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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Supervisor Parker Snead  
Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski  
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash  
Councilman Ronald Scouten  
Councilman Charles Scott  
Deputy Town Clerk TJ Entwistle

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Town Clerk Shelley Entwistle

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Snead at 6:00 pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLIENGENCE:**

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**LEGAL NOTICE:**

Supervisor Snead read the legal notice.

**COMMENTS:**

Councilman Scott asked Councilman Scouten if he had visited the area in question as per the May 21<sup>st</sup> board meeting,

Councilman Scouten stated that he did visit the site with a county representative and that he did not see a problem with the opening of portions of Smith Road and Buck Lake Road. He reported that the county is opening a plot of land for ATV use and the portions of the roads in question are strictly for access. There is a parking area for unloading as well.

Discussion ensued regarding easements private property, which Councilman Scouten said is not an issue as there is no private property involved and the area in question is very remote so no homeowners will be affected.

Other comments involved the maintenance and liability regarding the portions of road in question. Councilman Scouten reported that the town will continue to maintain the road, although the roads are minimum maintenance, and that the ATV club will carry the liability insurance for the same, and the town will have a copy of their insurance on file.

A question arose regarding the use of UTVs on the county property, as they are currently illegal to register. Councilman Scouten was not sure about this.

A suggestion was made that the town have a contract with the ATV club including a hold harmless clause in the event of an accident. Town Attorney Ted Earl stated he will review the Town of Webb's contract with snowmobile clubs.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the hearing was adjourned by Supervisor Snead at 6:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Clerk TJ Entwistle