



MINUTES

BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JOINT MEETING WITH THE
VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BEDFORD COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
MARCH 13, 2013

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- 7:30 P.M.** VDOT Public Hearing - 2014-2019 Six-Year Plan for Bedford County's Secondary System Improvements
- a. Call to order
 - b. Moment of silence
 - c. Pledge of Allegiance
- (1) Welcome and explanation of tonight's meeting process from Mr. Todd Daniel, Residency Administrator
- (2) Public hearing
- (3) Closing comments

Board of Supervisors: Steve Arrington, Chairman – District 5; John Sharp, Vice-Chairman, District 4; Bill Thomasson, District 1; Curry Martin, District 2; Roger Cheek, District 3; Annie Pollard, District 6; Tammy Parker, District 7

Staff Present: Mark Reeter, Frank Rogers and Brigitte Petersen

VDOT Staff: Brian Casella, Will Yeager, Lynn Coudoures and Todd Daniel

Chairman Arrington welcomed those in attendance, and asked Mr. Mark Reeter, County Administrator, to state the process for this evening's meeting. Mr. Reeter stated that the purpose of this evening's meeting was to hear a presentation from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) on improvements to the Secondary Road System Six-Year Plan. He outlined the meeting's agenda and then turned the meeting back over to the Chairman. A moment of silence was held and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. The Chairman then turned the meeting over to Mr. Todd Daniel, Residency Administrator at VDOT.

Mr. Daniel introduced the VDOT representatives, beginning with Mr. Brian Casella, Area Land Use Engineer, Mr. Will Yeager, Land Development Engineer and Lynn Coudoures, Land Development Administrative Assistant. Mr. Daniel stated they were here this evening to receive public input to assist VDOT in developing the Secondary Six-Year Plan for FY2014-2019. He outlined VDOT's road priorities process, and then briefly reviewed the projects which were prioritized in last year's plan as follows (given in order of priority):

1. Route 644 – bridge replacement (completed)
2. Reconstruction of the railroad bridge on Route 668 (in preliminary engineering stage)
3. Bedford County approach to the Hardy Road bridge at Smith Mountain Lake, which is bundled with the Franklin County approach and the actual bridge construction
4. Route 722 – surface treat a non-hard surface road (completed)
5. Route 781 – surface treat a non-hard surface road (completed)
6. Route 774 – surface treat a non-hard surface road (in preliminary engineering phase)
7. Route 818 – surface treat a non-hard surface road (planned for 2016)
8. Route 655 – reconstruction of the intersection with Route 616 (may begin in 2017)
9. Route 755 – reconstruction of the railroad bridge (may begin in 2017)
10. Route 755 – surface treat a non-hard surface road (planned for 2017)
11. Route 872 – surface treat a non-hard surface road (partially funded)
12. Route 696 – surface treat a non-hard surface road (partially funded)

Mr. Daniel briefly reviewed the cost centers, which are project related and are already funded. These include the county-wide pipe and entrance cost center, county-wide traffic services, county-wide engineering and surveying, county-wide fertilization and seeding and county-wide right-of-way engineering. He stated that the Route 1110 realignment currently does not have a priority designation, but is a revenue sharing project with a projected add date of July 2015.

Mr. Daniel explained that funding for the secondary six-year plan is derived from various state and federal taxes and fees. Once maintenance is funded, the Transportation Trust Fund is distributed to

assist the interstate system, the primary system, the urban system and the secondary system (in that order). Funding also comes from telecommunications fees (with Bedford County receiving approximately \$220,000.00 per year), as well as revenue sharing and economic development (which offer assistance with County matching funds).

Chairman Arrington opened the public hearing.

Mr. Colin McRoberts addressed the Board regarding the conditions of Rocky Ford Road (the side that is closest to Route 460), which he noted is not where he lives but he feels needs attention. He said there are over 20 houses served in the 3/10s of a mile that are not paved, but the road isn't good enough for the traffic that travels on it. Mr. McRoberts said that because of the amount of traffic, the gravel on the road frequently needs replacing. He drives a school bus for the County on that road, which is damaging to both the bus and the road. Mr. McRoberts respectfully asked if this portion could be surfaced.

The Chairman invited comments from the Board.

Supervisor Parker read two emailed requests she had received. The first was a request from James and Patricia Thompson for McDanial Road, which is currently a gravel road, to be paved. The Thompsons stated that they made this request in 2006, but it was apparently never added to the planning schedule. The second request was from Michael Okuley, who stated that he had presented a list representing 100% of the residents on Lazenbury Road that were requesting the road be paved over four years ago. He stated that the road was becoming a safety issue, and asked what could be done to move ahead with getting his road paved.

Supervisor Martin stated that he has received a lot of complaints regarding the lack of passing zones from New London all the way to the parkway marina. He said he would also like VDOT to look into changing the speed limit back on Glenwood (at Hancock Store) to Route 43 to what it used to be.

Supervisor Pollard said she had a request for Foster's Knob Road (at the beginning; at the curve) for paving, and paving on a portion on Saunders Grove Road as well.

Supervisor Arrington stated he has received communication from Mrs. Goff on Mountain Heights Road regarding maintenance issues. It is paved, but the ditches have not been opened for 2 years, the bank needs to be cut off in the curve and there is no room pass.

The Chairman closed the public hearing, and asked Mr. Daniel for closing comments. Mr. Daniel thanked the Board and the citizens for their input and assistance in developing the six-year plan.

Supervisor Martin thanked Mr. Daniel for VDOT's promptness in addressing the problem at the intersection of Routes 626 and 608.

Chairman Arrington thanked the VDOT residency team for working so well with the Board and their promptness in dealing with the issues the Board brings to their attention.

Mr. Reeter reminded the Board of the VDOT work session is on March 28th at the VDOT Residency Office at 6:00 p.m. Chairman Arrington confirmed with the Board that they would be able to attend this meeting; Vice-Chairman Sharp noted he would be not be able to attend due to a scheduling conflict.

Supervisor Cheek made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m.; motion passed by acclamation.

Chairman