

GILES COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 3, 2026

Members Present: Chairman Tracy Wilburn, Vice Chair Carman Brown, Secretary Joyce Woodard, Roger Reedy, Matt Rubelsky, Ricky Carpenter and James Gentry

Other Members Present: David Womble, David Adams, Gayle Jones, Erin Curry, Shelley Goolsby, James Lathrop, Annelle Guthrie, Terry Jones, Rose Brown, Judy Pruett, Brad Butler, Matthew Hopkins and Evan Baddour

Other also Present: Gene Barnickle, Erin Harmon, Beth Moore-Sumners, and Shana Woodard

Meeting called to order at 9:00am

Prayer by Roger Reedy

Pledge by all

First item of business was to approve the minutes from November 12, 2025 Highway Committee Meeting. Carman Brown made a motion to approve the minutes. Ricky Carpenter seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion to accept the minutes was approved.

Second item of business was to approve a budget amendment. The road superintendent stated that there was no new money it was just a clean up of items and he would ask that Finance Director Beth Moore-Sumners explain it more in detail for the committee. Beth explains to the committee that the biggest thing that prompted the amendment is that the highway had some insurance recovery funds and that while we were correcting these funds there were some additional items to clean up as well. Beth wanted to point out that in the assistant's line, Erin was not getting a raise and wanted to be very clear on that. That line item was previously used for two employees paid out of that line and Gene selected to move those funds to another line item and when doing so the finance department did not

capture the previous employee's pay period and Beth stated that was something they should have caught but didn't and just wanted to get it cleaned up. Funds were shifted for building improvements from rentals in capitol outlay and the rest was clean up. The insurance recovery was due to an issue with one of our guardrails and Beth stated the Gene and Erin work diligently to find out who and what caused the damage to the bridge and were able to collect an insurance check to cover those funds and the funds were moved back into that account. The last two items were strictly little clean up items from within their categories. Chairman Tracy Wilburn entertained a motion to approve. Roger Reedy made a motion to approve the amendment. Carman Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was approved.

Third item on the agenda is adopting roads into the county road system. Tracy stated that the Highway Committee had already discussed these roads a few times. Superintendent Barnickle stated that Fiddler's Court and Scenic Cove were being built during the previous administration and both have been completed and the Highway Department is ready to move forward with accepting the roads. Neal Bass with Fiddler's Court is complete, all signatures have been obtained and it has been registered at the Register of Deeds. Billy Brown with Scenic Cove has completed his project and working on getting the last of the signatures from the planning Commission later this evening at their meeting. Barnickle states that Dillon Lane in his opinion needs to be accepted. It is only 330 feet of road that will then allow us to join the remaining 0.95 miles that the county already has on the road list. He also reminds the committee that he has an estimate for a new low water bridge that will need to be replaced to allow the Highway Department to maintain their 0.95 miles of road. The quote is for \$48,616.00. He also reminds the committee that the residents were patching the road on their own with quick crete and we have work that needs to be done and we aren't able to get in there. He recommends that the committee accept this road. Poling Drive is the next road that the road superintendent recommends to be accepted. There are 16 homes, culverts have been put in all the driveways, the road has a really good base that the residents have kept up over the years. Barnickle states that it is 1,570 feet that is left of the road. It will cost approximately \$10,616.00 to surface the road. Roger Reedy ask where will the funds come from for the low water bridge on Dillon Lane. Barnickle explains that he will have to try and find it somewhere whether he

pull it from oil or rock. Mr. Reedy says in his opinion that the county needs to fix this for the citizens. Mr. Carpenter ask what work do we have to do to Poling Drive. Barnickle stated that we basically just needed to clip the road, grade it and straighten it up then it's ready to pave. Mr. Carpenter ask even if it gets accepted now does it have to be paved now? Barnickle states that we can for sure fix some issues now to help and would like to go on and tar and chip it as soon as he could. Terry Jones reminds the committee that all of the roads except for Scenic Cove have already been brought to this committee before and that the CA wanted to confirm that nothing more needed to be done to accept the roads. Graham met with Chris and determined that everything was ok and it was the road superintendents call to bring it to the Highway Committee to be voted on. Mrs. Goolsby ask that since Scenic Cove and it's already been hot mixed if we accept it will the Highway Department be held responsible for hot mixing it again. Barnickle states that no the Highway department does not have to hot mix the road again. It can be tar and chipped. Carman Brown made a motion to accept Fiddler's Court into the County Road system. Roger Reedy seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion to accept Fiddler's Court was passed. Rick Carpenter made a motion to accept Scenic Cove into the County Road list. Roger Reedy seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion to accept Scenic Cove into the County Road list was approved. Carman Brown made a motion to accept the 330 feet of Dillon Lane. Carman Brown made a motion to accept Dillon Lane. Ricky Carpenter seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion to accept the remaining 330 feet of Dillon Lane was passed. Ricky Carpenter made a motion to accepting the remaining 1,570 feet of Poling Drive. Roger Reedy seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

Next on the agenda was Old Business. There was none.

Last item is New Business. Superintendent Barnickle wanted to let the committee again that we are needing a backhoe and have found a used one that is half the price of a new one. Warrior Tractor and Equipment has a 2021 420 CAT for \$69,000.00 compared to \$147,374.00 for a new one. We have one down at the moment that the engine is down and the rear end is not holding even with trying to seal it. Superintendent Barnickle just wanted to let the committee know that we could get one for cheap if the commission had any ideas of where the money could come from. Tracy Wilburn asked the superintendent if he had any money in his

budget to purchase it. Superintendent Barnickle stated that no there is no money. Ricky Carpenter asked Beth that since we are under the financial act of 1981 do we have to sell everything through gov.deals? Beth stated that yes everything does. Superintendent Barnickle also tells the committee that the Highway Department is working with Collier Enginery on a safety grant for the Highway Department. More information will become available as time goes on. Roger Reedy made a motion to send the request for funds for a backhoe to the budget committee. Joyce Woodard seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. Beth reminded the committee that if used equipment is bought that it must first be appraised. Carman Brown made a motion to adjourn. Ricky Carpenter seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.