

MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
BOONE COUNTY FISCAL COURT
Boone County Administration Building
Fiscal Courtroom (1st Floor)
Burlington, Kentucky
September 24, 2019
5:00 P.M.

ITEM I.

CALL TO ORDER

- A. County Administrator, Jeffrey Earlywine, called to Order the Public Hearing.

ITEM II.

Mr. Earlywine asked the Fiscal Court Clerk to read into the record the Meeting Notice that was published: Notice of Special Hearing. A Viewing Committee appointed by the Boone County Fiscal Court (pursuant to Resolution R-2019-206) will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. for the purpose of considering the discontinuation of maintenance along a county road known as Ryle Road, for a section extending generally from the Ryle Road/River Bluff Road intersection, in a southerly direction to a point approximately 440 linear feet from the south property line of property owned by Robert Lightner, described in Deed Book 638, Page 15. The entire centerline distance of the area proposed for discontinuation of county maintenance is approximately 3,000 linear feet. The public hearing will be conducted in the Fiscal Court meeting Room, 1st Floor, Administration Building, 2950 Washington Street, Burlington Kentucky 41005. Written comments must be directed to the Boone County Fiscal Court Clerk and be received by close of business on Monday, September 23, 2019. Any person requiring special accommodation is encouraged to contact the County for assistance prior to the hearing.

Mr. Earlywine asked the Fiscal Court to read into the record the Viewing Committee Report: Closure of Ryle Road (13420 to 13647). At 1:00 pm on September 9, 2019 the appointed Viewing Committee met to review the conditions of Ryle Road from 13420 to 13647. This section of roadway is approximately 3000 feet in length and runs from ten feet south of River Bluff Road to the property of Mr. Fred Baum. Upon review, this section has geological instability throughout causing significant damage to the roadway and adjacent properties. Due to the rapidly deteriorating conditions of the pavement, it is becoming increasingly dangerous to travel on this section of Ryle Road. While on site, this committee reviewed all aspects of this section of Ryle Road and do not see any issue with this closure. After speaking with the Union Fire District and the Union Post Office, both entities concur that the closure will not affect service to the residents of either side of the closure. It is the recommendation of the Viewing Committee that the proposed closure of the above referenced public roadway be granted. We are requesting that this recommendation be considered at the September 24, 2019 Public Hearing (prior to the Fiscal Court Meeting) as advertised and posted publicly.

Mr. Earlywine, County Administrator, explained that five different Engineering Reports have been conducted on Ryle Road between 2004 and 2018. The County has funded four pier wall projects at the cost of \$1.7M and would need to spend \$2.5M on the middle section of Ryle Road. A traffic study conducted counted 36 vehicles a day travel Ryle Road. In February of 2019 the Court conducted a follow-up report planning to discontinue maintenance and acquire properties along Ryle Road. The owners have been contacted about voluntarily selling their property. The County has Contracts to purchase 8 of the 12 properties involved. Closings will be scheduled and the County will discontinue maintenance on that section of the roadway. There will be legal access to the public Right-of-Way.

Mr. Earlywine asked the Court for any comments or questions.

Mr. Robert Strange, owner of Lot #1 asked where the cutoff of the County maintenance would be located.

Mr. Earlywine responded. There was a discussion on where the legal access would be. Assistant County Attorney Gwen Vice commented on the legal Right-of- Way.

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Mr. Dave Hoffman, asked a question about the County maintaining the roadway.

The Viewing Committee, Mr. David Neff, stated that Mr. Hoffman's property has significant slippage and the road is deteriorated at his driveway. During the analysis of the roadway it was observed that the whole section has damage of sliding beyond repair. Mr. Kevin Costello stated he was amazed how fast the road had deteriorated and it was dangerous to travel.

Mr. Hoffman asked about gravel being applied and drainage ditches needed.
Mr. Strange asked about safe passage.

Mr. Earlywine stated the road would be repaired one final time after the demolition and removal of all debris of the houses purchased.

Commissioner Brewer asked a question regarding remaining property. Mr. Earlywine responded.


ITEM III.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Earlywine called for adjournment of the Public Hearing. Commissioner Flaig moved, seconded by Commissioner Kenner, to adjourn the meeting. ALL PRESENT VOTING - AYE 3-0.

CLERK CERTIFICATION

I, Sharon Burcham, Fiscal Court Clerk, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate record of the actions taken during the Public Hearing of the Boone County Fiscal Court on September 24th, 2019.


Fiscal Court Clerk

Date: 9 October 2019