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Virginia:

AT A REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING of the Nelson County Board of Supervisors at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors room located in the Nelson County Courthouse.

Present:

Allen M. Hale, East District Supervisor
Constance Brennan, Central District Supervisor
Thomas H. Bruguiera, Jr. West District Supervisor - Vice Chair
Joe Dan Johnson, South District Supervisor – Chair
Thomas D. Harvey, North District Supervisor
Stephen A. Carter, County Administrator
Candice W. McGarry, Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk
Fred Boger, Director of Planning and Zoning

Absent: None

I. Call to Order

Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm with all Supervisors present to establish a quorum.

- A. Moment of Silence
- B. Pledge of Allegiance – Mr. Hale led the Pledge of Allegiance

II. New/Unfinished Business

- A. Resolution – Scenic By-Way Designation (Routes 617 and 800)

Mr. Carter noted that staff consulted with the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) who review and approve requests for scenic byway designations. He added that the glitch with the Albemarle County resolution had been resolved and he recommended that the Board endorse Albemarle County's section to create a scenic loop to be sent to DCR and VDOT for designation. He noted that the final step would be the approval by the CTB.

Ms. Brennan then moved to approve resolution **R2011-12** Endorsement of Virginia Byway Designation for Routes 617 (Rockfish River Road) and 800 (Schuyler Road) in Nelson and Albemarle Counties.

Mr. Hale seconded the motion and noted that he had proposed this some time ago, that it was a very scenic route, and he was happy that Route 800 to Rt. 6 was included. Mr. Johnson clarified that it would now make a loop with Route 6 and Route 800.

There being no further discussion, Supervisors voted unanimously (5-0) by roll call vote to approve the motion and the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLUTION R2011-12
NELSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ENDORSEMENT OF VIRGINIA BYWAY DESIGNATION**

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**FOR ROUTES 617 (ROCKFISH RIVER ROAD) & 800 (SCHUYLER ROAD)
IN NELSON AND ALBEMARLE COUNTIES**

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Virginia Department of Transportation have determined that Route 800 (Schuyler Road), from Route 6 (Irish Road) in Albemarle County to Route 617 (Rockfish River Road), qualifies for designation as a Virginia Byway as does Route 617 (Rockfish River Road) east to the intersection with Route 29 to the intersection with Route 800 (Schuyler Road) in Schuyler; and

WHEREAS, this route has a relatively high aesthetic and cultural value, leading to or within areas of historical and natural significance and intersects with Route 6 (Irish Road), an existing Virginia Byway, thereby creating a scenic loop route; and

WHEREAS, the designation of a Virginia Byway offers opportunities for tourism and economic benefits to localities without affecting its land use controls or limiting road improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Virginia Department of Transportation, and the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors have expressed their support for the designation of the proposed route.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nelson County Board of Supervisors does hereby endorse the designation of Route 800 (Schuyler Road), from the intersection with Route 617 (Rockfish River Road) in Schuyler in Nelson County to Route 6 (Irish Road) in Albemarle County; thereby creating a scenic loop route.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Nelson County Board of Supervisors requests that the Commonwealth Transportation Board take all necessary actions to effect a designation of this route as a Virginia Byway.

B. Funding Request – Nelson County High School (Drama Team)

Mr. Carter noted that the County was fortunate that the Drama Team also won a State Championship and has planned to purchase rings. He reported that the School Board had allocated \$100 per ring and the cost of the rings was \$180; hence the Drama Team was requesting the balance, for a total of \$1600.00. Mr. Carter reported that there were sufficient funds to cover the request in the contingency. In response to questions, he noted that they did not make a request for funding for last year's rings and for the Volleyball Team; the Board had matched the funds contributed by the School Board.

Mr. Bruguire then moved to give a total of \$1600.00 to the Drama Team for their State Championship Win and Mr. Harvey seconded the motion.

Mr. Johnson noted that he was very happy to recognize them and it was well worth it.

Supervisors then voted unanimously (5-0) by roll call vote to approve the motion and the funding request.

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Mr. Carter then reported that the Volleyball Team had been recognized on the floor of the State Senate that day with a resolution. He described how he had seen State Senator Creigh Deeds at a Planning District Commission meeting and that Senator Deeds had suggested that he introduce a resolution honoring the team during the General Assembly session. He noted that he had worked with Senator Deed's staff to provide them with the necessary information to craft the resolution.

C. Annual Calendar (Discussion)

Mr. Johnson distributed a handout and noted the upcoming things that would need the Board's discussion and planning for.

Items on the list included: budget, redistricting, Board retreat, EDA, Broadband Authority, Water Authority, Capital and Long Term Plans, Department and Agency reviews, County Administrator's Annual Evaluation, Comprehensive Plan Update, Meeting with Constitutional Officers, Chesapeake Bay TMDLs, Fire and Safety, Seniors, Library, Schools, Recreation, Community Centers, VDOT/Roads/Plans, Agriculture, Dogs, and Tourism Plans. He added that he wanted to meet with Legislators in November prior to the next General Assembly session. He noted that the budget presentation was to come in March.

Ms. Brennan stated that she wanted to know about the redistricting schedule and inquired as to whether or not the process had started.

Mr. Carter noted that his speculation was that in the next 6-8 weeks, they would start working on it. He stated that he needed to study next steps and related that the General Assembly may have to finish their work and then the Board could start. He noted that he thought that staff had some of the data now and he would check to see when they could begin the formal process and let the Board know by close of business the next day.

Mr. Carter noted that he understood that each district had to be within 5% of the total population and that the census figures that they had were reliable, but not yet certified. He added that he understood that the TJPDC had the data by blocks etc. and would be happy to help out.

It was noted that the first primary was in August and Mr. Bruguiere suggested that they be done by the end of June. Mr. Carter suggested that they could pencil it in, in April possibly.

Members and staff discussed how the process could work with some suggesting that those Supervisors whose districts were affected, meet with Susan Rorrer to make changes. Staff suggested that Ms. Rorrer could come up with scenarios using the GIS system, to present to the Board. They discussed using natural boundaries and that the West district should not cross Rt. 29.

Mr. Johnson noted that he wanted to take a longer look at proposed budgets this year and that the discussion on schools could ensue even though their funding could change based on General Assembly action. He stated that he wanted to look at the capital needs of the Service Authority and look at agencies and meet with those groups.

Members decided by consensus that Mr. Bruguiere and Ms. Brennan would be a committee to work with the School Board on budget.

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Ms. Brennan stated that she would like a formal capital improvements plan (CIP) including the schools, EDA, County, Planning Commission, and Service Authority. Mr. Johnson suggested looking at setting aside monies each year for capital improvements to be done in the next five (5) years.

Members decided by consensus that Mr. Harvey and Mr. Hale would be a committee to look at a CIP including looking at the Service Authority's plans to see what was realistic.

Members decided by consensus that Mr. Johnson would work on Agencies and Ms. Brennan would participate on some of them.

Mr. Johnson stated the need to schedule the County Administrator's annual evaluation and suggested doing it in July. Mr. Carter noted that his anniversary date was August 10th. Ms. Brennan suggested doing a retreat at that time and members also discussed doing it before or after the budget and decided on June/July 2011.

Members discussed still meeting with Department Heads on their budgets during May, June, and July. Mr. Hale suggested that if the Board wanted to talk to Constitutional Officers, it made sense to do it before or during the budget and get from them their justification for the contribution the Board makes to their offices. The Board agreed by consensus to meet with them in March and April.

Mr. Carter stated that staff could work this in but it was a matter of the Board members' schedules. It was discussed that typically, staff would schedule workshops and have various groups come in and Mr. Hale suggested that they set one up specifically with the Constitutional Officers and that it was not feasible to meet with everyone.

Mr. Carter advised that the goal right now was to present the budget on March 8th and to make it so it was worked through easily. He added that from that point, they should have a good grasp of where things were and could schedule all of these meetings.

Mr. Harvey suggested taking one day to meet with the Constitutional Officers and Departments. The Board agreed by consensus to set the date to meet for between the March 8th meeting and the next meeting. Mr. Carter noted that by then, the priority capital items would be presented by staff. After more brief discussion, the Board decided by consensus to have a workshop on March 16th with the Constitutional Officers starting at 1pm.

Ms. Brennan and Mr. Bruguere agreed to set a time up to meet with School Board representatives.

D. TJPDC – FY 2012 Rural Transportation Planning Work Program (Review)

Mr. Steve Williams, Director of the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC) reported to the Board on the FY2012 Rural Transportation Planning Work Program, in which VDOT gives money to Planning Districts to help the five member regional governments do transportation planning.

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He noted that this year, the PDC would be helping Nelson with the transportation component of the Comprehensive Plan. He noted that they were required to prepare the plan every year and adopt it at their March meeting.

He overviewed the matrix of areas of responsibility and the associated funding as follows:

Fiscal Year 2012 Budget

Task	Description	SPR Funds (80%)	PDC (20%)	Total
<i>RURAL PLANNING PROGRAM</i>				
TASK 1.0	PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION	\$14,600	\$3,650	\$18,250
TASK 2.0	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	\$18,000	\$4,500	\$22,500
TASK 3.0	REGIONAL PLANNING ACTIVITIES	\$25,400	\$6,350	\$31,750
TOTAL	<i>RURAL PLANNING PROGRAM</i>	\$58,000	\$14,500	\$72,500

He then described each task as follows:

1.0 Administration - \$18,250.00

He noted that this encompassed: the coordination of staff and budget activities, the staffing of monthly committee meetings, the sharing of information with agencies and the public, public involvement, legislative assistance, professional training, and information technology.

2.0 Technical Assistance \$22,500.00

He noted that this item included: assisting rural localities in local planning efforts, which for Nelson would be assistance with the transportation elements of the Comprehensive Plan, preparing TEA, VDOT Safety and other grant applications, supporting travel demand management strategies and rural transit development which included working with VDOT and JAUNT, and supporting local and state requests for assistance as needed.

3.0 Regional Planning Activities \$31,750.00

He noted that this item included: rural long range plans, VTRANS, which is the collection of Regional Performance Measures data, bike and trail map, park and rides, multimodal freight study, and coordinated human services mobility plan.

Mr. Williams then took questions and comments from the Board as follows:

Mr. Bruguere noted that he was okay with the plan as long as the bypass around Charlottesville was achieved. Mr. Hale indicated it was okay as is in his opinion, and Mr. Williams noted that a MPO was in development and they would be looking at this issue.

Mr. Bruguere added that he would like some planning done for putting in acceleration lanes at major intersections. The Board's consensus was that Route 151 needed to be looked at and Mr. Boger

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referenced the Route 151 corridor study that was previously done. Mr. Williams suggested that they could put in something to identify these issues into GIS that could be a useful tool.

Mr. Hale noted that he had not studied the plan in detail; however he was concerned with the administrative costs being 25% or more and that he thought that this was an exercise that did not result in any solid accomplishments. He further noted that the most hazardous aspect of transportation covered by TJPDC was US 29 that was an old two (2) lane highway with poor site distance. Mr. Bruguere added that the problem was that this was a new road following an old road bed.

Mr. Harvey noted that he shared these concerns. He added that the standards for business locations on primary roads had been relaxed lately and he wanted to know what the rules were now. Ms. Brennan added that she wants to know if there was a change in the regulations and wants to get updates when changes are made. She echoed her frustration with the many studies that are done; and then nothing happens.

Mr. Boger noted that they plan to identify all of those and put them into the Comprehensive Plan along with the Regional Plan, so that all of the transportation plans agree.

Park and Rides were briefly discussed with Mr. Harvey noting that if VDOT owned the one in Woods Mill, they should pave it the next time that they come through and could even line it to show spaces. Mr. Boger reported having worked with VDOT before on this and that there was a lack of funds.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Williams thanked the Board and no action was taken.

E. Fiscal Year 2011-12 Budget (Status & Next Steps)

Mr. Carter noted that staff had the agency notebooks and the School budget to distribute and he noted that the goal was to present the draft General Fund budget on March 8th. He noted that he would be working on it with staff over the next couple of weeks. He then reported that revenues for this year such as property taxes and sales tax were coming in very well and meeting or exceeding targets. He added that there may be a good balance at the end of this year but next year, staff was only projecting a small increase over this year.

Mr. Johnson reported that food stamp numbers were up 8% from this time last year and Ms. Brennan reported that a new food bank program at the Nelson Center had 170 people participating. She noted that they were doing this on the first and third Saturdays of the month in addition to the Food Pantry.

F. Other (As May Be Presented)

Introduced: Central Virginia Electric Cooperative (CVEC) Rate Increase

Mr. Johnson noted that he had received CVEC information on an upcoming rate increase. It was noted that the driver behind this was that the ten (10) year agreement with AEP was ending and in order to keep their system updated etc. they needed more money; which has led to a rate increase. It was discussed that subscribers would see increases which may be in effect already. The Board agreed by

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consensus that unless they wanted to hire someone that was an expert to analyze this, the SCC would evaluate it and make the right decisions.

Introduced: Citizen turning 100 years old

Ms. Brennan reported that Carrie Napier Wade was turning 100 years old and was having a birthday party on March 15th. She requested that the Board pass a resolution in honor of her at the next meeting and the Board agreed by consensus to do so.

Introduced: Composting Meeting

Ms. Brennan reported that there would be a meeting for the public regarding composting and that the prospective composting business had submitted its application. Mr. Harvey reported that there was growing opposition to this and that he had a two (2) hour meeting with Mr. Walker; which went well but he noted it would not be easy. He added that if it were done properly, there would not be an impact, but if not, there could be.

III. Public Comments

Mr. Johnson opened the floor for public comments and there were no persons wishing to be recognized.

IV. Adjournment

At 8:05 pm, Ms. Brennan moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Harvey seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Supervisors voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the motion and the meeting adjourned.