

SUMNER COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION

March 6th, 2023

MINUTES

Members Present:

Dr. Jamie Teachenor, Chairman
Shannon Burgdorf, Vice-Chairman
Toby Ellis, Road Superintendent
Dr. Mary Genung, Commissioner
Tim Jones, Commissioner
Terry Wright, Commissioner
John Isbell, County Mayor
Tim O'Brien, Citizen Member

Others Present:

Eric Sittler, County Attorney
Steve Weiner, Staff Attorney
Merrol Hyde, Commission Chairman

1. Call to Order

The Highway Commission was brought to order on March 6th, 2023, 8:19 pm. in Room 112 of the Sumner County Administration Building.

2. Invocation

Chairman Teachenor opened with a prayer.

3. Roll Call

Chairman Teachenor declared a quorum was present.

2. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Teachenor asked for a motion for approval of agenda. Commissioner Genung motioned and was seconded by Commissioner Wright. The Commission approved the agenda unanimously. Chairman Teachenor brings up that he forgot to add something to the agenda that was requested by Road Superintendent, Toby Ellis. It is recommended by the County Attorney that he would have to reapprove the agenda after item is added. Motion to amend the agenda by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Burgdorf. Amended agenda approved unanimously. Chairman Teachenor requests the addition of the Personnel Policy update under New Business of the Road Superintendent as item B3. Chairman Teachenor entertains a motion for the approval of the amended agenda. Toby Ellis makes a motion and it is seconded by Commissioner Jones. Amended agenda passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Jan. 3rd, 2022 Minutes

Commissioner Genung motioned to approve the last minutes of the Highway Commission and it was seconded by Commissioner Burgdorf. Chairman Teachenor declared the motion approved unanimously.

4. Public Recognition

5. Report of Chairman:

A. Old Business – None

B. New Business –

1. Commissioner Genung opens with discussion about the condition of the driveway of the Volunteer Fire Department – Southeast #1 in Bethpage. Commissioner Jones continues with his input on the subject. Mayor Isbell and Toby Ellis, Road Superintendent converse about the legality of the situation. Chairman Hyde gives his opinion on the subject. Motion made to forward this item to budget by Chairman Teachenor and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Motion passed unanimously. Chairman Hyde volunteered to pass the item on to budget.
2. Road Superintendent Ellis opens with discussion about the benefits of using Brine on County Roads. Commissioners Genung, Jones and Wright asks questions and Superintendent Ellis answers their questions.
3. Chairman Teachenor opens with the request of Commissioner Burgdorf's wanting to see if there was a possibility of changing time/day of our monthly meeting? A motion is made for discussion by Commissioner Jones and second by Commissioner Burgdorf. Passed unanimously. Commissioner Burgdorf explains that she wanted to see if there was possibility of changing the monthly meeting to every other month at the same day and time. Motion made by Commissioner Burgdorf to meet every other month beginning with the month of May. Seconded by Commissioner Jones. Passed unanimously. County Attorney Sitler recommends that you make it clear on when you're going to meet next. A motion to reconsider is made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Burgdorf. Passed unanimously. Commissioner Burgdorf makes a motion that the committee will not meet in April and will meet in May 2023 and every other month thereafter. Seconded by Commissioner Jones. Passed unanimously. Commissioner Jones makes a motion to discuss about changing meeting time to 7:30 pm instead of 8:00 pm. Seconded by Chairman Teachenor. Passed unanimously. Discussion.

6. Report of Road Superintendent:

A. Old Business – None

B. New Business –

1. Superintendent Ellis has a discussion on the purchase of new tractors. Committee members looks at Agenda item #2. Motion made to pass on the budget by Commissioner Burgdorf and seconded by Commissioner Genung. Passed unanimously. Commissioner Jones speaks about reasons he supports this item. More questions and discussion about tractors.
2. Superintendent Ellis starts discussion on how the Litter Grant & Litter pickup works at the Highway Department. Discussion with Commissioners Jones, Genung and Chairman Teachenor.
3. Superintendent Ellis starts a discussion about updating the Highway Department Personnel Policy. Some changes made is the earning of holiday & sick time of 8 hrs. to 10 hrs. The county works 10 hour days. More discussion.

7. Report of County Mayor

A. Old Business – None

B. New Business – None

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

A motion made by Mayor Isbell to adjourn, it was seconded by Commissioner Burgdorf, the Committee adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Christy Marlett