

October 10, 2006

At a reconvened meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Third Floor Conference Room of the Court House, on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2006; at 4:30 p.m., there were present:

William G. Fore, Jr., Chairman

Howard F. Simpson, Vice-Chairman

Pattie Cooper-Jones

Sally W. Gilfillan

Robert M. Jones

Charles W. McKay

Lacy B. Ward

Also present: Sarah Puckett, Assistant County Administrator; Alan Leatherwood, Resident Highway Engineer; Mark McKissick, Assistant Resident Engineer; and Keith Halbohn, Contract Administrator of the Virginia Department of Transportation

Absent: James C. Moore, Supervisor; and Mildred B. Hampton, County Administrator

Chairman Fore called the meeting to order as a reconvened meeting from October 5, 2006.

In Re: Introduction of New Staff Members

Board members were introduced to two new staff members. Mrs. Margaret (Maggie) VanEps who is serving as a part-time Marketing Assistant with the Office of Economic Development & Tourism; and Mrs. VaLinda Snyder, who holds the position of Secretary/Administrative Assistant in the County Administrator's Office.

Supervisor James C. Moore entered the meeting at this time.

In Re: Highway Work Session

The Board met with Mr. Alan Leatherwood, Resident Highway Engineer, and staff of the Dillwyn Residency of the Virginia Department of Transportation for a work session on the Six Year Secondary System Road Plan, as well as the Construction Priority List for FY 07-08.

Paved Roads - The current priority list of paved roads includes:

1. Route 638 – Persimmon Tree Fork Road
2. Route 643 – Back Hampden-Sydney Road
3. Route 626 – Holliday Lake Road

Mr. Leatherwood explained that in November of 2005, the Board took action placing Route 638 at the bottom of the priority list of paved roads. However, since federal monies had been used for survey work, etc., it must remain in the Plan or the County will be required to reimburse all funds previously spent.

With Route 643 essentially holding the #1 position, Board members discussed means to advance the anticipated start date for construction. The project will consist of the reconstruction of a 1.2-mile section of Route 643 from the corporate limits of the Town of Farmville to the bypass bridge. The projected cost is \$1.45 million. Mr. McKay made a motion that all available FY 07-08 monies, as well as those in future fiscal years, be allocated to Route 643 until such time funds have accrued to complete the project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried:

Aye:	William G. Fore, Jr. Pattie Cooper-Jones Sally W. Gilfillan Robert M. Jones Charles W. McKay James C. Moore Howard F. Simpson Lacy B. Ward	Nay:	None
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Mr. Leatherwood advised that the two one-lane bridges on Route 623 were eligible for designated bridge funds. This means the bridges can be replaced using 80% federal funding, with the County being responsible for the remaining 20% (approximately \$700,000). The bridges currently belong to Norfolk Southern and Virginia Southern Railroads. Mr. Leatherwood pointed out that by accepting the federal

dollars, all the County's secondary road allocations for the next two years would be obligated to the bridge replacement, thus delaying all other projects. The Board took no action at this time.

Mrs. Gilfillan spoke of the need for a second bridge over the Appomattox River in order to redirect truck traffic from downtown Farmville. Mr. Leatherwood advised of an upcoming meeting to be held in Lynchburg on November 8, 2006. The purpose of the meeting is to solicit comments on primary road projects. He suggested the Board have a representative present at the meeting to offer input regarding this and any other primary road concerns.

Unpaved Roads - The Board discussed the following priority list of unpaved roads:

1. Route 613 – Miller Lake Road
2. Route 751 – From 0.05 mile north of Route 657 to 0.66 mile north of Route 657
3. Route 751 – 0.70 miles south of Route 685
4. Route 658 – From Route 460 to end of state maintenance

Mr. Leatherwood provided a handout showing all the parcels and names of the property owners from whom right of way was needed for the Route 613 (Miller Lake Road) project. Mr. Halbohn indicated that after numerous attempts, there were still five landowners he had been unable to contact and several who refused to grant right of way.

Mr. McKissick advised that VDOT representatives were willing to meet with the residents of Route 613 if a community meeting could be arranged. Supervisor Jones indicated he would contact Mrs. Marjorie Anderson and Mrs. Deloris Smith, the ladies who spoke during the September 12, 2006 public hearing, to solicit their assistance in contacting the residents and arranging a meeting.

Mr. Ward asked when work was scheduled to begin on Route 751. Mr. Leatherwood advised that money was available for the first section, but it would be more economical to do both sections under the same contract provided the needed right of way could be obtained. Supervisor McKay expressed a desire to combine all available monies, as was being done for Route 643, in order to have as much work done as possible.

Recreational Access/Route 601 – Mrs. Puckett reported that the High Bridge Trail Master Plan Advisory Committee had identified Route 601 and the decking of High Bridge as the #1 priority for

constructing the first phase of High Bridge Trail State Park. She felt Route 601 would qualify for up to \$400,000 in unmatched State monies under the Recreational Access program, but advised it would not cover the costs of paving the entire 2.1 mile road. Board members were asked to consider starting the process of applying for the money and determine which portion of the road should be paved first.

Mr. Leatherwood indicated that the County had some construction monies that were not programmed, but questioned whether regulations would allow combining them with recreational access funds. He and Mrs. Puckett will work together on determining if the two pools of money can be combined.

Route 307 – The Board was advised that Mr. Moore had asked concerning the possibility of restricting through-truck traffic on Route 307. Mrs. Puckett reported she had researched the request and learned that the Commonwealth Transportation Board had a set of criteria by which a county may request through-truck restrictions. In the case of Route 307 it will involve action by three counties--Prince Edward, Nottoway, and Amelia. Mrs. Puckett informed the Supervisors that she had discussed the matter with the Administrator in Nottoway County, and he indicated he would contact the Administrator in Amelia.

Mr. McKissick also reported that VDOT had begun a traffic study to determine if such a request would be feasible since the Commonwealth Transportation Board's criteria requires that a road be functionally classified as either a local or a collector. Route 307 is classified as a principle arterial and does not meet this requirement.

Watch for Children Signs – Board members were advised that the County had received two requests for Watch for Children signs. Both requests are included on the October agenda for consideration during the regular meeting that will immediately follow this work session.

Lunenburg County Resolution-2007 VDOT Business Plan – The Board was advised that the October agenda included a request from Lunenburg County for the adoption of a resolution opposing proposed changes outlined in the Turnkey Asset Maintenance Services (TAMS) and the Area Headquarters Study for the 2007 VDOT Business Plan.

Mr. Leatherwood reported that the General Assembly had passed legislation requiring that all maintenance on interstates be privatized by 2009. In addition, the Department of Transportation is being

required to evaluate privatizing 50% of maintenance on all primary and secondary roads using TAMS contracts.

Route 307 Reflectors – Mr. Simpson asked if any progress had been made on replacing the centerline reflectors on Route 307.

Mr. Leatherwood reported that the project had been put out for bid but no contractors responded. He advised of an incident that occurred on Interstate 95 where one of the reflectors came loose causing injury to a motorist. Because of the accident, VDOT is now evaluating other reflective options.

Rural Additions – A motion was made by Mr. McKay that Slayton Forest Road be moved to the #1 priority on the list of rural additions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried:

Aye:	William G. Fore, Jr. Pattie Cooper-Jones Sally W. Gilfillan Robert M. Jones Charles W. McKay James C. Moore Howard F. Simpson Lacy B. Ward	Nay:	None
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Supervisor Ward left the meeting at this time.

On motion of Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Moore, and adopted by the following vote:

Aye:	William G. Fore, Jr. Pattie Cooper-Jones Sally W. Gilfillan Robert M. Jones Charles W. McKay James C. Moore Howard F. Simpson	Nay:	None
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the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m., subject to the call of the Chairman on such date as may be determined by him.