

# HAMBLÉN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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## MINUTES OF THE JULY 9, 2024 MEETING OF THE HAMBLÉN COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS

Members Present: CHARLES ANDERSON                      DANNIE BELL  
TERRY BRITT    TOM HYDE  
DELBERT NIX    DAVID RICH

Chairman Tom Hyde called the July 9, 2024, meeting to order. County Commissioner Edna Greene was welcomed as visitor as well as Dennis Greene, Gwen Holden, Linda Noe, Dana Rich and Drew Robinson. Chairman Hyde offered the prayer.

Chairman Hyde asked if any visitors had a comment.

Edna Greene passed out the Private Act and asked if the commissioners were aware of their duties as a road commissioner. Mrs. Greene advised the commissioners were required to approve new hires and she has never heard this addressed. Mrs. Greene also requested packets be made available online and the agenda posted online.

Gwen Holden asked if the commissioners were aware if they do not attend the monthly meeting meetings they did not get paid for the month. Commissioner Nix advised commissioners would not be paid unless death in family or hospitalization and since Commissioner Carter left before the meeting he would not get paid.

Linda Noe advised she did not think any commission policy would supersede the Private Act as this was a State Statute. Linda Noe also echoed the need for the packets and the agenda be posted online.

Chairman Hyde noted he discussed putting the agenda on Facebook with Mayor Brittain and Sharon about 3 months ago. Chairman Hyde advised the road commission has no direct supervision over the Road Superintendent. Chairman Hyde advised the agenda needed to be added to the job description of the Administrative Assistant of the Road Department and agreed there should be more transparency.

Linda Noe advised she has never heard a name be brought before commissioners to be approved for hiring. Commissioner Nix advised he checked each month on if the highway department needed any employees and they had in between meetings each month.

Chairman Hyde requested approval for the minutes from the monthly June 11, 2024 meeting, Commissioner Anderson made the motion that the June 11, 2024 minutes be approved and Commissioner Rich made the second to approve the minutes, no discussion took place and there was a unanimous vote to approve the June 11, 2024 minutes.

Commissioner Bell had reviewed the invoices and made a motion that the invoices be approved, and Commissioner Nix seconded the motion, with no discussion, there was a unanimous vote to approve the invoices.

### **Old Business**

Chairman Hyde read a letter Mayor Brittain sent to former road commissioner Gail Free requesting reimbursement for pay when she moved out of her district. Commissioner Nix advised she did not move from her district as she lived with someone within the district.

Chairman Hyde requested reports from the Finance, Budget, Purchasing, Personnel, Public Works and Fund Balance committee. The committee reports are as follows:

- **Finance Committee Chairman Dannie Bell**

Line Item		Budget Remaining
61000	ADMINISTRATION BUDGET	8.15%
62000	HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE MAINTENANCE BUDGET	16.13%
63100	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT BUDGET	12.26%
66000	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	10.9%
68000	CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.82%

- **Budget Committee**

No new business at this time.

- **Purchasing Committee**

No new business at this time.

- **Personnel Committee**

Chairman Nix reported 2 CDL drivers were needed.

- **Public Works Committee**

No new business at this time.

- **Fund Balance Committee**

No fund balance reported this month.

## **District Reports**

Commissioner Anderson asked commission members if they had any concerns in any of their districts. They are as follows:

District 1 & 2	Commissioner Dr. Tom Hyde	Good
District 3 & 4	Commissioner Terry Britt	Wayne Nesmith property on Croxdale – water run-off
District 5 & 6	Commissioner Delbert Nix	Requested that no asphalt be put down on the new tile on Turley Bridge until settled. Boatman’s Mountain (down mountain) potholes. No dumping sign past guardrail on Boatman’s Mountain.
District 7 & 8	Commissioner David Rich	Good. Various potholes.
District 9 & 10	Commissioner Dannie Bell	Bent Creek Rd from Fred Marshall to county line, repairs needed. Beacon Light tile cave-in.
District 11 & 12	Commissioner Charles Anderson	Good shape. S. Bellwood needs repair after the city does some repair work. Commended Chairman Hyde on MLK-160 closure of left-and turn.
District 13 & 14	Commissioner Larry Carter	

## **Superintendent Report**

Mike Richardson reported these roads were turned in for paving requests from the road commissioners: Chucky River Road, Old Kentucky Road, Copper Ridge Road, Brights Pike, Fox Drive, Dearing Road, Union Grove Road, Turley Bridge Road.

## **New Business**

Commissioner Anderson requested a driveway permit notice be posted on the county website.

Commissioner Nix understood that the County Commission would be deciding on the roads that would be paved with the wheel tax money. A budget amendment will be submitted before the roads are paved.

Commissioner Dannie Bell advised that he would be on a mission trip at the next meeting. He said it has been a privilege to serve the county the last 8 years and thanked Barry as they had not always seen eye to eye.

Chairman Hyde issued a request for any further business of the commission, and none was brought up, so he asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Bell made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Rich seconded the motion, with no discussion there was a unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting.