



MINUTES

BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

JOINT MEETING WITH THE

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BEDFORD COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

APRIL 9, 2015

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- 7:00 P.M.** VDOT Public Hearing - 2016-2021 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: Tammy Parker, Chairman – District 7; Steve Wilkerson, Vice-Chairman – District 3; Bill Thomasson, District 1; Curry Martin, District 2; Steve Arrington, District 5 and Annie Pollard, District 6

Absent: John Sharp, District 4

VDOT Staff Present: Todd Daniel, Loretta Riley, Brian Casella, Kristin Willoby and Brad Radford

County Staff Present: County Administrator Mark K. Reeter, Community Development Director Gregg Zody, Planner Brad Robinson and Executive Assistant Brigitte Petersen

Chairman Parker called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance; a moment of silence was held and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. She then turned the meeting over to Mr. Todd Daniel, VDOT Residency Administrator.

(1) Mr. Daniel began the meeting by introducing the VDOT staff: Loretta Riley, Administrative Assistant; Brian Casella, Area Land Use Engineer; Kristin Willoby, Assistant Residency Administrator; and Brad Radford, Maintenance Operations Manager.

Mr. Daniel stated the purpose of the meeting was to receive citizen comment to assist VDOT and the Board with the development of the Secondary Six-Year Plan for 2016 to 2021. He briefly explained how the process works, and then went through the current plan which was adopted May 2015 as follows:

- Route 668, Goode Road – Bridge over Norfolk Southern Railroad
- Route 774, Wooldridge Road – Widen and surface treat a non-hard surface road (*completed*)
- Route 818, Egypt Road – Widen and surface treat a non-hard surface road (*completed*)
- Route 755, Simmons Mill Road – Grade, drain and surface treat a non-hard surface road (*completed*)
- Route 872, Roach Road – Surface treat a non-hard surface road
- Route 696, Crouch Road – Surface treat a non-hard surface road
- Route 608, Altice Road - Surface treat a non-hard surface road
- Route 684, Rocky Ford Road - Surface treat a non-hard surface road
- Route 644, Old Cifax Road - Surface treat a non-hard surface road
- Route 692, Cool Springs Road - Surface treat a non-hard surface road
- Route 628, Mentow Drive - Surface treat a non-hard surface road (*not currently completely funded*)
- Route 635, Jeter’s Chapel Road - Surface treat a non-hard surface road (*not currently completely funded*)
- Countywide traffic services (new and secondary sign installations, miscellaneous traffic-related items, engineering survey work)
- Countywide fertilization and seeding
- Countywide right-of-way engineering

Mr. Daniel briefly reviewed how the Six-Year Plan funding works, noting that maintenance projects are funded first, followed by the transportation trust fund. He said the formula for determining how to prioritize transportation projects is being changed, due to the passage of a new House Bill. He noted that projects which reduce congestion will get first priority in larger cities, while projects that

encourage economic development and job growth will have priority in more rural areas like Bedford County. A final prioritization implementation plan will be adopted prior to the beginning of the next fiscal year, and will take effect in FY2021.

(2) The public hearing was opened.

Mr. Art Reed, citizen from Montvale, stated that he was concerned with the way changing speeds were posted, and suggested posting what the actual speed was for a given stretch of road instead of posting 'End of 25mph', 'End of 35pmg', etc. Mr. Reed also requested that low-hanging tree branches be kept trimmed up high enough to avoid being hit by trucks, as this is a serious safety concern.

Supervisor Arrington stated that he had a citizen request which he had already relayed to Mr. Daniel regarding Rocky Mountain Road.

Vice-Chairman Wilkerson forwarded a concern from Sherry Creasey, who lives on Willards Way. Ms. Creasey asked that her concerns from last year be reiterated, especially the site-distance issues at the junction of Crap Orchard Road and Route 24; site-distance issues at Bethel Church Road and Route 24; the general condition of Willards Way; and the amount of money being spent on the bridge on McDaniel Road off Route 43.

There being no one else desiring to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Supervisor Martin asked if traffic counts are still used to assess which roads are added to the Plan and to determine priorities; Mr. Daniel answered in the affirmative. Mr. Daniel also mentioned that they are working on a list of proposed additions to the Bedford County Six-Year Plan.

Chairman Parker asked for a copy of the list mentioned by Mr. Daniel; he responded in the affirmative.

(3) Mr. Daniel reiterated that VDOT is still in the process of implementing House Bills 2 and 1887, which will both be very important to how transportation funding is divided out in the future.

Vice-Chairman Wilkerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Voting yes: Mr. Thomasson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Wilkerson, Mr. Arrington, Mrs. Pollard and Mrs. Parker

Voting no: none

Absent: Mr. Sharp