

VIRGINIA: AT THE CONTINUATION MEETING OF THE DINWIDDIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD IN THE MULTIPURPOSE ROOM OF THE PAMPLIN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN DINWIDDIE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, ON THE 6TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2002, AT 5:30 P.M.

PRESENT: EDWARD A. BRACEY, JR., CHAIRMAN ELECTION DISTRICT #4
ROBERT L. BOWMAN, IV, VICE-CHAIR ELECTION DISTRICT #3
HARRISON A. MOODY ELECTION DISTRICT #1
DONALD L. HARAWAY ELECTION DISTRICT #2
AUBREY S. CLAY, ELECTION DISTRICT #5

OTHER: PHYLLIS KATZ COUNTY ATTORNEY

Mr. Edward A. Bracey, Jr., called the regular meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

IN RE: CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Haraway stated I move to close this meeting in order to discuss matters exempt under section:

Real Property - §2.2-3711 A. 3 – Acquisition of Real Property

Mr. Clay seconded the motion. Mr. Moody, Mr. Clay, Mr. Haraway, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bracey, voting "Aye", the Board moved into the Closed Meeting at 5:50 P.M.

A vote having been made and approved the meeting reconvened into Open Session at 6:25 P.M.

IN RE: CERTIFICATION

Whereas, this Board convened in a closed meeting under § 2.2-3711 A.3 Acquisition of Real Property

And whereas, no member has made a statement that there was a departure from the lawful purpose of such closed meeting or the matters identified in the motion were discussed.

Now be it certified, that only those matters as were identified in the motion were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting.

Upon Motion of Mr. Haraway, Seconded by Mr. Clay, Mr. Clay, Mr. Haraway, Mr. Moody, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bracey, voting "Aye", this Certification Resolution was adopted.

IN RE: VDOT – SECONDARY ROADS SIX YEAR PLAN WORK SESSION

Mr. Richard Caywood, Resident Engineer Virginia Department of Transportation, came forward and stated VDOT is in the process of preparing the annual update of Dinwiddie County's Secondary Roads Six Year Plan and Annual Secondary Construction Budget for the FY 2003-2004 – 2008-2009 planning period. He supplied copies of the approved plans from the last cycle. "This included the 02/03 – 07/08 plan that was approved by the Board in November of 2001 and the revised plan that was presented to the Board in June 2002. The revised plan reflected the changes due to budget shortfalls in the Secondary Construction Program."

Mr. Caywood submitted a draft Annual Budget and Six Year Plan for discussion with the Board. He commented that the draft plan details the projected funding for the listed priorities in the plan. VDOT is proposing to add

Shady Lane back into the plan to utilize some unpaved road funds. Shady Lane is a potential candidate for the rural rustic program. Mr. Caywood commented he would like to have the County Planner ride it with him. Tranquility Road would also be a good one for the program. The rest of the unpaved funds are dedicated to a separate line item in the plan entitled "Unpaved Projects to be Identified". This approach allows the unpaved funds to be captured in the plan, without committing them to specific projects at this time. It also enables us to explore the possibility of using the pave in place program or the rural rustic program on certain projects to avoid costly estimates in the plan." VDOT has done a couple of pave in place projects in the County. Blue Tartane, Rt. 615, is finished and it cost about one-half versus doing a full-blown construction job. The Ridley Road project is in process now at a cost of about one third of the projected costs.

Mr. Caywood explained that the Rural Rustic Project is simply another means to improve a dirt road between the existing ditches. Drainage improvements would be very minor, if at all. Side slopes would not be changed, and essentially no vegetation would be disturbed. For these reasons, the environmental approval process should be significantly shortened.

Mr. Caywood reviewed the Secondary Roads Six Year Plan with the Board. At the conclusion of his presentation he asked the Board if they had any questions or comments.

Mr. Bowman stated he was no expert in road engineering and planning and he needed some professional guidance. He asked if road counts are a determining factor. For example, Courthouse Road has a traffic count of 415 compared to 1,160 on Halifax Road. However, Courthouse Road is in front of Halifax Road on the plan. He asked Mr. Caywood his opinion on how we should select the roads that are placed in the priority plan and what part of the county should we be spending the funds for the roads? Mr. Caywood replied the Board is given a great deal of latitude in deciding which roads are placed on the plan. Mr. Caywood replied from an engineering perspective we look at traffic count, accident rate, and growth patterns and those would be what I would use to base my recommendations for new projects to be placed on the plan. However, it is not my place or the departments to question the priorities, which have been previously established by the Board.

Mr. Bowman stated there is no money being spent on roads in the growth area in the county. We are spending the money in the other section, which is hard to explain to citizens. Mr. Caywood said he could provide traffic counts, accident data, and other information but again ultimately VDOT looks to the Board for that direction.

Mr. Bowman asked what the Board would have to do to recommend dual lanes on U.S. Route 1. Mr. Caywood replied normally on two-lane roads the volume would have to reach 10,000 before it can be considered. Route 1 has already reached that point now. However, the funding horizon for State funded projects is very bleak now.

Mr. Moody stated the only thing he is concerned about is the old road plan. We don't want to forget the priority order of the roads. He expressed his concern that once the new plan is adopted, that the other priority list might be forgotten. Mr. Caywood responded he would supply that list to the Board.

Mr. Haraway commented, like Mr. Bowman, I do not have the expertise to prioritize the projects. He felt it would be interesting if an independent party would go in and evaluate the different roads and give us what they think the priorities should be.

Mr. Clay stated the experts are going to recommend the roads near Petersburg and we don't want to ride in mud in the southern and western end of

the county while the northern end has super highways. He said he felt the way it has been done is the fair way to do it.

Mr. Haraway asked why he felt the northern end of the county would be fixed and not the southern end? Mr. Clay replied because you have more traffic.

Mr. Bracey commented he would hate to see the people on Coleman Lake Road be dropped out of the plan. He said he felt Courthouse Road could have waited, but it was in the plan before Halifax Road. Mr. Caywood reiterated that the Board has always set the priority.

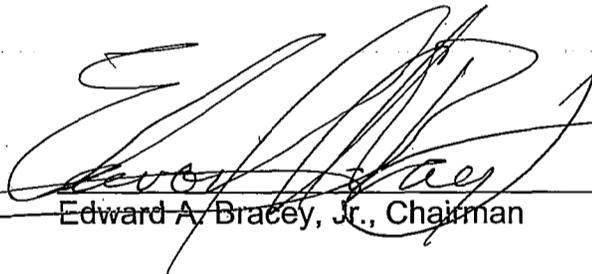
Mr. Bowman commented on Route 1 you say that is a State funded road. Mr. Caywood replied that is a primary route and it is funded from a different pot of money, which is empty now. Mr. Bowman asked if the Board needed to do anything to get Route 1 on the list? Mr. Caywood responded the prospects for getting anything on the list is very bleak for the next 5 to 10 years because of the funding situation and the cost of the projects in the plan. He said he makes the recommendations internally but he always encourages the County to attend and participate in the allocation hearings.

Mr. Bowman stated the County is going to continue to grow in the northern end and the roads are going to be a big issue.

The public hearing is scheduled for December 4, 2002 at 7:30 P.M.

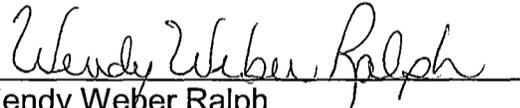
IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon Motion of Mr. Clay, Seconded by Mr. Haraway, Mr. Moody, Mr. Clay, Mr. Haraway, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bracey voting "Aye", the meeting adjourned at 7:23 P.M.



Edward A. Bracey, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:


Wendy Weber Ralph
County Administrator

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