

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
ROAD BOARD MINUTES
OCTOBER 12, 2006

The Board of Highway Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, October 12, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. at the Hwy. Dept. Those attending were Commissioners Bobby Robinson and Garry Mansfield. David Bell was absent. Public Works Committee present were Commissioners Larry Taylor, Mike Medling, David Rook, James Barner and Joe Farmer. Donnie Henson also attended.

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Hopper since he assumed the chairman's position due to only two road board members being present. Commissioner Farmer opened the meeting with prayer.

First item on the agenda was Peaceful Valley Road Addition petition being presented by resident Donnie Henson. This road is off Boydsville and property is owned by Jerry Lamb. Mr. Henson explained that the Dresden Post Office will not deliver his mail unless this road is on the county maintenance system although one resident does receive mail at the end of this road. Commissioner Mansfield explained to Mr. Henson that this property is already plotted for a subdivision and our policy states that the county cannot take on a road that already has plots. Due to this, Commissioner Robinson made a motion to deny this request for addition of Peaceful Valley to the County Maintenance System and Commissioner Mansfield second. Motion carried.

At this time election of officers took place. Commissioner Robinson made a motion for the positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman to remain filled by the same as the previous year. Second by Commissioner Mansfield and was previously agreed to by phone from Commissioner Bell. Motion carried.

Supervisor Hopper then presented a spreadsheet depicting the BRZ bridges. Upon checking with TDOT Marie Hunter in the bridge division; it will cost approx. \$365,630 to withdraw the 4 bridges from the BRZ program already in place. We would need \$143,000 to pay the Statement of Progress costs by December to continue in the program for a Feb. bid letting on each bridge. Supervisor Hopper suggested a plan which will prevent the Hwy. Dept. from having to utilize operating funds and the plan was to make arrangements to borrow at least \$500,000 to cover the outstanding money due to TDOT in December and the remaining funds would remain for future BRZ billings of Statement of Progress Costs and for the billing of Culver Levee bridge which is unknown at this time. It was mentioned that an additional amount should be added so that we would not have to go back before the committee a second time for additional funds. Therefore, Commissioner Mansfield made a motion to make arrangements for \$600,000 on a capital outlay note to be borrowed for the Hwy. Dept. for the 176 fund. Commissioner Robinson second. Motion carried. This debt will be retired from the revenue generated from the 40100 county property tax and 40300 Bank Excise Tax blocks in the 176 fund. We would only use the amounts as we are billed from TDOT for the BRZ program.

Commissioner Taylor agreed to go to the Finance, Ways and Means Committee when they meet in support of this capital outlay note.

There was a brief discussion about how we were thrown into a major deficit near the end of last fiscal year due to the lack of funds to pay for the BRZ's at that time. Supervisor Hopper explained that losing 14 miles of hot mix has hurt the Hwy. Dept. and it is due to the extreme increase in the cost of the mix. One mile of hot mix surface is now costing the county \$55,000.

There being no further business, Commissioner Robinson made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mansfield second. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.