

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Albemarle County, Virginia, was held on July 23, 2008, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in Room 241 of the County Office Building on McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia. This meeting was adjourned from July 9, 2008.

PRESENT: Mr. Ken C. Boyd, Mr. Lindsay G. Dorrier, Jr., Ms. Ann Mallek, Mr. Dennis S. Rooker and Mr. David Slutzky.

ABSENT: Ms. Sally H. Thomas.

OFFICERS PRESENT: County Executive, Robert W. Tucker, Jr., County Attorney, Larry W. Davis, and Senior Deputy Clerk, Meagan Hoy.

Agenda Item No. 1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., by the Chairman, Mr. Boyd.

Agenda Item No. 2. Resolution: Advance Mills Bridge Project.

Mr. Allan Sumpter, VDOT, Charlottesville Residency Administrator, thanked the Board for agreeing to hold this special meeting and for their support of the Advance Mills Bridge project. He then provided an update on VDOT's public comment period, and concluded that there is overwhelming support from the community to move forward with the project, as proposed. The concept for using a truss bridge is proposed and supported. Other details, such as if the bridge should be galvanized or painted will come later on in the process.

Mr. Sumpter said that a comment was brought forward today about the possibility of covering the bridge. He added that that could potentially delay the project because it would involve welding steel, which could impact the overall strength of the bridge.

Mr. Boyd commented that this project is very important to the Board, and they hope that it is moved along as quickly as possible. Mr. Slutzky agreed.

Mr. Sumpter said that the next step will be review by VDOT's Central Office, with right-of-way acquisition and utility location beginning soon after. The projected completion date is between Fall 2009 and Spring 2010, depending on the weather.

Mr. Kip Newland, a resident of Earlysville, was present, and thanked VDOT for their efforts in moving forward expeditiously with this project. He stated that they have done a good job in working with the citizens.

There being no other discussion, **motion** was offered by Ms. Mallek, **seconded** by Mr. Rooker, to adopt the following Resolution of support for the Advance Mills Bridge replacement project. Roll was called and the motion carried by the following recorded vote:

AYES: Mr. Boyd, Mr. Dorrier, Ms. Mallek, Mr. Rooker and Mr. Slutzky.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Ms. Thomas.

(**Note:** The adopted Resolution is set out in full below:)

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT ADVANCE MILLS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

WHEREAS, the existing bridge on Route 743 over the North Fork Rivanna River at Advance Mills was closed in April 2007 following a bridge safety inspection that revealed a high level of deterioration and deficiencies; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) conducted additional investigations and testing to confirm the findings of the bridge safety inspection and determined that it was neither cost effective nor prudent to repair the bridge; causing the temporary closure of the bridge to be made permanent; and

WHEREAS, VDOT considered and investigated many options for the project including the use of a temporary bridge and multiple alternative alignments, and each option was evaluated based on construction time, project cost, public safety and impact to the community; and

WHEREAS, VDOT held a Design Public Hearing to solicit input on the proposed replacement of the Route 743 bridge over the North Fork Rivanna River at Advance Mills as well as limited improvements to the Route 743 approaches (Project: #0743-002-282,P101, R201,C501,B658) (Federal Project #BR-5104[163]), located in Albemarle County, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing was attended by approximately 59 citizens, written comments were received from 78 citizens, and recorded comments were received from seven (7) citizens, with 82 comments being in support of the project; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the options and considering all aspects of the proposed project, VDOT recommends approval of the project design as presented at the public hearing for the following reasons:

- it reduces impacts to adjacent properties, reduces project cost, reduces construction time and minimizes environmental impacts;
- it proposes a truss-type structure that fits within the character of the existing bridge and its role in the community;
- it accommodates two traffic lanes with paved shoulders for pedestrians and cyclists; and
- it meets transportation needs in this area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors does hereby support the replacement of the Route 743 bridge over the North Fork Rivanna River at Advance Mills as proposed by the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Agenda Item No. 12. Adjourn. At 6:40 p.m., there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

Approved by Board

Date: 10/01/2008

Initials: EWJ
