

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners Public Works Committee met in a work session on Monday, April 6, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the commissioners' conference room. Those present were Chairman H. Wade Johnson; Commissioner Darrell Henderson, District One; Commissioner Larry Collins, District Two; Mr. Roby Seymour, Public Works/Planning and Zoning Director; Mr. Barry Fleming, County Attorney; and Mrs. Roxanne B. Ashmore, County Clerk.

1.

Call Meeting to Order

Commissioner Henderson, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, called the meeting to order.

2.

Invocation

Chairman Johnson opened the meeting with prayer.

3.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed the invocation.

4.

Lakeshore Estates Drive

Mr. Valis Craver came before the committee to request that the county add Lakeshore Estates Drive to the county road registry so that it can be maintained by the county. He said that the road is in such bad shape that he has trouble getting to his house.

Director Seymour said that the county has approximately ten or eleven roads like Lakeshore Estates Drive. He went over the specifications that are outlined in the county ordinance in order for the county to accept a road.

Mr. Fleming, County Attorney, said that by law the county can't give away services, such as working on private property.

Mr. Fleming explained the difference between a public and private road. He also discussed possibly changing the ordinance and current requirements for accepting roads in a subdivision.

Buckhead Point Road in Buckhead Point subdivision was briefly discussed.

Director Seymour said that it would cost anywhere from \$8,000 to \$10,000 to get Lakeshore Estates Drive where it can be maintained by the county.

There was some discussion on doing some research to see what it would take to change the ordinance to be able to accept these roads.

Mr. Fleming recommended checking on the county's financial status of being able to do the roads and that then the county could possibly pass a resolution to do one at a time.

After some discussion, the committee recommended that Director Seymour do an evaluation of these public roads to see how much it would cost.

5.

County Property

Chairman Johnson informed the committee that Ms. Valerie Driggers has a customer that is interested in purchasing the eleven acres that adjoins the county's soil pit.

Director Seymour said that in 2007 the county purchased this property because at some point the county's soil pit would run out of good dirt. He recommended that the county not sell the property, because the soil pit is getting down to the bad dirt now.

Director Seymour said that by law if the county decided to sell the property, it would have to go out for bid.

After some discussion, the committee agreed that the county should retain this property.

6.

Cash Escrow for Serenity Pointe Subdivision

Director Seymour informed the committee that Serenity Pointe subdivision currently has twenty-five percent of the infrastructure cost in cash escrow with the county. He said that the developers, Mr. Don Barbic and Mr. Jack Best, want to discuss the possibility of the board reducing the cash escrow amount below the twenty-five percent.

Director Seymour said that the county ordinance states that in no event shall a cash escrow be reduced below the twenty-five percent of the principal amount.

After some discussion, the committee agreed that the county can't reduce the cash escrow, according to the county ordinance. The committee also agreed that the ordinance should not be changed.

7.

Stillwater Coves Subdivision

Mr. Fleming, County Attorney, reminded the committee that Stillwater Coves Subdivision is in bankruptcy.

Mr. Fleming is recommending that the board send a resolution to the bonding companies. He said that the resolution notifies the bond companies that if the developer fails to complete the public improvements related to the Stillwater project, the county will call on the bond companies pursuant to the bond agreements to either complete the improvements or pay the county an amount up to the principal amount of the bonds in order to have the improvements completed.

After some discussion, the committee agreed to recommend to the full board to adopt the resolution to send to the bonding companies for Stillwater Coves Subdivision.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

H. Wade Johnson, Chairman

Roxanne B. Ashmore, County Clerk