

**ROAD & BRIDGES COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2021 1:00 P.M. ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Justice, Rick Ash; Justice, Michael White; Justice, Jo Ann Henton; Justice, Molly Jackson; Justice, Betty Hepler; Justice, Cecil McDonald; Justice, Tobye McClanahan; Justice, Harbans Mangat; Justice, Aaron Fleeman; Finance, Kelli Jones; Treasurer, Peggy Meatte; County Clerk, Janice Currie; Public Affairs, Steven Savage; NEA Town Courier, Revis Blaylock.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice, Rick Ash. Justice, Betty Hepler made a motion to nominate Justice, Rick Ash as chairman of the Road & Bridges Committee. Second was made by Justice, Molly Jackson. Motion passed. Justice Ash elected chairman. Meeting was turned over to Judge, John Alan Nelson.

2. Judge Nelson requested the committee consider purchasing three new pickup trucks for the road department. These were going to replace three older trucks. F-150 with 273,000 miles, 2008 GMC 162,000, F-150 210,000 miles. Would have been brought up in the budget if the age and mileage had been known. Information received last week from Tony Stone. Attached was a proposal from National Auto Fleet. No reason to bid the trucks. State contract. List \$44,145.00. Available to County for \$37,636.74. Purchase of trucks can be moved between line items. \$50,000.00 for trucks. Could be taken from equipment, bridges and culverts. No plans to purchase additional equipment at this time.

3. Discussion was held. Agreed vehicles needed to be replaced. Justice White suggested move from equipment and if additional funds needed later would adjust then. Justice White made a motion to move \$70,000.00 from equipment purchase line item to purchase trucks. Second was made by Justice, Betty Hepler. Motion passed.

4. Judge Nelson gave an update on the road department. Have not been able to move red clay gravel due to wet conditions. Have about ½ of the gravel needed for 2021. 5 locations where gravel was stockpiled. Goal of 1300 loads for 2021. Replacing culverts, digging ditches, road graders out when dry, slag was being put out.

5. Justice Ash asked about a culvert that had been trenched and flooding a field. Judge Nelson stated the telephone company had cut one of the culverts. All work was documented.

6. Meeting adjourned,
Minutes submitted by: Cindy George