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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held an Adjourned Meeting on Tuesday, October 24, 2006, in the auditorium of Carroll County High School.

Present were: Glenna Myers, Chairman
 L. J. Jones
 Joseph H. Early, III
 Ralph J. "Bob" Martin, Jr.
 David V. Hutchins
 Gary Larrowe, County Administrator
 Ronald L. Newman, Assistant Administrator

Mrs. Myers called the meeting to Order at 6:30 p.m. and told that Mr. Evans was unable to attend the meeting due to the illness of his father-in-law. She then turned the meeting over to Mr. Robert Beasley, VDOT Resident Administrator.

Mr. Beasley told that the purpose of this meeting was to hold a Public Hearing on the Six Year Secondary Road Construction Plan and Fiscal Year 2008 Construction Budget. He then introduced the members of the Board along with Mr. Johnny Hurst and Ms. Pandora Henry with VDOT. He then declared the Public Hearing Open.

Mr. Johnny Hurst reviewed the plan.

Mr. Beasley then opened the floor for comments.

Mr. Noah Quesenberry asked that Piney Fork Road be improved and told that there were 9 houses on this road and that it was used by the school bus and the mail ran this road.

Mr. Charles Martin asked that Route 685 from Route 704 to the bridge be fixed so it could be used by all traffic. He told that this would be the main thoroughfare from Fancy Gap to Woodlawn. He told that this road was used by the school bus and that a lot of people used the road for hunting and fishing. He told that he had tried to get the road fixed for several years and that it would help the safety.

Mr. Ed Stanley asked that Route 633 be put back on the plan for improvement and that it be paved from Route 639 to Route 640. He told that the school bus ran this road, that there were 13 houses on this road with 5 houses under construction, and that traffic had increased in recent years.

Mr. Ron Doerschug asked that Route 608 near milepost 202 of the Blue Ridge Parkway be improved. He told that this road serves 150 residents and that there are 100 vehicles on a good day and 250 vehicles on a bad weather day. He told that the road is 14-15' wide and is used by commercial and bus

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traffic. He told that there had been 7 accidents so far this year. He presented a petition signed by residents of Chalet High. He then stated that the road is almost impossible to travel during fog and stated that painting the road with lines would help. He told that he had contacted the landowners and had received one response and it was positive. He told that easements could be gotten. He then presented a proposed resolution asking the Board to designate this road as a priority.

Ms. Linda Marshall told that she had mentioned Route 886 for 10 years and that nothing had happened. She requested that this road be considered for the Rural Rustic Road Program.

Mr. Ray Grote spoke concerning Route 1130. He told that this was a gravel road and was an extension of Route 608 from the Parkway to Route 630. He told that more money was spent on gravel and scraping than it would cost to pave the road. He told that in the summer it was dust. He stated that this was a hazard with a road off this road to the Parkway.

Mr. Robert Utz spoke about Route 608 from Route 52 to the Parkway. He told that this road had been paved except the last 0.8 miles. He told that he drives a bus on this road and that the road had 8-10 curves, steep banks, and was foggy at times. He told that during the winter people had to use this road. He asked that the road be paved.

Mr. Bobby Henley told that when entering Route 100 from Rock Creek Road coming toward Hillsville people could not see. He told that he would like to see the existing road closed and a road opened to the Ruritan Building. He told that land was being developed from Sylvatus to Mitchell's Crossroads and that soon the road would become a major road.

With no one else to speak, the Public Hearing was Closed at 6:55 p.m.

Mr. Beasley then addressed questions from the audience and told that the plan had been reduced by the amount of money not in the budget. He told that transportation was not addressed in the budget so VDOT had not told Carroll County what amount of funds will be in the last year of the plan. He told that it was up to the Board how roads would be put back into the plan if additional money was received, but stated that this had been discussed and it would be the plan to put them back into the plan in the order they were removed. He told that the old plans had been kept to be able to go back and pick up those roads. He told that VDOT approaches landowners to see if they will donate the property. He told that if they would not then that project does not happen and VDOT would go to the next project. He stated that there had been cuts of 60% and that there might be more cuts. He stated that the first money to go was maintenance and then construction. He then explained that the roads chosen

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for repaving and maintenance was done according to the recommendations of a contractor hired by the State to evaluate the existing roads.

Mr. Martin apologized to the audience for the coldness of the room. He then told that it was frustrating to sit on the Board and see that the budget in 2 years would be cut by \$1/2M. He stated that if something did not change the County would be lucky to get the road fixed. He then asked how many miles of secondary roads there was in Carroll County.

Mr. Beasley replied 1900 miles.

(Order)

**AUTHORIZE VACO 2006 ANNUAL MEETING CONFERENCE
REGISTRATION FEES**

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Early, and passed unanimously, the Board authorized payment of the VACO Annual Meeting Conference Registration Fees in the amount of \$1230.00.

(Order)

APPROVE COUNTY OFFICE CLOSURE OCTOBER 31, 2006

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Early, and passed unanimously, the Board approved for all County Offices to close at 3:00 p.m. on October 31, 2006 due to the Safe Halloween activities and street closures in Hillsville.

(Order)

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Early, seconded by Mr. Jones, and passed unanimously, the Board adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Glenna Myers, Chairman

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Ronald L. Newman, Assistant Clerk