February 14, 2017

At the special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Court House, thereof, on Tuesday, the 14th day of February, 2017; at 5:30 p.m., there were present:

Pattie Cooper-Jones
Calvin L. Gray
Robert M. Jones
Odessa H. Pride
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; Scot Shippee, VDOT Resident Engineer; Carrie Shepheard, Assistant Resident Engineer – Land Use, VDOT; and Todd Repass, Area Construction Engineer, VDOT.

Chairman Jones called the reconvened meeting to order as a Six Year Plan Work Session and turned the meeting over to Scot Shippee.

Scot Shippee, Resident Engineer, Dillwyn Residency, VDOT, reviewed the status of the current projects.

Rt. 628, Campbell Crossing – stone is down and will surface treat with stabilizers once the weather is warmer and then will surface treat.

Rt. 705, Lakeside Road and Route 691, Greentown Road – once funding is available (likely July 1, 2017), stone will be put down to build the base and will set over the winter months. In the spring, they will be surface-treated. This process allows for the compacting and results in a longer-lasting road.

Mr. Shippee reviewed funding for the upcoming years 2021 and 2022. He said it is anticipated the County will receive approximately $340,000 each year. Approximately $420,000 were not programmed last year because it was released so late. He said it is anticipated the current year, there is approximately $750,000 to be programmed. It takes approximately $150,000 to surface treat one mile of road to bring it up to Rural Rustic standards. Discussion followed regarding the adjustment of priorities.
Mr. Shippee stated only funds for the current year are guaranteed; the other years are estimated. He added the cost of Lakeside Drive is anticipated at $230,000. A project can be started as long as it can be fully funded within the next fiscal year. Greentown Road is expected to cost approximately $155,000 and will begin July 1, 2017, which is in the 2018 project year.

Mr. Shippee then reviewed requests for evaluation.

Lockett District: Route 613, Millers Lake Road, is on the list for FY20
Route 740, Copper Hill Road, on the list for FY 21
Buffalo District: Route 661, Nursery Road, on the list for FY19
Prospect District: Route 651, Hidden Lake Road, on the list for FY21

Mr. Shippee stated the criteria include the geometry of the road, the number of residences on the road and traffic data and came up with a ranking. Discussion followed.

Mr. Shippee said these are new roads evaluated for potential inclusion in the Secondary Six Year Plan. He said Route 647, Rice Creek Road, is approximately three miles; because of the road geometry. He explained the principle behind the Rural Rustic program is to take the existing surface and surface treat it, with no geometric improvements available. He stated on Rice Creek Road, work could be done from Redd Shop Road (Route 630) to the bridge, which covers 95-98% of the residences on that road. Mr. Shippee said Route 668, Bell Road, did not qualify based on the traffic count. He said they may do an updated traffic count, and if qualified, would still rank with other criteria. He said this is a starting point and the Board can add these to the Plan as they see fit. Discussion followed.

Mr. Shippee stated work done outside of the Rural Rustic program can use maintenance funds; the Rural Rustic program does not need to obtain a right of way. Discussion followed regarding the speed limit will be posted at 35 mph on Hidden Lake Road.

Mr. Shippee then requested a public hearing be set for May; he said there will be clearer information regarding the availability of funding, and will need to know what to put on the draft plan. He said with the current funding, Mill Creek Road, Watson Road, Bolden/Flournoy Road, and Whispering Woods Road could be added to the plan. Discussion followed regarding estimated costs; he said surface treating the roads is approximately $150,000 per mile. Discussion regarding bridge work followed.

Supervisor Timmons questioned the progress on Abilene Road. Mr. Shippee stated for the intersection of Abilene Road and County Line Road, the only recommendation at this time is to monitor the
shrubbery on that corner lot; the sight distance on that slope could be graded, and first contact with the property owner is critical. Discussion followed regarding Supervisors and VDOT contacting the property owner; it was agreed they would contact the property owner together. Mr. Shippee then stated the recommendation is to drop the speed limit to 50mph; he said enforcement will be key. He added 85% of the current traffic normally drives about 58mph. Discussion followed regarding a temporary grading easement, possible utility relocation, and a reduction in speed limit to 50mph.

Supervisor Timmons then requested Bloomfield Road, from Darlington Heights Road east about a mile and a half has a lot of potholes. Other roads with numerous holes and sink spots: Darlington Heights Road, Morris Creek Road, Heights School Road, Singleton Road, Spring Creek Road.

Supervisor Pride invited Mr. Shippee to attend her Town Hall meeting to be held on April 6 [2017].

Mr. Shippee stated work will be done on the Route 460 shoulders this week; Route 360 will be worked on next week.

Supervisor Simpson requested reflective material placed on the roadways’ center lines; Mr. Shippee stated the reflectors are added to the roadways when milling and repavings are done.

Supervisor Pride reported the Abilene place sign that had been on Route 15 is missing.

Supervisor Cooper-Jones made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Townsend, to hold a Public Hearing on the Six Year Plan on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.; the motion carried:

Aye: Pattie Cooper-Jones
     Calvin L. Gray
     Robert M. Jones
     Odessa H. Pride
     Howard F. Simpson
     C. Robert Timmons, Jr.
     Jerry R. Townsend
     Jim R. Wilck

   Nay: None

On motion of Supervisor Timmons, seconded by Supervisor Cooper-Jones, and adopted by the following vote:

Aye: Pattie Cooper-Jones
     Calvin L. Gray
     Robert M. Jones
     Odessa H. Pride
     Howard F. Simpson
     C. Robert Timmons, Jr.
     Jerry R. Townsend
     Jim R. Wilck

   Nay: None

the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.