

**ROAD & BRIDGES COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2022 1:30**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Rick Ash; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Michael White; Justice Melinda Martin; Justice Betty Hepler; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Justice Drake Brown; Finance Kelli Jones; Treasurer Peggy Meatte; Sally Wilson; Judge John Alan Nelson; Public Affairs Tom Henry.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Rick Ash. Mayor Wilson brought a proposal to the Planning & Development meeting and was referred to Road & Bridges. Meeting was turned over to Mayor Wilson. Grant opportunity was brought before the committee. 20% match was required. The match would allow the county to hire an engineering firm to create a safety action plan. Webinar would be held March 1 at 11:00. Judge Nelson recommended \$40,000.00 cash. Motion was made by Justice Michael White to recommend \$40,000.00 for the county's matching share for the grant program. Second was made by Justice Betty Hepler. Motion passed.

2. Improvements for 148 to 198. Judge Nelson met with ARDOT and chief engineers. Letter of support was asked for. Study needed to be done. \$79 million, BRS \$50 million, ARDOT \$75 million. 5 years to complete study. Infrastructure improvement on county road into Nucor Hickman Co. Road 1050 was narrow and not made for the traffic using it now. Worked on getting improvements. Lighting on 18 and 312 was needed. ARDOT would not pay for the improvement. Safety grant would be looked into.

3. Judge Nelson handed out a Resolution from Alec Farmer. Several highways had two numbers on them. No. 78 needed to be added on interstate 55, Hwy. 18 and two sections on the by pass to Cash. Resolution needed to be passed. Motion was made by Justice Neil Burge to move the Resolution forward. Second was made by Justice Betty Hepler. Motion passed.

4. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George