



Lawrence County
HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2026 | **Time:** 5:00-5:54 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Tim Clifton, Denny Gillespie, Rick Skillington, Chris Sutherland, Angie Jacobs, Scott Franks, Tammy Wisdom, and Steve Hagan. **Road Superintendent** Ryan Krick, **Assistant** Tasha Corbin, David Gulley, and John Uzbasic.

Commissioner Gillespie called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: *Vice-chair* Denny Gillespie, Tim Clifton, and Rick Skillington.

ABSENT: *Chairman* Wayne Yocom, Sandy Newton, and Barry Luffman.

- **Krick** discussed adopting Riverview Lane, Lakeside Lane, Bear Drive, and Bear Lane.

Add Riverview Lane, Lakeside Lane, Bear Drive, and Bear Lane to the County Road List for consideration at the September 22, 2026, Regular Session Meeting.

Motion: Skillington. **Second:** Clifton.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 3/0.

- **Krick** went through a list of the Highway Department's surplus property.

Approve Highway Department Surplus Propoerty.

Motion: Skillington. **Second:** Clifton.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 3/0.

- **Commissioner Hagan** brought a signed petition to reduce the speed limit on Freeman Hill Road from 55mph to 35mph.

Reduce Freeman Hill Road Speed Limit to 35mph.

Motion: Skillington. **Second:** Clifton.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 3/0.

- **Commissioner Skillington** asked David Gulley to address the committee regarding his situation.
- **Gulley** explained that he is working on a subdivision and has encountered issues getting the road off 975 Weakly Creek Road approved by the Highway Department.
- **Krick** discussed his concerns regarding the subdivision and road project.
- **Commissioner Skillington** stated that he believes the road is too steep and that, over time, it will wash away the chert.
- **Commissioner Clifton** expressed confidence in Ryan Krick's professional opinion regarding the matter.

Motion Not to Accept the Road Until it Meets County Criteria.

Motion: Skillington. **Second:** Clifton.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 3/0.

- **Commissioner Clifton** explained the need for a permit process for companies performing work that damages County roads and rights-of-way. He noted that fiber-optic line installation and utility work can cause significant damage to rights-of-way.
- **Krick** emphasized the need for accountability regarding rights-of-way and stated that a permitting process could help address these concerns. However, he recommended that the matter be reviewed from a legal standpoint first and that a formal policy be developed.

Motion for the Highway Department to Consult with the County Attorney Regarding the Development of a Policy to Establish Oversight and Control of Fiber-Optic Lines, Waterlines, Utilities, Subdivision Projects, or any other Project Affecting County Rights-of-Way.

Motion: Skillington. **Second:** Clifton.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 3/0.

Adjournment.

Motion: Skillington. **Second:** Clifton.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 3/0.

Minutes Submitted By: *Christian Tyree*