

Minutes

Road Committee Meeting 10-3-2019

The Highland Lake Road Committee held its meeting on October 3, 2019, at the Anchor. Chairman, Gail Bailey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Gail Bailey, Chairman
Members: Rick Fernambucq, Chase Moore, and Steve Smith

Approval of minutes from previous meeting:

Minutes were approved as written.

Five Year Plan for Roads:

Discussion was held regarding the Rebuild Alabama Act and our Five Year Plan for the roads. We would like to have all roads adjoining Lakeshore Drive chip sealed before we reclaim Lakeshore Drive from the bridge at Brasher Creek to River Road.

Discussion of Budget:

We discussed budget changes that were due to incorrect information on the State gasoline tax in June, 2019. We can now access this information directly from the State's web site each month, so we should not have this problem in the future.

Discussion of bridge project:

Due to Commissioner Calvert's help with this project, we will save approximately \$6,000.00 on this project. We also discussed having our maintenance personnel (Ashlee Miller) fill the potholes and do other small jobs. She will be paid from the Roads budget. The county will supply the material, at no cost. If possible, we would like for Ashlee to go with the County crew when they pothole again, so that she can learn how to do this. The county furnished gravel to fill in the sink holes at the Anchor, and Ashlee picked it up, and filled the holes.

Replacement of Culvert Pipe:

We are working with the county to come up with a plan to replace the pipe, and to decide what type of drainage we want from the road to the lake. We can go with pipe, or we may want to go with a rip rap lined ditch. We will talk about this during the January meeting.

Sales Tax:

We discussed ways in which the Town could increase revenue to meet our road project needs. After much discussion we agreed that a Sales Tax was probably our best option. We voted to recommend that we establish a sales tax for the town, and that this recommendation be taken to the Town Council for them to consider. It was suggested that a committee be established to further research how to go about this, and to decide how the money should be earmarked. The biggest areas would be the roads and police department. If the Council approves, we will have a Town Meeting sometime in January to answer questions from the residents.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Gail Bailey, Chairman *Gail S Bailey* Chase Moore, Secretary *Chase Moore*
Rick Fernambucco *Rick Fernambucco* Bill McDavid _____
Steve Poer *Steve Poer* Steve Smith *Steve Smith*