## A Bright idea

## Citizen offers to help pay for new stop sign

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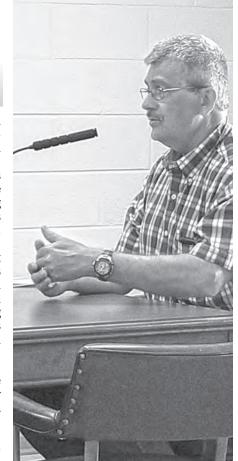
Terry Bright didn't just come with his hand out when he asked for a stop sign for his neighborhood, he offered to throw in a few hundred dollars to make it happen.

"I would kick in a couple of hundred dollars for it," Bright told members of the Smithville board of mayor and aldermen while asking a stop sign be installed on the street near his home on Winter Wonder Street near the park. "The city doesn't run itself."

The sign, which is going on Spring Street where the speed limit is 20 miles per hour, was something city leaders had already considered given the fact very few people do the posted speed limit there. The propensity for speeding in the area makes the intersection a dangerous proposition, especially given the increased travel there caused by a new subdivision.

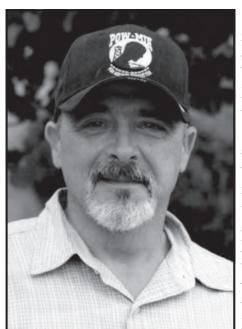
Bright said he took it upon himself to approach the city board after discussing the dangerous intersection with neighbors. They all agreed something must be done to avoid a serious wreck.

Mayor Jimmy Poss pointed out that the police department has already done an assessment on the intersection and agreed it would benefit from a stop sign. The board agreed and voted to move ahead with placing the fourway stop. Bright was thanked for his offer to kick in money to help but it was noted public money would be used to put up the stop sign since it will be for public benefit.



Terry Bright offers to help pay for a stop sign in his neighborhood. The city board of mayor and aldermen thanked him for his offer and directed a stop sign be put up.





I know many of you and have met many other people in the County during the course of the campaign, but because of my current job as Director of Transportation with the DeKalb Board of Education—a 12-month job—I have not been able to see as many people as I would like to have done. If I have not been able to see you, please understand that it is not intentional and I am writing this message to humbly ask for your vote and to tell you something about me, and why I am amply qualified to do the work required for the office of Road Supervisor.

There are two areas of work experience that prepares me for the office of Road Supervisor. First, I worked 10 years in the DeKalb County Highway Department and secondly, I have spent the last 9 ½ years as Director of Transportation for the DeKalb County Board of Education.

Both work experiences have provided me with the technical knowledge and managerial experience needed to do a thorough and competent job as Road Supervisor.

When I worked with the DeKalb County Highway Department for 10 years in a number of jobs ranging from bush hogging, patching potholes, building stock gaps to pouring concrete and working on bridges. Sometimes, the job required that I install and repair guard rails. During that 10-year period, I worked all tasks involving the rock crusher. The job at times included using the dump truck for gravel delivery and assisting with the installation of the gravel for road building and repair. The job also required at times emergency tree removal and storm damage clean up on the county roads.

During the past 9 ½ years as Director of Transportation for the DeKalb County School System, my work has required that I operate within the budget that has been allocated to the Department. Other responsibilities as Director include hiring and training new personnel including drivers

for the buses and personnel for the shop, monitoring bus operations, setting up routing and scheduling for the drivers, and overseeing maintenance of all buses. Maintenance of the buses for ready service to the students, requires a great deal of ordering of parts, assessing value and cost offered by different vendors. I am also responsible for the maintenance of the grounds at different campuses.

As Director, I am responsible for all record keeping and reporting to the State and to Homeland Security. The Department is responsible for safety concerns for transporting students to and from home and school. And, I am responsible for addressing the concerns parents have about issues that may arise while students are in route on the buses to and from home and school.

The job also includes monitoring road condition during the winter and performing road checks during the school year which are reported by the drivers and then I forward to the Highway Department. I have had great rapport with the Highway Department. They have been great about bus turnarounds and have always notified us about any roads which may need to be closed for repairs and/or emergencies. As Director, I am responsible for public service announcements. I also stay in contact with Central Dispatch when there is an emergency issue in the County during a bus run.

My former work with the Highway Department and my current work as Director for the Transportation Department have been rewarding. Together they have provided me with great experience in management and in technical knowledge necessary to be a thorough and capable Road Supervisor.

DeKalb County is my home! I love the County and because I do, I want to give back to the County and the people who live in this County. I am a U.S. Army Veteran with numerous citations and awards earned over a period of six years of enlisted service.

I am a big supporter of the back pack program, the local 4-H camp and chicken show. I help to support all local sports from T-ball league to the youth baseball league along with our Middle School and High School sports teams—all important for the young people of the County. I have supported the Veterans and Memorial Day Services that honor all veterans along with the DeKalb Fire Fighters Camp Phoenix Program.

As a candidate and as Road Supervisor, I want to hear from each one of you about your concerns. I shall appreciate your vote in the upcoming County General Election on August 2. The dates for early voting are July 13-July 28.

Thank you. Jimmy Sprague, your next Road Supervisor of DeKalb County (with your help and your vote)!

Political ad paid and approved by Jimmy Sprague



Two bedroom, one bath older home with beautiful, level 1+/- acre lot with block outbuilding and barn (needs work). Mature trees and wooded area in the back. House needs some remodeling but does have central air and heat, natural gas, and city water and sewer. Great investment or rental property. Or even build the home of your dreams on this

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