

**ROAD AND BRIDGES COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 29, 2020 10:30 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman, Justice Fred Fleeman; Justice, Neil Burge; Justice, Betty Hepler; Justice, Molly Jackson; Justice, Rick Ash; Justice, Howard Norvell; Public Affairs, Steven Savage.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice, Fred Fleeman. Justice Fleeman turned the meeting over to County Judge, John Alan Nelson.

2. Judge Nelson presented a report on the road department dispersing gravel and the plans for next year. The county had put 1216 load of red clay gravel, 922 loads slag. Program was implemented in 2019 and averaged 12 loads a day. 100 loads per mile. Gravel was stockpiled in five different locations. Loads went from 12 loads a day to 50 a day. Wildy Farms had given the county a place to stockpile then they will move to the Half Moon area. What was stockpiled now will be used in the spring of 2021.

3. The county had five dump trucks. A tractor trailer was added with a belly dump bed. One truck was totaled last year. A trailer truck was not being used and another belly dump trailer was purchased.

4. Gravel account was depleted and another account was being used. Bridges fund left intact. No bridges being built. One bridge had been torn down. Used the bridge fund to stockpile gravel. Gravel account down \$71,000.00. \$377,000.00 worth of material purchased. \$127,137.00 down in that account. Amount will be taken from bridge account. Slag used in the fall. Justice Fleeman asked if enough money would be left in the bridge account. Judge Nelson stated \$127,000.00 would be moved out of an account that had \$500,000.00.

5. Justice Norvell asked if sp2 gravel had been checked on. Black Rock was the closest place to get it and the best gravel. Could possibly be shipped by barge. County roads were in better shape than in the past. Tony Stone and the road department were doing a good job.

6. Judge Nelson stated the grader drivers were doing a good job. They had used more blades than in the past. The GPS system had been a good investment. Presentation will be presented to the Finance Committee.

7. Justice Fleeman asked about equipment for the road department. A hammer was purchased to take down several bridges. High visibility uniforms were needed for the employees of the road department and landfill.

8. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George