

VIRGINIA:

At a recessed meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Tuesday, November 28, 2006, at 6:00 p.m., at the County Administration Building in Abingdon, Virginia the following were present:

PRESENT:

Kenneth O. Reynolds, Chairman
Jack R. McCrady, Jr., Vice Chairman
Phillip B. McCall
Dulcie M. Mumpower
Odell Owens
Paul O. Price
Anthony S. Rector

Mark K. Reeter, County Administrator
Christy Parker, Assistant County Administrator
Lucy E. Phillips, County Attorney
Naoma A. Mullins, Recording Clerk

Stephen Buston, Abingdon Residency Administrator, Virginia Department of Transportation
Robert Hurt, Virginia Department of Transportation
John Bolling, Virginia Department of Transportation

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kenneth Reynolds, Chairman of the Board, who welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. Presentation Concerning Washington County's Secondary Highway Six Year Plan for FY's 2007-08 through 2012-13

Abingdon Residency Administrator Stephen Buston made a presentation to the Board concerning changes to the Secondary Highway Six-Year Plan process affecting Washington County's current Six-Year plan for FY 2007-08 through 2012-13. Mr. Buston explained that there have been major changes in the way that the Six-Year Plan is now funded. He distributed materials to the Board that reflect the changes. Mr. Buston further explained that under the new guidelines all federal dollars coming to VDOT must be allocated to fund federal road projects only. This significantly impacts the roads on the Six-Year Plan that do not qualify as federal road projects. For the next year, the County will receive \$479,000.00 for the unpaved road projects. The Board needs to discuss how they would like to approach revising the County's Six Year Plan.

Mr. Buston explained that he would like to bring a revised Six Year Plan to the Board for approval and conduct a public hearing in February 2007.

Mr. Robert Hurt reviewed with the Board the unpaved roads projects on the Six-Year Plan that do not qualify as federal roads. There are currently 15 unpaved road projects listed on the Six-Year Plan that total \$3,200,000.00. Mr. Hurt explained that the County is expected to receive approximately \$1,500,000.00 over the next six years for the 15 unpaved road projects. Therefore, unless the funding situation changes VDOT will not be able to complete these unpaved road projects. Also, there will not be funding to add new unpaved road projects to the Six-Year Plan. The County can leave the current projects on the list and do some preliminary engineering work with hopes that the funding will increase.

Mr. Buston explained that since there is no funding for new projects there will not be a separate meeting during the public hearing on the revised Six-Year Plan with the public to discuss new road projects. He stated that there is hope that in 2009-10 through the remaining years on the current Six-Year Plan that the funding will increase.

Substantial discussion ensued among the Board.

Mr. Buston reviewed a map showing the roads eligible for federal funding and those that are not. He pointed out that the changes speak to secondary roads only and not primary roads. A few of the current roads on the Six-Year Plan that are not eligible for federal include Vances Mill Road (SR 670) and Walden Road (SR 679). Hillman Highway (SR 609), which is on the Six-Year Plan, is eligible for federal funding.

Mr. Buston talked briefly about the telecommunication fund and the types of projects that are eligible for these dollars. Projects eligible include various studies such as speed studies. Also rural additions projects can be funded from the telecommunication fund.

Mr. Reeter provided the Board with an explanation of the telecommunication tax. Basically telephone companies that use State right of ways to install their telephone poles pay this tax to VDOT.

Mr. Buston explained that he needs guidance from the Board as to how they would like to approach the changes to the Six-Year Plan.

The Board discussed at length the changes and revisions to the Six-Year Plan.

Mr. Buston explained that VDOT needs the Boards input as to what portion of Hillman Highway (SR 609) should receive the funding.

Supervisor Tony Rector stated that the segment of Hillman Highway (SR 609) that turns onto SR 91 needs to be addressed.

Mr. Reeter advised the Board that he would take the master map provided by VDOT and break down by election district the roads that are eligible for federal funding. He explained that he would provide Board members with a map for their respective election district.

Mr. Buston explained to the Board that one road project particularly impacted by the changes is Indian Run Road (SR 736). VDOT has finished buying the right of ways needed for this project and scheduled to advertise for bids in February 2007. However, now there is no money to finish project. Mr. Buston advised the Board that they must make a decision in the next couple of days about whether or not to continue with the Indian Run Road Project. He stated that the only way that VDOT could fund the

project is to borrow state secondary dollars from the State Route 1717 Relocation Project, and this would be his recommendation.

Discussions ensued at length concerning borrowing from the State Route 1717 Relocation Project fund that has approximately \$1,250,000.00 in state secondary road dollars.

The Board discussed the removing of projects or placing projects on a storage list from the Six-Year Plan.

Mr. Buston explained that the State does not have a recognized storage list and that if the Board chose to put projects on a storage list it would have to be an internal County list.

Mr. Buston reviewed the changes to the revenue sharing program. He explained that cities and towns could now apply for revenue sharing funds. He explained that a tier funding approach has been implemented, which means that the locality putting up the most local matching funds will receive priority. The County still needs to submit requests for revenue sharing funds, but keep in mind that the more local matching funds put up by the County the better chance to be awarded funding. The small amount of funds normally requested by the County will most likely not be awarded. Mr. Buston stated that VDOT could set aside about \$50,000 per year for projects like Loudon Drive, White Pine Circle and Sun Valley Drive. He further stated that Loudon Drive and Sun Valley Drive would be competing against each other for funding. The funding to complete White Pine Circle has already been approved. There is \$150,000.00 for Rural Additions Projects. White Pine Circle will take a small amount of the \$150,000.00, so whatever is left will be applied to Loudon Drive and Sun Valley Drive.

Assistant County Administrator Christy Parker addressed the Board recommending that the County's Transportation Advisory Committee get involved in developing a local transportation strategy for funding and to leverage as much revenue sharing funds as possible.

Scrivener's Note: The Documents and Map referenced above concerning changes to the Six-Year Plan is included as Minutes Exhibits Item 2006-11-28-1-A.

3. Consideration of Resolution Designating Portion of State Route 611 as Rural Rustic Road

On motion of Mr. Price, second by Mr. McCall, it was resolved to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2006-23 DESIGNATION OF STATE ROUTE 611 AS RURAL RUSTIC ROAD

WHEREAS, during the 2002 Session of the General Assembly, legislation was passed to revise §33.1-70.1 of the Code of Virginia to allow for the improvement and hard surfacing of certain unpaved roads deemed to qualify for and be designated a Rural Rustic Road; and

WHEREAS, such roads must be located in a low-density development area and have a minimum of 50 vehicles per day (vpd), and have no more than 500 vpd; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Supervisors (Board) is unaware of pending development that will significantly affect the existing traffic on the road; and

WHEREAS, the citizens that utilize this road have been aware of this road being paved with minimal improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes State Route 611, North Fork River Road should be designated a Rural Rustic Road from: 1.4 miles East of State Route 692 to 1.0 mile West of State Route 80 owing to its qualifying characteristics; and

WHEREAS, the road aforesaid is in the Board's six-year plan for improvements to its secondary system of state highways:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby designates and requests the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) Resident Engineer to concur in the aforesaid road as a Rural Rustic Road.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board requests that this road be hard surfaced and, to the fullest extent prudent, be improved within the existing right of way and ditch-lines to preserve as much as possible the adjacent trees, vegetation, side slopes, and rural rustic character along the road in their current state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution is forwarded to the VDOT Resident Engineer for Washington County.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. McCrady</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mrs. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Price</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Rector</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Reynolds</i>	<i>Aye</i>

At this time a motion was made by Mr. Rector to take whatever amount of funding that is needed from the State Route 1717 Relocation Project to complete the Indian Run Road Project. No second was offered to this motion.

Discussion ensued concerning the problems with Westinghouse Road.

4. Adjourn to Regular Meeting

On motion of Mr. Owens, second by Mr. Rector, it was resolved to adjourn to the 7:00 regular meeting.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. McCrady</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mrs. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Mr. Owens *Aye*
Mr. Price *Aye*
Mr. Rector *Aye*
Mr. Reynolds *Aye*

Prepared by:

Naoma A. Mullins, Recording Clerk

Approved by the Washington County Board of Supervisors:

Kenneth O. Reynolds, Chairman