

VIRGINIA: County of Lee, to-wit:

At the Public Hearing of the Lee County Board of Supervisors in the General District Courtroom of the Lee County Courthouse on June 20, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. thereof.

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. D. Leonard, Chairman
Nathan Cope
Larry Mosley
Charles Slemp, Jr.
Robert Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Allan Sumpter, VDOT
Jackie Christian, VDOT
Dane Poe, County Administrator
Jeny Hughes, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS ABSENT: Stacy Estep Munsey, County Attorney

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

SECONDARY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

The Virginia Department of Transportation and the Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Virginia in accordance with Section 33.2-331 of the Code of Virginia, conducted a joint public hearing in the General District Courtroom of the Lee County Courthouse, Jonesville, Virginia on June 20, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of this public hearing was to receive public comment on the proposed Secondary Six-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2017/18 through 2022/23 in Lee County and on the Secondary System Construction Budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

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.

Allan Sumpter, Virginia Department of Transportation, Wise Residency Administrator, presented information on funding and projects currently on the Secondary Six-Year Plan. He stated that the purpose of this meeting is the allocation of funds for roads that are currently VDOT maintained.

He stated that the law allows that 5% of funding is allowed to go into Rural Additions every year, there is presently a balance of \$63,000.00 and 5% of the existing fund is \$4,000.00. Last year the Board set the Monte Vista Golf Course Road as the road to bring into the Rural Addition and it will be a number of years before there is enough funds to be able to move that project forward.

Jackie Christian, Virginia Department of Transportation, reported that Friendship Hollow Road is completed, Dry Branch Road is ready to be surface treated, Greenleaf Road is scheduled for the fall of 2017, Sigma Road is scheduled fall 2017, Stone Mountain Road is scheduled for July 1, 2018, Martin Wolf Road is scheduled for 2020, McLin Hollow Road is scheduled for 2022, and Delvale Road is scheduled for 2022.

Mr. Cope asked if the projects are running at the deadline or if they are ahead of schedule.

Mr. Christian stated that things are ahead of schedule as of now.

Mr. Sumpter added that the roads were previously built to a higher standard, but now they are being done as Rural Rustic Roads, which keeps the cost for projects under \$600,000 and leaves money to be put toward the next project.

Mr. Smith asked if any more gravel roads would be taken into the system.

Mr. Sumpter stated that the only way for a road to be taken is that it be funded through the Rural Addition program and be able to be constructed to VDOT standards.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comment.

Sandra Ridings, Dryden Heights, stated she feels that the Dryden Heights Road needs to be a state maintained road. The road serves 12 homes and needs to be graded.

Mr. Sumpter stated that VDOT has 200 miles of gravel roads to maintain and it will not spend money on private roads.

Joe Kluck, Clear Springs Road, asked how State Route 765 and 754 got paved and were not on the list.

Mr. Poe stated that those roads were already paved, they had just been resurfaced.

Mr. Sumpter explained that there are construction funds and maintenance funds, and maintenance funds cannot be used for construction.

Carrie Hembree, Cedar Valley Road, stated that she filed a petition 12 years ago to get on the Rural Addition list. She is asking the Board to have mercy and requested the Board of Supervisors add Cedar Valley Road into the Six Year Plan as soon as possible by way of the Rural Addition Program and allocate the funds needed to bring the road up to VDOT standards.

Mr. Poe stated that there had been comments made about roads being brought up to VDOT standards. Mr. Poe clarified that the only way to have a road brought into the Secondary System is for it to be a hard surface road.

There was no further public comment.

Mr. Leonard closed the public hearing.

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