

**ROAD & BRIDGES COMMITTEE MEETING  
JUNE 9, 2022 1:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

**ATTENDANCE:** Chairman Justice Rick Ash; Justice Joe Lewis; Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Betty Hepler; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Justice Harbans Mangat; Judge John Alan Nelson; Public Affairs Tom Henry; NEA Town Courier Revis Blaylock.

**1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Rick Ash. Justice Ash turned the meeting over to Judge Nelson for an update on roads and bridges.**

**2. Judge Nelson said things were going well. The department was behind from the excessive rainfalls. At this time 54 tons of cold mix had been applied to the asphalt roadways. 22 ditches had been cleaned out, replaced 16 culverts, 1,020 loads of slag had been put out, stockpiling red clay gravel. 1300 total would be stockpiled. Road project started with 3 inch overlay with State funds on Byrum Road. Bridge project with ARDOT in the Half Moon area. Excess of \$1 million. Interstate 55 being repaired from Blytheville to the Burdette exit. Judge Nelson met with ARDOT at least once a week. Mack trucks had been replaced with Western Star. Purchased a larger front end loader. During the ice and snow the road department restarted their deicing program. Road department made their own deicer to apply the liquid salt and a vat for the solution to be put in. Annual work behind the levee to repair roads that were eroded from the flooding from the river. Worked with the City of Manila on a paving project to put asphalt on two gravel roads. Ditches had been cleaned around the schools to help with the flooding. Hwy. 119 had been taken over from the State on the property of U.S. Steel. Work was being done to better accommodate semi trucks. Bid for the property across from Love's was being worked on. Minimum bid of \$400,000.00. Graders were running when dry and doing a great job. Overpasses were in bad shape.**

**3. Justice McClanahan asked if lighting in Armorel could be mentioned to ARDOT. Judge Nelson had talked to ARDOT. The County could sponsor lighting. Permit would be needed from ARDOT before installing. Illumination could be put up to alert traffic there was an intersection or illuminated like it was daylight. ARDOT thought travelers got thru it well and unless a lot of accidents didn't need to be addressed at this time.**

**4. The County had two trailer trucks that had a system built into the cab and dumps the gravel and does not require any work from the grader. GPS systems were in place and new ones had to be installed in the new dump trucks.**

**5. John Deere 300 horse power tractor at the landfill was near the end of the lease. 1000 hours, 3 years old. The buy out was \$171, 053.00. The landfill was going to purchase the tractor. Justice McClanahan asked if there was damage from the fire at the landfill. The City of Dell had given the landfill a firetruck. Material was found that should not have been put in the landfill. Possibly lime.**

**6. Justice Ash asked if the work on the 23 bridges had been started. Court orders had been served on some landowners to get the right of way. Justice McDonald asked what could be**

**done with trucks parking on the side of the road causing pot holes. Judge Nelson thought the highway needed to be extended on Hwy. 61 around Lowe's. Salt applied to the road didn't cause the pot holes but water when it got in the cracks and freezes and breaks the road up. County had an Ordinance in place for requirements for county roads.**

**7. Meeting adjourned.**

**Minutes submitted by: Cindy George**