

February 10, 2015

At the reconvened meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Court House, thereof, on Tuesday, the 10th day of February, 2015; at 5:00 p.m., there were present:

Pattie Cooper-Jones

Calvin L. Gray

Robert M. Jones

Charles W. McKay

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 Kevin Wright, Residency Administrator, VDOT.

Chairman Simpson called the reconvened meeting to order, stating its purpose is for a work session on the Six-Year Improvement Plan.

In Re: VDOT Six-Year Improvement Plan Work Session

Mr. Kevin Wright, VDOT, reviewed the current Secondary Six Year Plan and Priorities, and stated added projects will be on the list for FY 2021.

Mr. Wright reviewed current funding and estimated allocations. He stated the CTB-Unpaved State funds are designated solely for paving unpaved roads with greater than 50 vehicles per day (VPD). The TeleFee funds go to the Secondary Construction Plan and are used for any project, an unpaved road project with any kind of traffic count, or to start new projects. There is only about \$50,000 per year in that account, but these funds accumulate and there is no deadline for using them; these funds cannot be used as a match for Revenue Sharing. He stated that by 2021, Prince Edward County will have accumulated about \$300,000 of TeleFee funding, assuming level funding continues.

Mr. Wright reported House Bill 1887 is currently in the General Assembly which would completely re-figure the Secondary Six Year Plan and how funding is applied and distributed. Instead of the locality receiving the funding, the money would go to the Lynchburg District where localities would then apply for the funding. Projects would be submitted and scored on specified criteria, such as economic development, safety, and ease of congestion. Instead of waiting 15 years to get a project done, if the project scores well, it could be built within a quicker time-frame.

Supervisor Wilck questioned if this will funnel more of the funding to northern Virginia. Mr. Wright stated the funding is district specific. This will be applied to only general construction funding; he is unsure at this time if the Rural Rustic funding comes off the top first. He said there is a provision that special funds will come off the top and the rest will get distributed, but he is unsure about the unpaved road projects at this time.

Mrs. Sarah Puckett, Assistant County Administrator, announced House Bill 1887 passed the House on a vote of 96 to 2, and it is now in the Senate Transportation Committee.

Discussion followed on the projects and priorities and those to add when funds become available:

- Back Hampden Sydney Road (Route 643) – Relocation and reconstruction of utilities continues
- Aspen Hill Road (Route 601) – Complete
- Watson Boulevard (Route 725) – First priority, scheduled for summer 2015
- Campbell Crossing Road (Route 628) – Scheduled for 2015 or 2016
- Lakeside Road (Route 705) – Rural Rustic
- Green Town Road (Route 691) – Rural Rustic
- Nursery Road (Route 661)
- Millers Lake Road (Route 613)
- Dempsey Road (Route 721)
- Hidden Lake Road (Route 751) – Scheduled for the summer of 2019
- Copper Hill (Route 740)
- Locket Road (Route 619) – Bridge replacement, continues on schedule

Mr. Wright stated that once a better idea of the budget is available for existing Six-Year Plan projects, dates for the advertisements will be adjusted to match funding levels. He said VDOT plans to do all work in-house with their own crews. The cost estimates are high because they assume a contractor will do the work; if VDOT completes the work, the anticipated savings can be rolled onto the next project.

Mr. Wright asked the Board of Supervisors to propose projects to be added; an evaluation will be done on use, population, traffic counts and eligibility.

Supervisor Gray stated Church Road, Route 645, has high traffic to the church and is also a turning area for those that miss Tuggle Road. Mr. Wright said the road is three-tenths of a mile long and the count in 2008 was 50 VPD; unless counts went down, that would qualify. Supervisor Gray then suggested Campbell Hill Road, Route 693. Mr. Wright stated that is 1.6 miles; the first six-tenths of a mile shows 150 VPD, and from there back the mile to the dead end, it shows 60 VPD.

Chairman Simpson reported Green Town Road has a good base and is wide enough, and is in need of tar and gravel.

Supervisor Townsend stated Mill Creek Road (Route 628) is partially paved, and suggested Bolden-Flournoy Road (Route 702). Mr. Wright stated Bolden-Flournoy Road is at 80 [VPD] and Mill Creek is at 60 and 150 and would probably qualify. Supervisor Townsend stated Calhoun Drive has been damaged by loggers and debris has been left on the road and in the ditch line. Discussion followed on the responsibilities of the loggers. Mr. Bartlett stated Calhoun Drive is a private road; VDOT has no jurisdiction over that.

Supervisor Townsend stated that Oak Grove Road, (Route 742), off Calhoun Road, is an unpaved road and has debris left by loggers. Mr. Wright stated he will monitor that situation.

Supervisor Gray reported there are large potholes on Hidden Lake Road near the entrance to the convenience site.

Supervisor Timmons reported logging has been done off Darlington Heights Road between the firehouse and Abilene Road, and there is mud and debris.

Mr. Wright stated the House Bill 2, which deals with the primary projects, has passed; House Bill 1887, which deals with the secondary projects, takes a similar process and will take effect in FY 2021.

Mr. Wright stated he will research the projects presented and will return with the information for the Board to prioritize. VDOT will draft a plan from the Board's decision, a Public Hearing will be held and the list will be finalized and the Board will pass its Six Year Plan.

Supervisor Jones reported there are limbs overhanging Lockett Road that need to be removed.

Supervisor Timmons reported damage at the box culvert on Route 664, Morris Creek Road. Mr. Wright stated it is being monitored; a contractor will probably take care of it.

Supervisor Timmons then reported that at the same culvert, Southside Electric Cooperative's contractor cut trees and were left on the edge of the road. He added there is a section of Spring Creek Road that is missing pavement near the railroad tracks, and asked about the policy for a large sunken spot in the road that is still covered with asphalt. Mr. Wright stated it is treated like a pothole; Supervisor Timmons stated that on the way to the culvert mentioned previously, there are about 12 sunken areas or potholes.

Supervisor Townsend reported there are large bumps going onto and off of the bridge on Route 633 by Route 360 where the bridge crosses the railroad and asked what can be done.

Chairman Simpson reported the tar has broken off the side of the road on Germantown Road outside the town limits, and the culvert needs work.

Mr. Wright reported previous requests have been researched: Route 701, Washout Road, has a traffic count of 34 VPD and will not qualify; he will check on the counts on Route 668, Bell Road and for Route 714, Corner Road.

On motion of Supervisor Wilck, seconded by Supervisor Gray, and adopted by the following vote:

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

the meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.