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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held an Adjourned Meeting on Tuesday, January 25, 2008, in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Present were: W. S. "Sam" Dickson, Chairman
 Andrew S. Jackson
 Wesley G. Hurst
 Dr. Thomas W. Littrell
 N. Manus McMillian
 Gary Larrowe, County Administrator
 Ronald L. Newman, Assistant Administrator

Mr. Dickson called the meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m. and then turned the meeting over to Mr. Robert Beasley, VDOT Resident Administrator, for the Six-Year Secondary Road Plan Public Hearing.

Mr. Beasley introduced the members of the Board of Supervisors along with VDOT staff including Johnny Hurst, Pandora Henry, and Dan Huff. He then told that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear comments concerning the Secondary Road Plan for fiscal years 2008-2009 to 2013-2014 and the construction budget for fiscal year 2008-2009.

Mr. Johnny Hurst then presented the plan.

Mr. Beasley then opened the floor for comments.

Mr. Lou Shropshire requested that the 0.5 mile unpaved section of Route 718, Wolfpen Ridge Road, be paved.

Mr. Jason Semones told that Route 676 had been on and off of the plan a few times and requested this road be graded and paved.

Mr. Lloyd Bolt told that Route 638 between Route 630 and Hereford Road had a lot of truck traffic and was giving away on the creek side. He requested that 0.35 miles be widened stating that people will sign the right-of-way and that he would supply a place for disposal of surplus material.

Mr. Lester Bowman told that Route 648 between Routes 650 and 818 had been on and off of the plan for 40 years. He requested this road be improved stating that there were four permanent homes within the 0.4 mile section and told that everyone would sign the right-of-way.

Mr. Ed Stanley told that he would like to get Route 633 between Routes 639 and 640 back on the plan for improvement. He told that it would not take a lot of work on most of the road. He stated that there had been an increase in

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traffic over the last several years with thirteen houses plus a subdivision with six houses along this road.

Mr. Lewis Leek told that he was speaking on behalf of Ron Doershug who had done a lot of work to get Route 608 from Route 52 to the Parkway improved. He told that for thirteen years he has traveled this 0.8 mile road during the winter. He stated that this was a narrow winding road with blind corners. He stated that it was a dangerous road with seven accidents last year. He told that there was a lot of building going on in the community and this was the only way in and out. He told that during fog and ice it is nearly impossible to get someone out if they had a heart attack. He told that school buses run this road and asked Mr. Robert Utz to speak concerning this.

Mr. Robert Utz discussed the curvy road and told of the blind curves. He told that this was a foggy road and there had been several accidents. He stated that this road serves Skyland Lakes and Chalet High and since the Parkway is blocked during the winter this road has to be used.

Mr. Leek told that he understood this was on the plan but taken off.

Mr. Johnny Hurst told that VDOT was unable to obtain the right-of-way.

Mr. Leek stated that two people were the problem and told that the safety of the people should trump two people that don't even live there when hundreds of people have to get out this way. He stated that he hoped it didn't take someone getting killed to get something done, and asked how to get something done.

Mr. Beasley told him he was doing it. He stated that priorities were set until the money was gone. He told that projects were put on the plan that could be funded and if a project could not be funded it would be taken off at the end of the plan.

Mr. Leek asked who decided what came off of the plan.

Mr. Johnny Hurst told that when the budget is cut he starts at the beginning of the priorities and goes until the money is gone.

Mr. Leek asked how to get a road on the priority list.

Mr. Beasley stated that was being done at this meeting.

Mr. Johnny Hurst told that VDOT tried in 1996 to get the right-of-way for Route 608 and told that a 40' right-of-way was needed.

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Mr. Leek asked if the people could be talked to again about the right-of-way.

Mr. Beasley told this would only happen if the road is set as a priority.

Ms. Linda Marshall told that Route 886 had been on the plan but had been dropped. She told that there were 9 houses, 4 elderly people in bad health and 2 cemeteries along this road. She told that the road did not need any work other than being paved and asked that it be placed on the Rural Road Program.

Mr. Tom Tabor asked that Route 676, Bluestone Road, be improved and told that all landowners had signed to give the right-of-way.

Ms. Louise Thomas asked that Route 653 between Route 58 and Laurel Fork Road be put back on the plan. She told that this 1.5 miles section of road had 7 houses and 2 businesses, the school bus travels this road and that it stops in a dangerous curve.

Mr. Robert Utz asked that a yellow line be painted on Route 614.

Mr. Charles Clark told that Route 608 was 0.8 miles of unfinished road with a shoulder only on one side and had blind dangerous curves in any weather. He asked if public safety was more important than property rights and told that money needs to be used where the accident record shows the need.

Mr. Keith Bryant asked that Route 745 be paved and told that there were 10-12 families on this road, that the right-of-way had been secured, and that the dust was bad in the summer.

Ms. Donna Branon told that there were new subdivisions along Route 711 with 20 houses and more being built. She told that there is a big cliff that is dangerous and stated that just having some gravel would be great.

With no one else to speak, Mr. Beasley closed the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Dickson told that part of the duty of the Board was to see what roads were on the plan and that members from each district ask for roads to be on the plan. He told that the Board had to deal with the amount of money available and then explained the Rural Rustic Road Program. He told that some roads have been bumped off in the past by Board members and some by funds. He told that the Board tried to make sure the roads get back on the plan as money allows and told that it takes a lot of effort to follow the process to get a road improved.

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Mr. Johnny Hurst told that the current plan contained about \$12M in projects whereas in 2001 it was \$21M.

Mr. Dickson told that some previous Boards had put roads on the plan to make people happy when there was no money and that the 6-year plan became a 50-year plan.

Mr. Beasley told that VDOT keeps a list in order of the projects that have been dropped off and put them back on the plan in that order. He told that public safety does matter but that VDOT did have limited funds. He told that the price per mile of road has tripled in the last 10 years.

Mr. Johnny Hurst explained that 50% of the budget is federal money that can only be used on the federal connector routes.

Mr. Beasley stated that he would discuss the process with anyone who desired.

(Order)

APPROVAL OF CLAIM

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. McMillian, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the County General Claim as presented this day and as evidenced by check number 88727.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson	Yes
Mr. Hurst	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. McMillian	Yes
Mr. Dickson	Yes

(Order)

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Jackson, and passed unanimously, the Board adjourned at 7:45 p.m. until February 11, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

W. S. "Sam" Dickson, Chairman

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Ronald L. Newman, Assistant Clerk