

June 14, 2016

At the special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Court House, thereof, on Tuesday, the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016, at 5:30 p.m., there were present:

Pattie Cooper-Jones

Calvin L. Gray

Robert M. Jones

Odessa H. Pride

Howard F. Simpson

C. Robert Timmons, Jr.

Jerry R. Townsend

Jim R. Wilck

Also present: Wade Bartlett, County Administrator; Sarah Elam Puckett, Assistant County Administrator; and Scot Shippee, VDOT.

Chairman Simpson called the meeting to order as a Six Year Plan Work Session.

Scot Shippee, Resident Engineer, Dillwyn Residency, VDOT, reviewed the status of the current projects. He stated Route 725, Watson Boulevard, which was fully funded, is complete. Route 628, Campbell Crossing Road, is now Priority #1 for FY17.

Mr. Shippee then reviewed the Secondary System Construction Program, and reported the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) announced the District Grant Unpaved Fund which is the result of State HB2, HB1887 process. Starting in FY21, Prince Edward County will receive \$343,000 each year; the funding is allocated to each district, and the district allocates the funding to each county based on the miles of unpaved roads in that county.

Mr. Shippee stated Prince Edward County Unpaved Road Funding has a balance to complete of \$425,613, which means every project in the current Six Year Plan is fully funded and the County has that funding left over to program for “out” years. He stated a workshop should be scheduled for late winter or early spring; a list of projects will be compiled. Based on traffic counts and residences per mile, the Board

will decide which to need a add to the Project list and in which order. Mr. Shippee stated that at next month's public hearing, VDOT will resolution approving the priorities in this year's plan.

Mr. Shippee then advised the Board the Lynchburg District scored higher than anticipated and had the most number of projects funded in the HB2 process. Discussion followed regarding the projects and the estimated work schedule for the projects.

Supervisor Pride stated a petition has been received from Ms. Betty Baskin regarding Route 701, Washout Road; discussion followed on Washout Road. Mr. Bartlett said she had been told previously that Washout Road does not meet the traffic count criteria; there were also issues with right of ways.

Mr. Shippee stated if it would meet the requirements for Rural Rustic, it would purely be resurfacing. This could be added into discussion for the Six Year Plan. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Timmons requested information regarding the study on Bell Road. Due to the increase in residents along that road, Supervisor Timmons requested another traffic study to be done.

Chairman Simpson asked about the status of Greentown Road. Mr. Shippee said it is on the Six Year Plan, scheduled for FY18 which begins July 1, 2017. Mr. Shippee said that in theory, if the money holds as is currently projected, that project will be able to begin in FY18. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Timmons requested information on Route 628 and Route 702. Mrs. Puckett asked that Board members identify roads that need to be added to the study list and notify her; she will forward those to Mr. Shippee so he may do the research for the additional funding. Discussion followed.

Mr. Shippee stated that once a road is on the Plan, it remains there until the Board removes it or it is completed. He said the project must be fully funded to begin work; discussion followed regarding the Priority List to be added to the Six Year Plan. Mr. Shippee stated the Priority List has been dismantled.

Mrs. Puckett asked if Rural Addition funds will be available; Mr. Shippee said technically, the Rural Addition funds are still there but is only five percent of the tele-fees and accumulate that for five years to apply that to Rural Addition. He said the tele-fees are \$55,000, and five percent of that multiplied by five years might provide an entrance.

Supervisor Pride then asked if the study has been done on Abilene Road to increase the 45 mph speed limit; Mr. Shippee stated it has begun.

Supervisor Jones made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Townsend, to authorize advertisement of the FY17-FY22 Six Year Plan Public Hearing to be held at the July 12, 2016 Board of Supervisors meeting; the motion carried:

Aye:	Pattie Cooper-Jones	Nay: None
	Calvin L. Gray	
	Robert M. Jones	
	Odessa H. Pride	
	Howard F. Simpson	
	C. Robert Timmons, Jr.	
	Jerry R. Townsend	
	Jim R. Wilck	

In Re: Potential Safety Projects

Mr. Shippee stated there is little funding this year for safety projects:

- Shoulder-widening on Route 360
- Intersection and sight improvement at Hendrick's Store
- Route 630 in Meherrin, the road is crumbling; Mr. Shippee stated some engineering to do some spot widening on that road. The plan is to bring it to standard width.
- Passing zone beyond the Worsham Clerk's Office. Mr. Shippee stated VDOT is reevaluating older passing zones and this may be added.
- Route 664, Morris Creek Road where the guardrail was put in, the pavement needs repair
- Abilene Road, Route 604 and 671, sight issue, difficult to see traffic approaching. Mr. Shippee said that in March, VDOT did a study which came back with no recommendation to reduce the speed limit, but there are signage items to look at and shoulder drop-offs.
- Meherrin Road and Mill Creek Road status; Mr. Shippee said he has not yet received notice.

Mr. Shippee then reported mowing work continues; VDOT is taking work orders and repairing potholes.

In Re: Review of Revenue Sharing Program

Mrs. Puckett stated the Revenue Sharing Program is now a two-year cycle; applications are due this summer but then won't accept applications again until August 2018.

Mr. Shippee stated the Program is getting more and more competitive; for example, a community can put up funding for Revenue Sharing, citizens can raise the match funding and the County can funnel that funding through Revenue Sharing.

Mr. Shippee stated he will introduce the new Resident Assistant Engineer, set to begin on June 27, at the next meeting.

Supervisor Pride stated there is a safety issue on Douglas Church Road; Mr. Shippee stated it has been reviewed and they may be able to shave off the knoll.

On motion of Supervisor Gray, seconded by Supervisor Cooper-Jones, and adopted by the following vote:

Aye:	Pattie Cooper-Jones	Nay: None
	Calvin L. Gray	
	Robert M. Jones	
	Odessa H. Pride	
	Howard F. Simpson	
	C. Robert Timmons, Jr.	
	Jerry R. Townsend	
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the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.