

**ROAD COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
2:45 P.M.**

Present: Mike Holley, Russell Wade and Nathan Pilgreen. Absent: Jeremy Hobbs.  
Also present: Glenn Hutto, Ben Bridges, Brenda Abercrombie, Danielle Harkins, David Carlson and Debra Hyde.

Mr. Holley called the meeting to order. Mr. Pilgreen led the group in prayer.

Public Comments were held on agenda items. Mrs. Abercrombie gave a brief update on Chapman Road and the issues that are being had with the road.

**Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Wade and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote to approve the agenda as written.**

**Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Wade to approve the minutes of the April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to recommend to the full jury to authorize Riley Company to advertise for bids for the Alabama Landing Project (FLAP). Motion carried unanimously.**

A brief discussion was held regarding the bids received for the Linville Fire Tower Bridge. Four bid packages were sent out and only one responded with a bid. Bid packages were sent to Durable Piling Restoration, Louisiana Bridge, Inc., Matt L. Guinn Construction, LLC and Guinn Construction, LLC. Durable Piling Restoration, LLC submitted a bid in the amount of \$144,895.00. Paul Riley with Riley Company has reviewed the proposal and said that the proposal is acceptable. **Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Wade to recommend to the full jury to accept the bid from Durable Piling Restoration in the amount of \$144,895.00 for repairs for the Linville Fire tower Bridge Repairs Project. Motion carried unanimously.**

A brief discussion was held regarding side boom mowing. Tim Coggins with Coggins Welding & Construction submitted a quote of \$100 an hour to mow and trim limbs for upkeep on parish roads. The job would be done with a side boom mower owned by Coggins Welding. Mr. Coggins' proposal also stated that hauling the equipment to the various locations would be an additional cost of \$120 an hour. It was suggested that Mr. Coggins work a 40-hour work week and Mr. Ates or another supervisor would inspect the work that had been done. **Motion Mr. Wade, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to recommend to the full jury to hire Tim Coggins Welding @ \$100 per hour in forty (40) hour increments to mow/trim limbs on parish roads. If any equipment hauling is to be done it will be at the cost of \$120 per hour. Motion carried unanimously.**

Alan Ates, Interim Road Superintendent, addressed the Committee regarding a Road Department update. Mr. Ates stated that there is a lot of work that goes into preparing the roads for the chip/seal program. Mr. Ates' biggest concern is the time frame on getting the roads prepped and chip sealed.

Mr. Bridges suggested purchasing two tandem axle trucks to assist with the hauling of rock to the locations. The Road Department already has two (2) trucks, but in order to do the chip seal program in house four (4) trucks are needed. Mr. Holley suggested that the Road employees work five (5) ten-hour days if that would help with the prep work for the chip seal program. There will be some overtime, but the prep work must get done.

Mr. Ates stated that he is having issues with a supervisor not doing his job. Mr. Holley stated that Mr. Ates has the authority to handle the employees in his department. Mr. Holley stated that the personnel manual gives Mr. Ates the power to do what he needs to do as far as writing up the employees. Mr. Ates would like to recommend to the personnel committee that a new supervisor be advertised for. Mr. Ford and Mr. Hutto said they are also having issues with work not being done in their area and they also have the same supervisor.

Mr. Ates said he will work on the following issues:

- Priority Road – setting up shoulders and doing drainage work
- Culvert installations – cross drains
- Issues with the spreader – electrical issue
- Addressing personnel committee regarding supervisor issue
- Specs for two (2) tandem axle trucks

A brief discussion was held with representatives from EPC. **Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Wade to recommend to the full jury to allow EPC to increase the amount of permitted feet laid from 50,000 to 100,000 feet per day. Motion carried unanimously.**

Sharon Pickel, Taylor Drive, addressed the committee about Taylor Drive. Mrs. Pickel stated that Taylor Drive is a private road going through her property. Mrs. Pickel further stated that she wants to shut the road down. **Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Wade to recommend to the full jury to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to begin the road deletion of Taylor Drive. Motion carried unanimously.**

**There being no more business to come before the committee, Mr. Holley declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Wade and duly seconded by Mr. Pilgreen on this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.**

Mike Holley, Chairman  
Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer