

Regular Meeting, Wednesday, August 8, 2018, 7:00 p.m. Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT: Gerald W. Garber, Chairman  
Carolyn S. Bragg-Vice Chairman  
Terry L. Kelley, Jr.  
Marshall W. Pattie  
Michael L. Shull  
Wendell L. Coleman  
Pam L. Carter  
Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator  
Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator  
John Wilkinson, Director of Community Development  
James R. Benkahla, County Attorney  
Angie Michael, Executive Assistant

VIRGINIA: At a regular meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, August 8, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 243<sup>rd</sup> year of the Commonwealth....

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Chairman Garber welcomed the citizens present.

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The following student led the Board of Supervisors in the Pledge of Allegiance:

Kelly Galway is a senior at Buffalo Gap High School. She is the President of the Family, Career Community Leaders of America. She plans to attend Virginia Tech and study Interior Design.

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Terry Kelley, Supervisor for the Beverley Manor District, delivered the invocation.

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VDOT 6-YEAR PLAN

This being the day and time advertised to consider and receive input in regards to the proposed Secondary Road Construction Improvement Program for the State Secondary System of Highways in accordance with Section 33.1-70.01, Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended; the program covers the six-year period from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2024. The Board will also receive input on the Secondary Road Construction Improvement Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-19. The Budget covers the period from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

Donald Komara, Residency Administrator, reviewed with the public the purpose for conducting the public hearing:

“Good evening. I’m Don Komara, Residency Engineer with VDOT for Augusta County. Also present tonight is my assistant, Josh Dunlap, my Maintenance Manager, Kay Vance and my Contract Administrator, Will Clark. This is predominantly for unpaved roads. Augusta County has approximately 200 miles of unpaved roads. There are 25-30 miles covered on the 6 Year Plan. This is an aggressive plan and we are proud of it. People ask what makes a road eligible. The road has to have a state route number of 600 or above, have at least 50 vehicles per day, willing participants and the Board is

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willing to endorse it. We take other factors into consideration such as the number of houses, close proximity of the houses to the road, traffic counts and a degree of difficulty. When we do a hard surface road, we layer gravel and tar. This suppresses the dust and gives a hard flexible pavement. There is a couple of ways to do these roads. There is a rural rustic program, which allows the road to be built on thirty feet of right-of-way with easements from the property owner. Easements are important because everybody likes to mow their yard and in front of their houses. When you build a road and it's wide enough for two cars to pass and all there are is thirty feet of right-of-way, the back slopes go straight up and down. We roll that back so it can be mowed, it doesn't erode as much and provides a better surface. Fifteen feet is taken off from center line and we move fences back. Some roads require more right-of-way. All of this is where the degree of difficulty is determined. A big part of all gravel roads is drainage. They have to be drained. Water stands in places, traffic runs over it and makes it soft. This is what creates potholes. The first road on the plan is 610 which is under construction now. 616, Dam Town Road, work will start this fall. Improvements on 256, 901 in Mill Place, and a round-a-bout at Woodrow Wilson are under design. 608 and Jericho Road are completed. Under construction or to be under construction in the future is Sinking Springs, Lea Port, Willow Spout, Mount Hermon Road, the first half of Nash Road, Wampler Road, Barren Ridge Road, Craig Shop Road, Broadhead School Road, Mill Lane, Green Hill Road, Pine Bluff, the first half of Fountain Cave Road, Horseshoe Circle, Wilda Road, the second half of Nash Road, Boy Scout Road, Barnhart Road, Drainage Divide, Old Parkersburg Turnpike, the second half of Fountain Cave, Stone Branch, Pilson, Slade Hill, Swisher Road, Reeves Road, Springleigh Road, and Wayne Avenue. The last page of the plan is countywide items which are not given a large amount of money. This is mainly for miscellaneous items such as seeding and traffic procedure studies.

The Chairman declared the public hearing to be open.

Hannon Graves, 105A Lew Dewitt Blvd Waynesboro, VA, spoke in favor of paving Barren Ridge Road.

Gary Gourley, 39 Lakeshore Lane Fishersville thanked VDOT for the improvements made on Jericho Road.

Chris Jensen, 41 Lakeshore Lane Fishersville thanked VDOT for the improvements made on Jericho Road. There is a sharp curve on the road and a curve sign with a speed limit would be helpful.

Carrie Darracott, 1161 Barren Ridge Road Fishersville, is delighted that Barren Ridge Road is on the schedule to be paved.

Bill Kauffman, 1586 Barren Ridge Road Fishersville, is willing to work with VDOT to get Barren Ridge Road paved.

Joanne Gober, 1403 Barren Ridge Road Waynesboro, VDOT does well at maintaining Barren Ridge Road and she is in support of getting it paved.

Joseph (Chad) Shomo, 581 Haytie lane Swoope, thanked the Board for their service. He served on the School Board for 8 years. Mr. Shomo would like Haytie Lane to be put on the 6 Year Plan. He owns a home at the end of the Haytie Lane that will become a wedding venue in the future and would like to have something done to the road before next summer.

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Eckhardt Rupp, 1089 Barren Ridge Road Fishersville, spoke in favor of paving Barren Ridge Road.

Carlene Conner-Kueck, 1177 Barren Ridge Road Fishersville, stated that the sooner the better for paving Barren Ridge Road.

Teresa Childress, 1190 Barren Ridge Road Fishersville, stated there is a concern with speed on Barren Ridge Road

Daniel Chapman, 209 Madison Cave Lane, Grottoes, stated dust and potholes are an issue on Fountain Cave Road. The road has been on the list several times and repeatedly gets taken off.

David Herring, 50 Indian Camp Lane, would like to see Sangers Lane put back on the list.

There being no other speakers, the Chairman declared the public hearing closed.

Mr. Shull states that prices have gone up over the years and money gets less and less. The price is higher with the more work that is required. Money doesn't go far and we don't have the money to go around like we would like. Mr. Shull appreciates those that voice concerns. If you don't ask, then the Board does not know. Keep in mind that the process takes a while so be patient.

Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator, stated that the Plan and Budget will be on the August 22, 2018 Regular meeting agenda.

The Chairman declared the public hearing closed.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

David Chapman is concerned about signs on Cave Hill Lane that is inappropriate for children. He would like something to be done about them.

Don Knollman would like to have Cave Road paved.

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PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM-RESOLUTION

The Board considered a resolution establishing the rate of tax relief of qualifying vehicles for purposes of the Property Tax Relief Act.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that this is an annual resolution for the tax relief program. Each year the money gets less and less. Last year the amount was 40% and it is down to 39% for 2018.





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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD (CONT'D)

Pastures infrastructure of \$1,263.35 to Craigsville Fire Department.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Bragg, Shull, Coleman, Kelley,  
Pattie, and Carter  
Nays: None

Motion carried

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Dr. Pattie, that the board approve funding from the Pastures infrastructure of \$2,000.00 to assist with cost of Buffalo Gap High School marching band uniforms.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Bragg, Shull, Coleman, Kelley,  
Pattie, and Carter  
Nays: None

Motion carried

Mr. Coleman is excited about NIBCO.

Mr. Shull was pleased with the fair turnout. He thanked the Board member and Staff for all of their help. He attended solar meeting at Wilson Fire Department. As the discussions grow, the public will become more informed and the Board needs to listen to both sides.

Mr. Garber stated that people are less concerned about solar but more concerned about property rights.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

Timothy Fitzgerald, County Administrator discussed the following issue:

- 1) The Augusta County Fair was a great success.
- 2) Carrie Chenery is resigning from the Shenandoah Valley Partnership.
- 3) Spent the day in courthouse pre-bid meetings with architects.
- 4) There will be a Site Development Workshop on August 29 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at the Government Center.
- 5) August 29 is Amanda Glover's due date. There is a plan in place with Megan Williamson filling in while Amanda is out. Courtland Robertson will play a bigger role as well, along with Rebekah Castle.
- 6) Augusta Home Builders will be holding an Affordable Housing Summit on September 20 at 3:00 p.m.
- 7) Craigsville Volunteer Fire Department voted to give up their EMS License for first responder. They do not have enough providers to be able to appropriately respond. It's a concern for the County and there will be a need for further discussion.

Mr. Shull recommended getting the Craigsville Town Mayor involved and their council. Ms. Carter spoke with Chief Martin on the matter. It was not an easy decision to give it up.

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