



**MINUTES**  
**BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**BEDFORD COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**  
**APRIL 9, 2018**

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- 5:00 PM**      **WORK SESSION**
- a. Discussion with VDOT regarding prioritization of SmartScale Projects
- 6:00 PM**      **VDOT PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SECONDARY SIX-YEAR PLAN**
- 7:00 PM**      **PUBLIC HEARING**
- a. Call to Order
  - b. Moment of Silence
  - c. Pledge of Allegiance
- (1) APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- (2) INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY CHAIRMAN THOMASSON**
- (3) PUBLIC HEARINGS**
- a. Public Appearance – Report and Presentation of Resolution of Appreciation to Brandi Ferguson
  - b. Public Hearing - Tax Rate Ordinance - Tax Year 2018
  - c. Public Hearing - Proposed Bedford County Budget FY 2018-2019
- (4) ACTION ITEMS**
- a. Consideration of a request to adopt the FY2018 Tax Rate Ordinance. (*Ordinance #O 040918-01*)
    - *Staff Presentation by Carl Boggess, County Administrator*
  - b. Consideration of a resolution supporting the submission of three transportation projects for consideration for the 2018 SmartScale Application funding cycle. (*Resolution #R 040918-02*)
    - *Staff Presentation by Planner Mariel Fowler*

- c. Consideration of a resolution to authorize the publication and posting of a notice of the Board of Supervisors' intent to abandon school access roads for the former Thaxton Elementary School, the former Big Island Elementary School, the former Montvale Elementary/High School, and the former Body Camp Elementary School. (*Resolution #R 040918-03*)
  - *Staff Presentation by County Administrator Carl Boggess*

**(5) APPOINTMENTS**

- a. Appointment of the Deputy County Administrator as the Alternate County representative to the Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization.

**(6) BOARD COMMENTS**

**(7) ADJOURNMENT**

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**5:00 P.M. WORK SESSION**

**Board of Supervisors:** Bill Thomasson, Chairman, District 1; Tommy Scott, Vice-Chairman, District 5; Edgar Tuck, District 2; Charla Bansley, District 3; John Sharp, District 4; Andy Dooley, District 6; and Kevin Willis, District 7

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**County Staff:** County Administrator Carl Boggess, Assistant County Administrator Reid Wodicka, Economic Development Director Traci Blido, Community Development Director Gregg Zody, Planner Mariel Fowler, and Executive Assistant Brigitte Lockett

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Chairman Thomasson called the work session to order, and then turned the meeting over to County Administrator Carl Boggess. Mr. Boggess explained the meetings agenda for the evening, and then turned the meeting over to VDOT Interim Salem Residency Administrator Anne Booker. Ms. Booker introduced District Planner Michael Gray, who gave a presentation on VDOT's Arterial Preservation Program.

Mr. Gray gave a brief overview of the program's background, goals and strategies, noting it includes Route 220 as well as the 460 corridor from Alternate 220 over to the east end of the Lynchburg district. He stated that the purpose of the program was to review the State's main corridors for their capacity and safety. Mr. Gray said VDOT does keep the County's economic development goals in mind while trying to avoid slowing down traffic. He reviewed proposed mobility enhancements and innovative intersections, noting that he was only showing the Board a few of the alternatives VDOT has developed to

assist with moving traffic through congested areas more quickly. Mr. Gray listed the methods used to collect information such as data compilation, traffic count data, traffic forecasting, etc., and stated new applications were due for SmartScale on June 1, 2018. He concluded his presentation with a review of SmartScale projects in development for the Bedford area. Mr. Grey, Ms. Booker, and Mr. Daniel then answered questions from the Board.

Mr. Boggess requested, and received, consensus from the Board to move ahead with the resolution regarding the SmartScale priorities scheduled for approval later this evening.

There being no further discussion, the Board recessed for dinner at 5:27 pm.

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### **6:00 P.M. – VDOT Public Hearing on Secondary Six-Year Plan**

Chairman Thomasson called the VDOT Public Hearing to order, and turned the meeting over to Ms. Booker.

Ms. Booker addressed the Board with an update on VDOT projects. She noted that it is “Work Zone Safety Awareness Week”, and touched briefly on some of the recent snow events VDOT worked through, as well as regular maintenance projects that are coming up in the near future. Ms. Booker said they are working with the County to arrange the installation and dedication of the signs for the newly designated Lacy Putney highway. She then gave a brief summary of the road/project funding available, and reviewed some of the proposed projects, as well as projects that are already funded or completed. Ms. Booker also explained the funding process VDOT follows to prioritize roads in the Secondary Six-Year Plan. She then answered brief clarifying questions from the Board.

The citizen comment portion of the public hearing was opened.

- Shirldean Thornhill, 1033 Cobbs Lane, Goode, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding Route 643. The bridge is narrow and the road needs to be paved (it’s difficult for the school bus). Ms. Thornhill stated the road is so bad that, when it snows, the children that live on the road have walk down to the paved part to meet the bus because the bus can’t make it up the hill; the children also sometimes have to walk across the railroad tracks to get to the bus.
- Darryl Campbell, 1247 Hutchens Road, Montvale, addressed the Board regarding Hutchens Road, as well as the area between Walnut Grove and Smyrna Hill. These areas have many potholes and washboards, and it’s extremely dusty.

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

Mr. Boggess then asked Ms. Booker to review the prioritized roads with the Board. She stated that they have a running list of the roads that have been discussed over the years, which are sorted a

number of different ways to determine which roads should be a priority such as average daily traffic, cost per tenth of a mile, and cost per vehicle. She explained how these categories are used to sort the roads, and then answered questions from the Board. Supervisor Sharp noted that he has always preferred the “cost per vehicle” method, as it seems to give the most benefit to the most people.

Mr. Daniel stated that VDOT has directed its staff to not add a project with no available funding. We can add \$650,000 projects, but the last project needs to have some meaningful funds put towards it. In response to a question from Mr. Campbell, Mr. Daniel stated that once a road is paved, it does cut done on maintenance costs; however, it should be remembered that maintenance dollars cannot be used to pave roads.

In response to a question from Supervisor Willis regarding the potential to supplement the funding through a public/private partnership, Ms. Booker said a revenue sharing application could be made for an unpaved road. It would require a 50% match from the County and, as there are limited funds available for revenue sharing, there is no guarantee the application would be approved. Mr. Daniel added that if a road is “paved in place”, it does not address the other issues such as drainage. In addition, once a road is hard-surfaced, the unpaved road funds can no longer be used to make improvements to that particular road. Mr. Daniel stated that the bridge mentioned by Ms. Thornhill during citizen comments was rehabilitated, but there is currently no plan to replace it.

Mr. Boggess stated he will contact Ms. Booker after the agenda planning session on Wednesday to discuss dates for the work session.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Thomasson ended the VDOT public hearing at 6:51 pm.

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### **7:00 P.M. – Tax Rate and Proposed Budget Public Hearings**

**Board of Supervisors:** Bill Thomasson, Chairman, District 1; Tommy Scott, Vice-Chairman, District 5; Edgar Tuck, District 2; Charla Bansley, District 3; John Sharp, District 4; Andy Dooley, District 6; and Kevin Willis, District 7

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**Staff:** County Administrator Carl Boggess, Assistant County Administrator Reid Wodicka, County Community Development Director Gregg Zody, Planner Mariel Fowler, Fiscal Management Director Susan Crawford, Assistant Fiscal Management Director Sherri Goodwin, Economic Development Director Traci Blido, and Executive Assistant Brigitte Lockett

Chairman Thomasson called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance; asked the room to observe a moment of silence, and led the room in the pledge of allegiance.

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**(1) Approval of Agenda**

County Administrator Carl Boggess noted that Agenda Item #2 had switched places on the agenda with Item #3a.

**Supervisor Sharp made a motion to approve the agenda as amended.**

**Voting yes: Mr. Thomasson, Mr. Tuck, Mrs. Bansley, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Scott, Mr. Dooley and Mr. Willis**

**Voting no: None**

**Motion passed.**

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**(2) PUBLIC APPEARANCE**

Jeff Powers, Chairman of the Ag Board, introduced Brandi Ferguson, manager of Spring Lake Stockyard. Ms. Ferguson addressed the Board with a brief report regarding the stockyard. County Administrator Carl Boggess then presented Ms. Ferguson with the following Resolution of Appreciation:

**WHEREAS**, the Bedford County Agricultural Economic Development Advisory Board (Ag Board) and the Bedford County Board of Supervisors recognize that agriculture and forestry is Bedford County's largest industry; and

**WHEREAS**, the Springlake Stockyard brings a significant and consistent contribution to the agriculture industry under the leadership of Ms. Brandy Ferguson, General Manager; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Ferguson has faithfully served the livestock industry in Bedford County and the surrounding region for many years; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Ferguson has been recognized as the first woman to ring judge at the World Livestock Auctioneer Competition; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Ferguson has improved economic opportunities for livestock producers through value-added marketing programs and excellent customer service; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Ferguson has supported educational programs for livestock producers by providing free meeting space and financial support; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Ferguson has been a consistent and generous supporter of youth livestock programs including the Central VA Livestock Show and Bedford County vocational agriculture programs; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ferguson has supported the larger agricultural community through her support of the Bedford County Fair.

NOW, THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Bedford County Board of Supervisors hereby recognize Ms. Brandy Ferguson for her outstanding dedication and leadership to Bedford County's agriculture community.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the members and staff of the Board of Supervisors extend their sincere appreciation to Ms. Brandy Ferguson through the adoption of this resolution and direct that a copy be presented to her and made a part of the minutes of the Board of Supervisors meeting.

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**(3) PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**(3a)** Chairman Thomasson welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained the process the public hearings would follow this evening, noting that while there are two public hearings, citizens will be able to address either one, or both, as they wished once the public hearing had been opened for each item, instead of having to come up to the podium more than once. Chairman Thomasson noted that the tax rate will be voted on following tonight's public hearing; the proposed budget will be voted on at the Board's meeting on April 23, 2018.

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**(3b)** Chairman Thomasson opened the citizen comment portion of the public hearing for the proposed tax rate ordinance for tax year 2018; there being no one desiring to speak, this portion of the public hearing was closed.

Chairman Thomasson then closed the public hearing on the tax rate ordinance.

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**(3c)** Chairman Thomasson opened the citizen comment portion of the public hearing for the proposed budget for fiscal year 2018 – 2019; there being no citizens desiring to speak, this portion of the public hearing was closed.

Chairman Thomasson then closed the public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2018 – 2019.

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**(4) Action Items**

**(4a)** Mr. Boggess stated that the tax rates are not changing from last year. Chairman Thomasson asked if there were any Board members who wished to speak on the tax rate ordinance; there being none, he called for the motion.

**Supervisor Bansley made a motion to approve Ordinance #O 040918-01.**

WHEREAS, the Code of Virginia requires all Counties to annually adopt a budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors has duly advertised and held a public hearing on the subject of tax rates;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Bedford, Virginia, that there be, and is hereby levied, the following tax and tax rates for tax year 2018:

- (1) \$0.52 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation on all taxable real estate located in this County;
- (2) \$0.52 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation on the property classified in Section 58.1-3506 A 10, Code of Virginia 1950, as amended: manufactured homes;
- (3) \$2.35 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation for classifications of tangible personal property as defined in §§58.1-3503 and 3506 of the Code of Virginia: automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, camping trailers, travel trailers, motor homes and other recreational vehicles, trailers, boats, watercraft and aircrafts.
- (4) \$1.70 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation for certain other classifications of tangible personal property as defined in §58.1-3506 of the Code of Virginia: heavy construction equipment, forest harvesting and silviculture equipment, computer hardware, programmable computer equipment and peripherals.
- (5) \$.00 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation on the property classified in Section 58.1-3506 A 14 of the Code of Virginia: vehicles for the transportation of the physically handicapped.
- (6) \$.00 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation on the property classified in Section 58.1-3506 A 19, vehicles for the transportation of qualified disabled veterans.
- (7) \$1.20 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation on the property classified in Sections 58.1-3506 A5, A7, and A18, 58.1-3507 and 58.1-3508 of the Code of Virginia, commonly known as machinery and tools.

**Voting yes: Mr. Thomasson, Mr. Tuck, Mrs. Bansley, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Scott, Mr. Dooley and Mr. Willis**

**Voting no: None**

**Motion passed.**

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(4b) Mr. Boggess stated that this was covered in the work session, with a consensus being reached at that time to move forward with this resolution as presented.

**Supervisor Sharp made a motion to approve Resolution #R040918-02.**

**WHEREAS**, after careful consideration of the transportation issues facing Bedford County, staff recommends three projects worthy of the Board of Supervisors' support for the 2018 SmartScale funding cycle; and

**WHEREAS,** The Virginia Department of Transportation's Bedford Residency and Salem District professional staff have conducted construction cost and safety traffic studies along US 460; and

**WHEREAS,** US 460 (Lynchburg-Salem Turnpike) is a designated Corridor of Statewide Significance; and as such, every effort must be made to ensure safe and efficient travel on the most significant road in Bedford County for passenger and commercial vehicles; and

**WHEREAS,** VTrans 2035 notes potential strategies for US 460 to “improve safety by addressing high crash rate areas and making necessary improvements” and to “improve access management”; and

**WHEREAS,** The intersection of Camp Jaycee (Route 697) and US 460, a hazardous grade separation between east and westbound US 460 traffic, which creates site distance hazards for vehicles on Camp Jaycee seeking to enter into eastbound US 460 lanes. Staff recommends adding turn lanes along the US 460 median and reducing the grade separation between east and westbound lanes on US 460; and

**WHEREAS,** Krantz Corner, Merriman, and Timber Ridge Roads (Routes 715 and 803, respectively) require a coordinated approach with the alignment of multiple intersections due to the existing topographic conditions which impair safe sight distances for drivers seeking to turn onto US 460 at the intersection of Krantz Corner. Staff recommends consolidating roadways to form a four-leg intersection (Krantz Corner and Merriman Road) while closing the existing crossover at Timber Ridge Road and US 460; and

**WHEREAS,** Staff recommends resubmitting an application for the Patriot Place and Thomas Jefferson Road (Routes 9060 and 811, respectively) roundabout that was originally submitted in the 2016 SmartScale funding cycle; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** in the interest of good planning and the promotion of safe and efficient movement of passenger and commercial vehicular traffic, that the Bedford County Board of Supervisors hereby affirms the support of three projects for the 2018 SmartScale application cycle: 1) Improvements to the intersection of US 460 and Camp Jaycee Road; 2) Coordinated improvements at Krantz Corner, Merriman, and Timber Ridge Roads, (Routes 715 and 803, respectively); and 3) Resubmitting a roundabout at the intersection of Patriot Place and Thomas Jefferson Road (Routes 9060 and 811, respectively).

**Voting yes: Mr. Thomasson, Mr. Tuck, Mrs. Bansley, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Scott, Mr. Dooley and Mr. Willis**

**Voting no: None**

**Motion passed.**

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**(4c)** County Administrator Carl Bogges addressed the Board for approval of a resolution authorizing the publication and posting of a notice of the Board of Supervisors’ intent to abandon school access roads

for the former Thaxton Elementary School, the former Big Island Elementary School, the former Montvale Elementary/High School, and the former Body Camp Elementary School. Mr. Boggess noted that this resolution would start this process by posting the County's intent to abandon these roads, and then answered minor clarifying questions from the Board.

**Supervisor Dooley made a motion to approve Resolution #R040918-03.**

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Department of Highways has requested that the Bedford County Board of Supervisors consider the abandonment of the school access routes as described below:

1. Route 9042, from Route 831 to Route 681, a distance of 0.10 miles, serving the former Thaxton Elementary School.
2. Route 9046, from Route 501 to Dead End, a distance of 0.10 miles, serving the former Big Island Elementary School.
3. Route 9047, from Route 460 to Route 695, a distance of 0.10 miles, serving the former Montvale Elementary School.
4. Route 9753, from Route 24 to Route 24, a distance of 0.20 miles, serving the former Body Camp Elementary School.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Bedford County Board of Supervisors that the County Administrator be authorized to post and publish notice of the Board's intent to abandon the aforesaid school access routes pursuant to Section 33.2-909 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Transportation.

**Voting yes: Mr. Thomasson, Mr. Tuck, Mrs. Bansley, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Scott, Mr. Dooley and Mr. Willis**

**Voting no: None**

**Motion passed.**

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**(5) Appointments**

Supervisor Sharp made a motion to appoint Deputy County Administrator Reid Wodicka as the Alternate County Representative on the Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization.

**Voting yes: Mr. Thomasson, Mr. Tuck, Mrs. Bansley, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Scott, Mr. Dooley and Mr. Willis**

**Voting no: None**

**Motion passed.**

**(6) Board Comments**

The Chairman invited Richard Ruff to address the Board regarding his appreciation for Brandi Ferguson. Mr Ruff stated that Ms. Ferguson has turned the stockyard around and has made it success. He also commented on the need to motivate more young people to become interested in farming, and the success the late Mr. Garbarini had made of the local textile mill. Chairman Thomasson recommended Mr. Ruff contact Ag Board Chairman Jeff Powers with his concerns getting the County's youth interested in farming.

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**(7) Adjournment**

Mr. Boggess stated that the Personnel Committee recently met, and gave its unanimous consensus to the five-and-a-half new positions proposed in the budget. He then requested a motion to cancel the April 16<sup>th</sup> work session.

**Supervisor Sharp made a motion to cancel the April 16<sup>th</sup> work session.**

**Voting yes: Mr. Thomasson, Mr. Tuck, Mrs. Bansley, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Scott, Mr. Dooley  
and Mr. Willis**

**Voting no: None**

**Motion passed.**

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**Supervisor Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting.**

**Voting yes: Mr. Thomasson, Mr. Tuck, Mrs. Bansley, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Scott, Mr. Dooley  
and Mr. Willis**

**Voting no: None**

**Motion passed.**