February 11, 2014

At the special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Court House, thereof, on Tuesday, the 11th day of February, 2014; at 5:00 p.m., there were present:

Howard M. Campbell
Pattie Cooper-Jones
Robert M. Jones
Charles W. McKay
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; Kevin Wright, VDOT; and Scott Shippee, VDOT.

Chairman Simpson called the reconvened meeting to order, stating its purpose is for a work session on the Secondary Six Year Plan.

In Re: Secondary Six-Year Plan

Mr. Kevin Wright, VDOT, reviewed the priorities from 2013 and updated the Board on the progress of the projects on Route 643, Route 601, Route 725, Route 628 and Route 619.

Mr. Wright stated there are no final budget numbers yet for the upcoming years. In Fiscal Year 2015, approximately $76,000 will be available, and the amount increases yearly through the Governor’s Transportation Package (2013) that was passed through the General Assembly. All projects currently in the Secondary Six-Year Plan are nearly fully funded. Two projects did not use their full allotment and there may be two possible additions to the project list: Route 705 and Route 691.

Mr. Wright asked the Board of Supervisors for their requests in order for VDOT to collect and review data associated with those roads.

Supervisor Timmons submitted a petition to add Route 661.
Supervisor Campbell suggested the addition of Route 751 for the Rural Rustic program.

Supervisor McKay suggested Route 701 needs a traffic study.

Supervisor Townsend stated Route 721 off Route 634, and Route 752 are in need of leveling and regrading.

Supervisor Timmons stated Route 661 is a dirt road and needs work; he suggested Route 668 as a Rural Rustic project.

Supervisor Jones suggested Route 613 for paving across the bridge and on Route 740, there has been an increase in traffic.

Chairman Simpson suggested Route 691 may qualify for tar and gravel.

Mr. Wright stated he will submit these to VDOT for review; he will then send a draft plan and a public hearing may be scheduled. After some discussion, it was determined the public hearing will tentatively be held in May.

Supervisor Timmons reported damage to Darlington Heights Road.

Supervisor Townsend questioned when work might be done on Dempsey Road; Mr. Wright stated work will be done when the snow is gone. Mr. Wright said gravel roads will be “pushed” when there is 3”-4” as it would make more of a mess on a gravel road if “pushed” with less snowfall.

Mr. Wright then reviewed the prioritization of snow removal; major highways and primary roads are worked on until the snowfall ends. After they are clear, work begins on high-traffic secondary roads. Then clearing is done on subdivision and side roads and gravel roads are cleared last.

Mr. Wright discussed Revenue Sharing. VDOT puts up matching funds. Discussion followed on various projects.

Mr. Wright announced VDOT will host a “Locality Day” to review programs VDOT offers and how they may benefit the counties.

Supervisor McKay suggested setting aside $100,000 each year to take advantage of the Revenue Sharing Program for the unpaved roads in the County. Discussion followed.

Mr. Wright then reported on the abandonment of a section of Route 605 flooded by the Sandy River Reservoir. In 1995, when the county filled the Sandy River Reservoir, a section of State Route 605 was permanently flooded and the road was dead-ended on each side of the reservoir. VDOT is now asking
that the Board of Supervisors take the necessary procedural actions to officially abandon the flooded section of Route 605. This is procedural issue to correct a deficiency in the official VDOT records; no additional roadway is being impacted by the Sandy River Reservoir. Once the abandonment is official, VDOT will change the state route number of the western portion of Route 605 (Gates-Bass Road) to State Route 799. He added Route 606 will likely need abandonment as well.

After some discussion, the Board concurred to wait until March when the information will be prepared for both Route 605 and Route 606.

On motion of Supervisor Campbell and adopted by the following vote:

Aye: Howard M. Campbell
     Pattie Cooper-Jones
     Robert M. Jones
     Charles W. McKay
     Howard F. Simpson
     C. Robert Timmons, Jr.
     Jerry R. Townsend
     Jim R. Wilck

Nay: None

the meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.