SUMNER COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION

March 2nd, 2026

MINUTES

Members Present:

Mark Harrison, Chairman
Deborah Holmes, Vice-Chairman
Toby Ellis, Road Superintendent
John Isbell, County Mayor
Terry Moss, Commissioner
Darrell Rogers, Commissioner
Don Schmit, Commissioner
Wayne Padgett, Citizen Member

Others Present:

Eric Sitler, County Attorney
Jerry Becker, Commission Chair
Christy Marlett, Minute taker

1. Call to Order
The Highway Commission was brought to order on March 2nd, 2026 at 4:30 pm. in Room 112 of the Sumner County Administration Building.

2. Invocation
Comm. Don Schmit opened with a prayer.

3. Roll Call
A quorum was present.

4. Approval of Agenda
Chairman Harrison ask Toby Ellis what he wanted to add to the Agenda. Toby Ellis, Road Superintendent states he would like add a Proposed Resolution regarding Senate Bill 2237 (House Bill 2552) under Report of the Road Superintendent New Business as #4. Chairman Harrison asks if there are any more additions before the changes are approved. Chairman asks for a motion to approve the agenda as modified. Commissioner Rogers moved, seconded by Commission Schmit. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes
Chairman Harrison ask for a motion to approve the January 2026 minutes. Comm. Holmes points out that her name is spelled wrong in the January 2026 minutes. Comm. Rogers makes a motion to approve minutes with changes and it is seconded by Comm. Moss. Chairman Harrison asks if there's any discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Recognition

None

7. Report of Chairman:
A. Old Business – None
B. New Business – None

8. Report of Road Superintendent:
A. Old Business – None

B. New Business –

1. **Acceptance of The Retreat at Norman Farms Phase 2 roads** – Motion made to approve by Comm. Rogers and seconded by Comm. Moss. Chairman Harrison asks if there's any discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. **Approve 25 mph speed limit for Vantrease Rd** – Motion made to approve by Mayor Isbell and seconded by Comm. Schmit. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **Appropriation from Disaster Relief of $120,000.** – Toby Ellis discusses the reason for the need for the Disaster Relief. Mr. Ellis talks about how the ice storm in Jan. 2026 has caused his workers to have to work overtime. The highway department has hauled 820 loads of brush. It will probably take the whole month of March to get the rest of the brush picked up. Mr. Ellis is asking for $120,000 from budget. Toby explains the estimated time frame the brush will be picked at this time. Also lets the committee know what is being done with the brush. Mr. Ellis doesn't believe the $120,000.00 will affect the MOE. Motion made by Chairman Harrison and seconded by Comm. Rogers. Chairman Harrison asks if there's any more discussion. Vote. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **Proposed Resolution regarding Senate Bill 2237 (House Bill 2552)** – Rules suspended for Marshall Boyd, from Planning to talk about the Bill. Mr. Boyd explains how the Planning Dept. as a very structured routine of how things are done. If this bill goes through it will put very tight constraints, not only on his department but also on the Planning Commission also. Developments could be passed through without the right quality of products. Chairman Harrison makes a motion to pass the proposed resolution on to legislative. Comm. Moss seconds the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Report of County Mayor
A. Old Business – None
B. New Business – None

10. Commission Business
A. Old Business – None
B. New Business – None

11. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion by Mayor Isbell to adjourn seconded by Comm. Holmes. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Christy Marlett