

**Frederick County Roads Board
Minutes of Monday, September 13, 2010**

Present:

Roads Board Members

Mr. Barry Lucey
Mr. Leroy Hansberger
Mr. Peter Pearre
Ms. Barbara Windsor
Mr. Paul Fitzgerald

Staff Members

Commissioner Blaine Young
Mr. Tom Meunier
Mr. Dave Olney
Mr. William Routzahn
Mr. Donnie Crum
Mr. Robert Shen
Mr. Greg Jones
Ms. Deborah Smith

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The Frederick County Roads Board (“Board”) met on Monday, September 13, 2010, in the third floor meeting room of Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Maryland. Board Chairman, Barry Lucey, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Commissioner Young introduced members of the Board and Staff to those present.
- C. It was announced that Tom Meunier was chosen to serve as the Director of the Public Works Division to replace Al Hudak who retired earlier in the year. He was congratulated.
- D. Dave Olney was congratulated because his son, Shawn, was selected for a five-year, full-ride scholarship to the Southwestern University of Finance and Economics, located in Chengdu, China (See Attachment A).

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. Mr. Lucey asked for public comments. **Mr. Hesman Beall, 5501 Nolands Ferry Road, Tuscarora**, came forward and requested that the county tar and chip Nolands Ferry Road. He indicated that the dust was so invasive that only the application of tar and chip would settle it.

Mr. Meunier stated that Nolands Ferry Road was in the Rural Roads program which would not allow the road to be tarred and chipped. He said that staff would explain the procedure needed to remove the road from the Rural Roads Program to Mr. Beall. That would be necessary before the road could be improved.

- B. **Mr. Charles Hogendorp, 8950 Albaugh Road, Mount Airy**, came before the Board to discuss the dangers that existed on Albaugh Road. He said that the road was one lane and it needed to either be widened or made one way to avoid the head on collisions that were occurring on the road. This road is in the Rural Roads Program, and Mr. Hogendorp requested the support of the Board before he filed a petition to have it removed from the Rural Roads Program to allow for the updating of the road.

Mr. Pearre indicated he would not support widening the road as it would set a bad precedent. Mr. Meunier suggested that staff use one of the County's mobile traffic count/speed signs to verify the speed and traffic numbers on the road.

Mr. Hogendorp invited the Board members to visit the road and it was agreed that the speed display sign and a road trip to visit the road would take place prior to the next Board meeting in December.

Ms. Susan Hanson, 3205 Poffenberger Road, Jefferson, came forward and presented information from *The Wall Street Journal* regarding rural roads (See Attachment B). She spoke in opposition to the widening or paving of Albaugh Road because it would probably allow traffic to go faster on the road.

- C. **Mr. David Fitzgerald, 12314 Shoemaker Road, Taneytown**, indicated to the Board that the ditches along Shoemaker Road needed to be cleaned out to allow water to flow off the road. He said that the ditches had not been cleared in two years. Staff answered that the ditches were scheduled to be cleaned out this fall.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of the Monday, June 14, 2010 meeting were approved by a unanimous vote.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Albaugh Road** – This matter was discussed earlier in the meeting.

V. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (CIP) and OTHER PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Shen presented the following information to the Board about current road projects.

- A. **Reichs Ford Road Phase I**: The construction was about 70% complete. The contractor continued base paving and drive way tie-ins.
- B. **Ijamsville Road Phase I**: The design was complete. The construction agreement with CSX was scheduled for BOCC review and approval on September 21, 2010. Construction was anticipated to begin in the spring of 2011 if the right-of-way negotiation process could be concluded with a few remaining property owners.
- C. **Ijamsville Road Phase II**: The design would be completed upon addressing Forest Resources Ordinance (FRO) comments and securing the storm water management (SWM) waiver approval from the Permitting and Development Review Division (DPDR). Staff continued the right-of-way negotiation process. Construction funding was programmed for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013.
- D. **Boyers Mill Road/Bridge**: The design was about 30% complete. Staff was scheduled to brief the BOCC regarding the status of the project on September 21, 2010.

- E. **Reichs Ford Road Bridge over Monocacy River:** The project was advertised for construction on August 2, 2010 with the bid opening on September 8, 2010. The bid award was scheduled for September 23, 2010.
- F. **Woodville Road Pipe Culvert:** The design consultant continued the revisions to the contract drawings. Construction was programmed to begin in June 2011.
- G. **Pavement Management Program:** FY 2010 Overlay: Was 40% complete. FY 2010 Surface Coat: The Notice to Proceed was September 9, 2010. FY 2010 patching was 40% complete.
- H. **Satellite Facilities:** The construction for improvements to the maintenance yards at Johnsville and Thurmont were underway. The improvements included a new office building, fuel tank and generator at each site.

VI. BUDGET UPDATES

- A. Mr. Routzahn shared with the Board that the cost of salt increased less than was expected due to the large amounts used during the winter. This was good news.
- B. Mr. Routzahn also said that Highway Operations had submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) costs incurred during the snow storms in February. There was a possibility for Frederick County to receive reimbursement in the form of grant funding for up to 75% of costs during the most expensive 48 hours of the snow events. \$352,000 was the amount presented to FEMA.
- C. Mr. Routzahn said that 20 miles of tar and chipping have been completed and the blacktop funds were still in good shape, but staff was trying to save where they could.

VII. HIGHWAY OPERATIONS

- A. Harp Hill Road Concrete Culvert and Coppermine Road Pipe Culvert – Mr. Ramsburg explained to the Board about projects that were completed in-house. He believed that Harp Hill Road and Coppermine Road culverts as well as Thurston Road culvert had been completed well by County employees in good time and it was believed that it was cheaper than using a contractor to complete the work. The Thurston Road culvert was not a pipe replacement, but it was grouted and the head walls were redone by an in-house mason whose skills were an asset to Frederick County.
- B. Striping – Mr. Crum informed the Board that the striping in the county should be finished in three to four weeks. The work was being done now in District 5 (Urbana area) and then District 6 (Frederick City area) would be done.
- C. Mr. Crum announced that staff would participate in snow removal training in October. This would not be a full “roadeo” but the staff training portion would take place.

VIII. ROADS BOARD ISSUES

- A. Mr. Pearre said that Lehigh had installed traffic lights at Clemsonville Road, but the lights were not yet operational.
- B. Mr. Lucey expressed his concern about Albaugh Road and Commissioner Young indicated that the road would be much safer if those using the roads would use common sense and “back road courtesy.”

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 13, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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