrett further stated that the job was not done for one specific juror or area.

Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Moses to recommend to the full jury to approve payment to Mac's Tree Service in the amount of \$33,150 for labor and equipment to sidearm/bushhog Charles Road, McGee Road, Ervin Road, Lem Road and Oakland Bridge Road. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held regarding a road maintenance priority list. On April 5th, 2022, a maintenance list was adopted of the following roads:

• Beech Grove Church Road	.6 miles
• Pine Grove Church Road	.7 miles
• Village Creek Road	.7 miles
• Buck Moore Road	1.1 miles
• St. Paul church Road	.24 miles
• Watley Road	.2 miles
• Arkansas Road	.29 miles
• Mina Parker Road	.23 miles
• Hill Laster Road	.02 miles
• Daniel Road	.05 miles
• Gatson Road	1.49 miles
• Lem Road	1.5 miles
• Oakland Bridge Road	.5 miles
• Cook Road	.04 miles
Total	7.66 miles

To date, there has not been any progress on the maintenance list. Road maintenance will be performed on the above roads as voted on during the April 2022 meeting. **No action taken.**

In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given.

John Schultz, 145 Forks Ferry Road, Farmerville, addressed the Committee regarding Scotts Hideaway Road.

Tim Biron, 740 Spring Lake Road, Farmerville, addressed the Committee regarding Scotts Hideaway Road.

There being no more business to come before the committee, Mr. Nyegaard declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Ramsey and duly seconded by Mr. Moses on this the 22nd day of August, 2023.

Ceis Nyegaard, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer