

**Frederick County Roads Board
Minutes of Monday, March 8, 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. Tony Wetzell
Mr. Mike Ramsburg
Ms. Deborah Smith

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The Frederick County Roads Board (“Board”) met on Monday, March 8, 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. Ms. Smith introduced Commissioner Young, members of the Board and Staff to those present.
- C. Mr. Lucey voiced his thanks and congratulations to the Public Works staff for the outstanding job they did with snow removal during the blizzard in February. All members of the Board joined in with Mr. Lucey.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. Mr. Lucey asked for public comments. **Ms. Susan Hanson**, 3205 Poffenberger Road, requested that her comments be held until the staff completed their update on **Poffenberger Road** later in the meeting. Mr. Lucey allowed her request.
- B. **Mr. Mark Friis** requested that his comments be held until the staff completed their presentation regarding **Ed McClain Road** later in the meeting. Mr. Lucey allowed his request.
- C. **Mr. Wilford Dudderar, 8452 Reichs Ford Road**, came forward. He requested that a bank along his property along Reichs Ford Road be extended by the county during their work to Aylor Drive so that it would tie into the owner’s wall (approximately 50 feet). Mr. Meunier indicated that it would cost more for the county to approve his request and the request was being evaluated by staff.

Ms. Annette Preston, Mr. Dudderar’s daughter, joined in the request to extend the wall. She said the county cut further into the yard than they were told and plantings that could have been saved were not saved.

Mr. Meunier stated that staff would get back to Mr. Dudderar within a week and present an update at the June meeting (See Attachment A).

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of the Monday, December 14, 2009 meeting were approved by a unanimous vote.
- B. **Poffenberger Road Update** – Update on Driving Surface Aggregate (DSA) Project – Mr. Olney presented information regarding the DSA project. He indicated that the portion of the road that was resurfaced was looking good although there were a few trouble spots. Some potholes were filled in January.

Ms. Susan Hanson, 3205 Poffenberger Road, remarked that there were chronic potholes, but they were occurring where the road was not drained correctly from the beginning. She was concerned that the outcome of the observation period would be unfavorable if portions of the road were not draining well from the beginning of the observation period. It was noted that the observation of the road had begun in November 2009.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Petition to Open/Close/Alter a portion of Ed McClain Road** - Mr. Olney presented the proposed realignment of Ed McClain Road. **Mark Friis, Rodgers Consulting**, presented information regarding how the relocation project was decided. He stated that it had been redesigned in accordance with the State Highway Administration.

A discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of the realignment.

Mr. Hansberger moved to approve the proposed realignment of the road as it was presented. Ms. Windsor seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Staff would take the matter to the Board of County Commissioners for their approval.

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:** This project provided for reconstruction of a two-lane road with paved shoulders along Reichs Ford Road for a distance of about 2 miles from Reels Mill Road to Bartonsville Road. The construction was about 50% complete. Construction was anticipated to be completed in November 2010.
- B. **Ijamsville Road Phase I:** This project was to upgrade Ijamsville Road from MD Route 80 to the CSX railroad crossing to a modified minor arterial, including a new bridge over Bush Creek and a realigned railroad crossing. Design was about 95% complete. Staff continued the right-of-way negotiation process with property owners.

- C. **Ijamsville Road Phase II:** The project was to improve Ijamsville Road from the CSX railroad crossing to MD Route 144. The design was about 95% complete. The right-of-way negotiation process was underway.
- D. **Boyers Mill Road/Bridge:** The project was to improve Boyers Mill Road from Gas House Pike to Old National Pike, including a new bridge over Lake Linganore. The design was about 30% complete.
- E. **Reichs Ford Road Bridge:** The project provided rehabilitation of the existing multi-span steel beam bridge on Reichs Ford Road over the Monocacy River. The design was nearing completion. Construction funding was proposed for FY 2011.
- F. **Bidle Road Bridge:** The construction was complete and the new bridge was open to traffic on December 16, 2009.
- G. **Woodville Road Pipe Culvert:** The project was to replace the existing pipe culvert in kind. In light of the difficulty in the right-of-way negotiations with one remaining property owner, staff was investigating the feasibility of rehabilitating the pipe culvert.
- H. **Pavement Management Program:** FY 2010 Patching: Construction would begin in April 2010. FY 2010 Overlay: Advertised on February 18, 2010 with the bid opening on March 17, 2010. FY 2010 Surface Coat: Advertised on February 25, 2010 with the bid opening on April 6, 2010.

VI. BUDGET UPDATES

- A. Mr. Routzahn shared with the Board the costs for the winter snow storms. The Overtime account, which had \$143,000 for snow removal, was overdrawn by \$254,000 with a possibility of \$120,000 in billings still to come in. The Contractor Snow Removal account, in which \$115,000 was budgeted, was overdrawn by \$475,000. The Meal account was overdrawn by \$6,000. Staff had to tap into the \$1 million Snow Reserve fund. \$200,000 was used to pay for additional materials earlier in the year. Until the extra expenses due to the blizzard were paid, most of the reserve fund would be depleted.

Mr. Ramsburg expanded on the costs incurred. He informed the Board that a total of \$923,000 was spent for salt, anti-skid and liquids used during the snow events. The County spent \$127,000 for contracted trucks that were normally used during snow events, plus an additional \$475,000 for extra heavy equipment required for the severe drifting. The employee overtime logged would cost \$638,000 if all hours were paid, but with approval of Human Resources, employees were allowed to earn up to 200 hours compensation time, which saved paying for all of the overtime during a short period of time.

VII. HIGHWAY OPERATIONS

- A. **Striping** – Mr. Crum informed the Board that the striping in the county this year would be focused in District 5 (Urbana area) and District 6 (Frederick City area). The work would begin after July 1.

VIII. ROADS BOARD ISSUES

- A. Mr. Crum announced that The Big Sweep program was scheduled this year for Saturday, April 24. The Roads Board members would be receiving invitations.
- B. Mr. Pearre stated that he received a complaint that mud was being dragged onto the public road by Lehigh due to the expansion of their quarry. It was stated that Lehigh was supposed to keep the road clean during the expansion.
- C. Ms. Windsor requested to move the Board's June meeting from June 7 to June 14. That change was unanimously approved.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Smith
Executive Assistant