

V I R G I N I A:

At a recessed meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Wednesday, November 28, 1990, at 5:00 p.m., at the County Administration Building in Abingdon, Virginia, the following were present:

PRESENT:

James P. Litton, Chairman  
 Maurice H. Parris, Vice Chairman  
 Kenneth G. Mathews  
 Aubrey E. Brown  
 Thomas Whittaker  
 Cecil K. Simcox

Bruce E. Bentley, County Administrator  
 Sandra M. Hatfield, Secretary

ABSENT:

Charles O. Byrd

Barry Proctor, Acting County Attorney  
 Mark W. Seamon, Director of Accounting

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1. Call to Order

The recessed meeting was called to order by Mr. James P. Litton, Chairman of the Board.

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2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance - Maurice Parris

Mr. Parris led in the Pledge to the Flag.

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3. Purpose of Meeting

Mr. Litton stated the purpose of the recessed meeting is to review Route 58 Corridor and determine the route that Washington County can support.

The following invited participants were present:

Chris Lloyd, Maguire Associates  
 Ken Brittle, Virginia Department of Transportation

Invited but not in attendance was:

George Lowe, County Executor, Johnson County

Present were the following members of the Route 58 Corridor Committee:

Albert Joseph Rhea  
Arthur E. Anderson  
C. H. "Bud" McCloud  
Cathie Freeman, Acting County Planner

Mr. Chris M. Lloyd, Vice President, Planning Group Manager, Maguire Associates Inc., addressed the Supervisors, stating that his firm has been commissioned by the Virginia Department of Transportation as consultants on the Route 58 Corridor.

Mr. Lloyd summarized the tasks that Maguire Associates Inc. has been charged with, stating they are looking at the following four functional areas that will be considered in determining the corridor for Route 58: (1) Traffic and transportation; (2) Environmental overview; (3) Developing an economic model to determine the developmental impact as a result of the road; (4) Public participation.

Mr. Lloyd elaborated on the above areas stating that the Department of Transportation may not select the recommended Southern Corridor because of the natural trout streams in the area, areas that are pristine, and locations that contain natural endangered species.

Mr. Lloyd explained that his firm will provide the Virginia Department of Transportation with their summary reports in the Spring of 1991, giving their pros and cons on the project. He strongly encouraged the Board of Supervisors to give their input throughout the entire process of the project.

Mr. Bentley distributed copies of a map showing the Route 58 Corridor Committee's recommended route for Virginia Department of Transportation to study, along with a map showing the preferred corridor at Damascus.

Messrs. Anderson and Rhea pointed out that through their extensive study of the proposed area, the recommended Southern Corridor (Laureldale to Green Cove) will not disturb any trout streams, trails, or areas containing endangered species. They each pointed out the Southern Corridor also contains a minimum number of bridges, and would be easier to engineer.

Mr. Rhea described the coordination of efforts to bring the recommended Southern Corridor to the public's attention, seeking and getting input from residents, various clubs and organizations. Mr. Rhea emphasized the coordination of work with the Sierra Club.

Mr. Anderson related that Tennessee officials are asking the Committee to support the Southern Corridor stating their agreement to work with Virginia. He pointed out that the Route 58 improvement from Green Cove through the southern Taylor's Valley area will open up a direct route into Virginia from the South and allow for Route 91, coming from Tennessee, to connect.

Mr. Lloyd encouraged the Committee to continue their work with the Tennessee Department of Transportation.

Mr. McCloud spoke concurring with Messrs. Anderson and Rhea. He commented briefly on the highway engineering for the recommended Southern Corridor.

Discussion among the Supervisors resulted in their consensus agreement to support the Southern Corridor (Laureldale to Green Cove). There was also consensus agreement to support the recommended corridor from Mocassin Gap on present Rout 58, going over towards Mendota as far as is feasible, to Bristol.

Speaking for Route 58 Corridor Committee, Mr. Rhea requested the Board of Supervisors to adopt a resolution resolving their support of the Southern Corridor and defining the route.

It was determined that the Committee will provide marked maps of the recommended corridor to use in order to adopt a resolution pertaining to the Route 58 corridor.

Supervisors reviewed the enlarged maps provided by Maguire Associates Inc.

Mr. Bentley called attention to a public hearing scheduled for December 13, 1990, at 6:30 p.m. concerning four laning the area north of Exit 9 at Routes 11 and 58. Mr. Brittle pointed out that the December 13, 1990 meeting is a public meeting to get input from affected property owners and is not a public hearing. He stated that the public hearing will be scheduled at a later date.

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4. Adjournment

On motion of Mr. Parris, second by Mr. Whittaker, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting.

The vote on this motion was as follows (6-0):

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| Mr. Mathews | Aye | Mr. Litton    | Aye | Mr. Brown  | Aye |
| Mr. Parris  | Aye | Mr. Whittaker | Aye | Mr. Simcox | Aye |

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James P. Litton, Chairman