



Lawrence County

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday, September 4, 2025 | **Time:** 5:00 – 5:26 p.m.

PRESENT: County Executive David Morgan. **Commissioners:** Chris Sutherland, Scott Franks, Phillip Heatherly, Denny Gillespie, Wayne Yocom, Barry Luffman, Sandy Newton, Dave Ray, Rick Skillington. **Road Superintendent** Ryan Krick, **Director of Schools** Michael Adkins, **Highway Dept. Assistant** Patsy Lee, **County Attorney** Charlie Holt, and Ginger Skillington.

ROLL CALL: Chairman Wayne Yocom, Vice-chair Denny Gillespie, Barry Luffman, and Sandy Newton.

ABSENT: Tim Clifton.

PRAYER: Dave Ray.

Chairman Wayne Yocom called the meeting to order.

- Lawrence County School System has requested to use gates to close West College Street to Corbin Street during school hours at Summertown High School.

Grant Authority to the School System to Close this Street Segment During School Hours.

Motion: Luffman. **Second:** Gillespie.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 4/0.

- Speed limit change for Cemetery Road in District 12, from 55 mph (default) to 30 mph, based on petition signed by property owners.

Approve the Speed Limit Change on Cemetery Road to 30 mph.

Motion: Gillespie. **Second:** Luffman.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 4/0.

- **Commissioner Ray** presented a petition for speed limit proposed for three roads in a subdivision currently under development. **Holt** noted only one signature was from a property owner. No action taken at this time.

- Petition regarding Foster Road: property owners on the western leg wish to establish a gate and make the road private, due to subdivision on the eastern end. Petition states road must meet county specs if returned to county.

Approve making the western leg of Foster Road private. Residents will pay for road upkeep.

Motion: Newton. **Second:** Gillespie.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 4/0.

- Discussion of road closures and prior situation in Appleton where one property owner attempted to close the road without consent. Holt stated Tennessee road closure laws are antiquated and notice must be given to affected property owners (Steven Morgan and Kyle Watkins). Suggested Commission could adopt simpler law for future cases.
- Request from **Krick** to declare three 1994 dump trucks and one 2010 brush truck as surplus. New brush truck purchased in January; surplus sales expected to bring \$7,000-\$10,000 via GovDeals.com.

Approve surplus designation of the vehicles.

Motion: Luffman. **Second:** Gillespie.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 4/0.

REPORT:

- **Krick** noted \$1.67 million in bond funds spent since last September, with 46 miles completed.
- Discussion of Crockett School property: site has overgrown, city issued summons. Highway Dept. previously mowed, but resident calls for driveway visibility take precedence. Discussion of property disposal (11-12 acres, brownfield site).
- **Commissioner Luffman** suggested collecting rent from truck trailer parking.
- **Commissioner Yocom** asked **Executive Morgan** to investigate maintenance costs and potential sale.

Adjournment.

Motion: Gillespie. **Second:** Luffman.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 4/0.

Minutes Submitted By: Nancy Brewer

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