

**VIRGINIA:** County of Lee, to-wit:

At the Recessed Meeting of the Lee County Board of Supervisors in the General District Courtroom of the Lee County Courthouse on May 16, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. thereof.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Mosley, Chairman  
Sidney Kolb  
David Jessee  
D.D. Leonard  
Robert Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dane Poe, County Administrator  
Angie Thomas, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS ABSENT: Stacy Estep Munsey, County Attorney

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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

**SECONDARY SIX-YEAR PLAN PUBLIC HEARING**

The Virginia Department of Transportation and the Board of Supervisors of Lee County, in accordance with Section 33.2-33 of the Code of Virginia, conducted a joint public hearing in the General District Courtroom of the Lee County Courthouse, 33640 Main Street, Jonesville, Virginia at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed Secondary Six-Year Plan for Fiscal years 2024/25 through 2028/29 in Lee County, and on the Secondary System Construction Budget for Fiscal Year 2023/24. Copies of the proposed Plan and Budget may be reviewed at the VDOT Wise Residency office, 703 Hurricane Road, Wise, Virginia 24293 and in the office of the Lee County Administrator located in Room III of the Lee County Courthouse, Jonesville, Virginia.

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.

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Allen Sumpter, VDOT Residency Administrator for the Wise Residency, advised for the period of Fiscal Year 2024-29 there is \$3,458,598.00 in funds and \$3 million comes from the District Grant Program and is specifically for unpaved roads and added \$362,000.00 comes from the Tele-Fee Program. He stated Reed Patch Road has been completed with Klondike Road to follow around July and continue on to Mount Harless Road. He added that Clear Springs Road in Ewing is about 50% complete with Routes 603, 604, 607, 708, 805 and two sections of Blue Hollow Road to follow. He showed a map of Blue Hollow Road with Phase 1 in the plan and stated if added the second section would complete the road. The estimate for the road is about \$695,000.00.

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There was a discussion about the proposed road plan.

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The Chairman opened the floor for public comment and advised that each speaker would be limited to a three-minute time-period for individuals, and five-minute time-period for a group.

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Jerry Cox, Stickleyville, stated August is the deadline for the extension on Powell Mountain for two thousand more feet of paving. He advised that is the lifeline into the tri-cities and the road needs to be improved.

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Mr. Leonard asked Mr. Sumpter if he knows how many miles of unpaved secondary roads are in the County.

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Mr. Sumpter stated around one hundred eighteen miles.

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Mr. Leonard asked about traffic counts for the roads.

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Mr. Sumpter advised there are traffic counts on all state maintained roads.

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Mr. Leonard asked if the Board can get a list of the traffic counts for guidance on which roads need to be paved.

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Mr. Sumpter stated he can get a list and added the website lists traffic counts on all public roads.

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Mr. Kolb stated in order to vote for roads not in his district he would like to have information to support his decision.

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Mr. Sumpter described the process and priority list of getting roadways paved in the county. He advised in VDOT's perspective if Blue Hollow is completed they don't have to send equipment to maintain the unpaved portion of the road and advised the plan has to be adopted by July 1, 2023.

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Mr. Kolb advised that the years he has been on the Board he has been provided a spreadsheet with the number of homes cost of the project and traffic count.

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Mr. Sumpter stated that VDOT does not provide that information. He advised going forward since the priority list has been completed the County construct a new priority list.

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Mr. Leonard agrees.

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Mr. Sumpter stated the County Priority list can be revised before being placed on the Six-Year Plan.

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The Chairman closed the floor for public comment.

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It was moved by Mr. Kolb, seconded by Mr. Leonard, to close the public hearing. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Jessee, Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Smith

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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