

**VIRGINIA:** County of Lee, to-wit:

At the Joint Public Hearing of the Lee County Board of Supervisors and the Virginia Department of Transportation in the General District Courtroom of the Lee County Courthouse on May 17, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. thereof.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tina Rowe, Chairman  
Jason Crabtree  
Larry Mosley  
Charles Slemp, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carl Bailey

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Buston, VDOT  
Allen Sumpter, VDOT  
C. M. Callahan, Jr., County Attorney  
Dane Poe, County Administrator

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**PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

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**PUBLIC HEARING  
SECONDARY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

The Virginia Department of Transportation and the Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Virginia in accordance with Section 33.1-70.01 of the Code of Virginia, conducted a joint public hearing in the General District Courtroom of the Lee County Courthouse in Jonesville, Virginia on May 17, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of this public hearing was to receive public comment on the proposed Secondary Six-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2012/13 through 2017/2018 in Lee County and on the Secondary System Construction Budget for Fiscal Year 2012/13.

All projects in the Secondary Six-Year Plan that are eligible for federal funds will be included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which documents how Virginia will obligate federal transportation funds.

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Steve Buston, Virginia Department of Transportation, Bristol District, presented information on funding and projects currently on the Secondary Six-Year Plan and indicated the limitations on adding projects due to lack of funding. He explained that two projects were added last year with excess funds from old projects that had not be re-allocated. These projects were previously on the plan prior to their removal several years ago due to insufficient funding and program changes. There are currently four projects on the Six-Year Plan.

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Mr. Bailey entered the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

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There were several questions about adding projects and the list of roads previously removed from the plan.

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Allan Sumpter, Virginia Department of Transportation, stated there was a misconception by the public that inclusion of a road on the Six-Year Plan meant it would be constructed in six years. Mr. Sumpter stated that the limited funding available would not allow construction of a project for several years even though it is on the plan. A portion of the project can be funded each year although it cannot be constructed until the full cost has been budgeted.

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Mr. Poe advised that the two projects added back to the Six-Year Plan last year had probably been initially added to the plan in the late 1990's.

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The Chairman opened the floor for public comment.

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Terry Thomas, District 2, requested .25 miles of Hardy's Creek Road be added to the Six-Year Plan to serve Lamb's Chapel Church.

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Stephen Baker, District 4, requested that four-tenths of a mile of Robbins Valley Drive from the end of Route 947 be added to the Six-Year Plan.

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Mr. Poe advised that this road was not eligible for inclusion in the Six-Year Plan. He stated that it was a private road and could only come into the state maintained system through the Rural Addition Program or for the property owners to improve the road to VDOT standards. He stated that only roads currently in the state system are eligible for inclusion in the Six-Year Plan.

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Mr. Baker also requested, on behalf of Floyd Baker, that Route 761 be added to the plan. He stated that Mr. Baker came to a meeting two years ago and requested the road be added to the Six-Year Plan.

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Mr. Poe advised that no roads had been added to the plan in over eight years due to lack of funding.

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Mr. Slempp asked about the cost of extending Route 947.

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Mr. Poe advised that VDOT prepared the cost estimates for applications for the Rural Addition Program. He asked if VDOT could construct a Rural Addition with only a thirty foot right-of-way.

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Mr. Sumpter stated that Rural Additions require a forty foot right-of-way.

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Mr. Baker stated that a forty foot right-of-way was granted several years ago.

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Mr. Poe referred the right-of-way issue to the County Attorney.

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Mr. Callahan stated the County did not accept the right-of-way for the entire property as there was only funding to do a small portion of the road.

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There was no further public comment.

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The Chairman closed the Public Hearing.

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Mr. Poe advised that each Board Member had a copy of Resolution 12-015 which would approve the Secondary Six-Year Plan and Construction Budget.

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Ms. Rowe stated she would like to see the entire list of roads that were previously removed from the plan due to insufficient funding.

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Mr. Slemp stated he would like to see the list as well.

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**ADOPTION OF SECONDARY SIX-YEAR PLAN AND CONSTRUCTION BUDGET**

It was moved by Mr. Mosley to adopt Resolution 12-015 approving the Secondary Six-Year Plan and Construction Budget.

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There was no second to the motion.

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Ms. Rowe stated she believed the Board needed more time and more information.

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Mr. Mosley stated the projects currently on the plan had been there for years.

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Ms. Rowe asked the County Administrator what options the Board had.

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Mr. Poe stated the Board could remove all projects from the plan if they chose but that two of the projects are ready to go to construction.

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Mr. Sumpter stated VDOT was part of the equation and they would not agree to remove projects that are ready to go to construction.

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Mr. Poe stated that historically projects moved up in priority order each year unless something delayed the project and allowed another project to move ahead of it. He stated he could not recall ever removing a project from the plan and replacing it with another.

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Ms. Rowe stated she still believed the Board needed to see the entire list of roads removed from the plan previously.

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**ADOPTION OF SECONDARY SIX-YEAR PLAN AND CONSTRUCTION BUDGET**

It was moved by Mr. Crabtree, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to adopt the following Resolution. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Bailey, Mr. Crabtree, Mr. Mosley, Ms. Rowe, Mr. Slemp

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**RESOLUTION  
SECONDARY SIX-YEAR ROAD PLAN  
12-015**

**WHEREAS**, Sections 33.1-23 and 33.1-23.4 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended provides the opportunity for each county to work with the Virginia Department of Transportation in developing a Secondary Six-Year Road Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board had previously agreed to assist in the preparation of this Plan, in accordance with the Virginia Department of Transportation policies and procedures, and participated in a public hearing on the proposed Plan (2012/13 through 2017/18) as well as the Construction Priority List (2012/13) on May 17, 2012, after duly advertised so that all citizens of the County had the opportunity to participate in said hearing and to make comments and recommendations concerning the proposed Plan and Priority List; and

**WHEREAS**, Allen Sumpter, Wise Residency Administrator, Virginia Department of Transportation, appeared before the board and recommended approval of the Six-Year Plan for Secondary Roads (2012/13 through 2017/18) and the Construction Priority List (2012/13) for Lee County, Virginia;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that since said Plan appears to be in the best interests of the Secondary Road System in Lee County and of the citizens residing on the Secondary System, said Secondary Six-Year Plan (2012/13 through 2017/18) and Construction Priority List (2012/13) are hereby approved as presented at the public hearing.

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It was moved by Ms. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to adjourn. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Bailey, Mr. Crabtree, Mr. Mosley, Ms. Rowe, Mr. Slemp

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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CLERK OF THE BOARD