

April 21, 2009

At a reconvened meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Court House, thereof, on Tuesday the 21th day of April, 2009; at 4:30 p.m., there were present:

William G. Fore, Jr.

Sally W. Gilfillan

Robert M. Jones

Charles W. McKay

Howard F. Simpson

Lacy B. Ward

Mattie P. Wiley

Absent - James C. Moore

Also present: Wade Bartlett, County Administrator; Sarah E. Puckett, Assistant County Administrator; Jonathan Pickett, Director of Planning and Community Development; Mark McKissick, Assistant Resident Engineer, and Keith Halbohn, Transportation Contract Administrator.

Chairman Fore called the reconvened meeting to order and stated the purpose of the meeting was a work session with VDOT on the Six Year Plan.

In Re: Prince Edward County Six Year Plan

Mr. Mark McKissick, Assistant Resident Engineer, reviewed the adjusted Six Year Plan. He said a lot of the activity and spending in the Six Year Plan are the Preliminary Engineering and Right of Way & Utility phases, which account for approximately a third of the cost for regular projects. Two-thirds of the funding is in construction, and takes about 1/10th of the time of the first two phases. This Six Year Plan extends to 2015 with \$276,000 to spend on secondary roads. He said the maintenance program is separately funded, and the funding levels are being reduced as well. Mr. Wade Bartlett, County Administrator, asked if the funding levels for maintenance were being reduced in the larger towns and cities; Mr. McKissick said that the funding is allocated by formula and it is decreasing across the board.

Supervisor Gilfillan asked what it costs to construct one mile of road; Mr. McKissick said a reconstruction project in Cumberland County has been bid at approximately \$1 million per mile. He said

the Federal Programs are requiring VDOT to fund to certain categories; some of the projects are state only but about 25 roads in Prince Edward County are secondary and on the Federal Highway Program, which are the only ones that funding can be spent on. They are attempting to obtain the Federal match and the requirements are more stringent.

Chairman Fore asked if the cost reduction is relative to northern Virginia as it is to the local area. Mr. McKissick said all the funding is split which goes 80/20 based on road mileage and population.

Supervisor Jones asked what could resolve the problem. Discussion followed on the possibility for a gas tax. Mr. Bartlett asked what the tax rate is at the current time; Mr. McKissick said it is 34.5 - 37.5 per gallon. Further discussion followed.

Mr. McKissick reviewed the status of Routes 638, 643, 626, and 619. He said these are the paved roads. Mr. Halbohn said Route 626 will most likely drop off the Six-Year Plan; Route 619 will stay on because it has dedicated bridge funds. He said Route 626 had funds allocated to the project previously, but as there are no funds going to it. He said it will go to the top of the Priority List for paved roads; he said it cannot remain on the Plan if there is no funding. Discussion followed on the Route 626 project.

Mr. McKissick reviewed the unpaved roads: Route 751, Hidden Lake Road, #1; Route 601, Aspen Hill Road; Route 751, Hidden Lake Road, #2. Discussion followed on the Route 751, Hidden Lake Road, #1 project and the delays with obtaining Right of Way. Chairman Fore suggested giving the resident another opportunity to give the right of way, or transfer the funding to the Aspen Hill Road project. Discussion followed; the consensus of the Board was to send a letter to all citizens in the area to give until April 30, 2009 to provide right of way or the project will be passed over and the funding transferred to Route 601. Further discussion followed.

Mr. Bartlett said a notification was received from Congressman Perriello regarding a High Priority Project Submission Process for the upcoming Federal budget for FY10. He said the six-page application must be submitted by April 22, 2009 and that only certain roads are eligible under *U. S. Code* Title 23 or Chapter 53 of Title 49 (Public Transit). He said three suggestions for this project are to complete the interchange at Route 460 and Third Street; Route 15 South; and Route 643 (Back Hampden-Sydney Road). He said these do not need to be prioritized. Mr. Bartlett said a letter of support is required from the Board of Supervisors; the Town of Farmville said they will provide one for the interchange project.

Supervisor Gilfillan made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign a High Priority Federal Project Submission Letter of Support for the three projects; the motion carried:

Aye:	William G. Fore, Jr.	Nay: None
	Sally W. Gilfillan	
	Robert M. Jones	
	Charles W. McKay	
	James C. Moore	
	Howard F. Simpson	
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[The board took a five-minute recess.]