

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY VIRGINIA, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 150 SOUTH MAIN STREET LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA ON MONDAY JANUARY 26, 2009 AT 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN R.H. RIEGEL
MEMBERS: C.R. COMSTOCK, R.S. FORD, M.R. SMITH A.W. LEWIS, JR.
CLERK OF BOARD: CLAIRE A. COLLINS
FISCAL DIRECTOR: ROBERT E. CLAYTOR
COUNTY ATTORNEY: VICKIE L. HUFFMAN
STAFF: SAM CRICKENBERGER, CHRIS SLAYDON

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Chairman Riegel called the meeting to order. Supervisor Lewis gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Item(s) To Be Added to Agenda, If Any

Supervisor Smith added a discussion on personal property taxes. Supervisor Lewis stated he would provide a brief statement on the ramifications of the closure of the VEC office in Buena Vista. Supervisor Ford added he would also be giving a brief statement concerning the letter the Board received from the Valley Conservation Council. Chairman Riegel added the discussion of a request the Board received to consider a resolution of support for steel interstate service in the I-81 corridor.

Citizens' Comments

Chairman Riegel called for citizen comment but none was offered.

Wind Energy Presentation

Dr. Jonathan Miles and Maria Papadakis, Center for Energy and Environmental Sustainability, James Madison University

Mr. Crickenberger introduced Dr. Miles and Dr. Papadakis. While the PowerPoint Presentation was being set up, Chairman Riegel called upon Supervisor Lewis to deliver his statement concerning the closure of the VEC office in Buena Vista. The VEC pulled out of the area, suggesting citizens' in need of their services either go on-line or visit the Verona VEC office. Supervisor Lewis stated a group of volunteers had come forward, in conjunction with the Rockbridge Partnership and Buena Vista Economic Development, to form a Career Café in Buena Vista to aid local citizens seeking VEC services. The Rockbridge Regional Library is also being manned by volunteers offering the same VEC assistance to citizens. Supervisor Lewis stated to date the response had been overwhelming and he urged the local press to call attention to the urgent need for more volunteers to meet this community need.

Dr. Miles started the presentation by giving the Board an overview of the Department of Energy's Wind Energy Program. He stated wind energy is the fastest growing energy technology in the United States and the World. Dr. Miles explained various federal and state incentives

(such as federal tax incentives and clean renewable energy bonds) designed to encourage the use of solar and wind energy generation. Dr. Miles encouraged the Board and those present to visit the website <http://www.dsireusa.org> for detailed information on incentives and government programs relative to renewable energy. He also distributed informational pamphlets.

Dr. Papadakis framed her presentation around wind energy and land use planning and what wind energy can do for localities. Geophysical and economical aspects of wind energy generation were briefly explained by Dr. Papadakis. She distinguished the differences between wind turbines and windmills. Dr. Papadakis described the three types of wind turbines (onsite, community and industrial or utility) and how wind energy generation is classified (one being the weakest to seven being the strongest). According to her, Rockbridge County does not have a lot of acreage ranked as high class wind generation areas (some acreage considered Class 4 located in the northern portion of the County mostly owned by the National Forest Service); therefore the County can anticipate it will not receive application for industrial wind generation projects. The County can anticipate onsite applications for smaller projects and individual turbines.

Mr. Crickenberger will continue to work with JMU staff to determine wind energy generation feasibility in Rockbridge County and will draft a wind ordinance to be presented at a later date.

Annual Reports/Review of Natural Bridge Speedway and Natural Bridge Dragstrip

Reports from the Speedway and Dragstrip had been provided to the Board prior to this meeting. Mr. Crickenberger informed the Board both owners of the establishments were present to field any questions the Board had. He also suggested the Board consider the reports separately relative to adherence to the proffered conditions. Relative to the oval track operation, Mr. Crickenberger commented on the track operating during the “County Fair” with the Virginia Horse Center having taken over the event. It was the consensus of the Board that the condition “the oval track agrees not to race during a weekend of the Rockbridge County Fair” be retained. Ms. Tolley voiced her frustration of having to close the oval track during the fair since another organization will be operating the event as opposed to the County having done so in the past. Supervisors Lewis and Smith complimented the owners of the oval track on their operation and annual report format. Chairman Riegel added he had heard nothing but positive comments since the Tolleys’ took over ownership and operation of oval track. The Board discussed briefly the 2009 schedule for the oval track.

The Board considered the Dragstrip report. Supervisor Smith asked the owners to provide proof of liability insurance since it was not included in the report and the Weiss’ concurred. A lengthy discussion ensued on “special event days” and the required operation of muffled cars on all Friday night racing events. Supervisor Lewis stated his understanding of the Board’s intent that any event held on Friday night must be a muffled event. The Board asked Mr. Crickenberger to re-work the conditions to clarify that mufflers shall be required on all cars racing on Fridays. The owners of the dragstrip stated they would alert the Board well in advance of any special event being scheduled.

The Board thanked both owners for being present for their cooperation.

Public Hearing (s)

Fancy Hill Ag/Forestral District – Application to Add and Remove Properties

Mr. Crickenberger explained the County has applications from several landowners in and around the Fancy Hill Agricultural District to both add and remove parcels from the district. Mr. Slaydon noted the location of the parcels in a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Crickenberger stated the Olsen application was just received earlier in the day. The process of requesting addition/removal of properties from the district was discussed by the Board. Mr. Crickenberger explained the requests go through a three tier review process; first by the Farm and Forest Preservation Committee, then the Planning Commission and finally the Board of Supervisors. Both the Committee and Commission recommended approval (with the exception of the Olson application which the County just received today) of the applications (state law allows applications to be filed up until the Board's public hearing meeting). The rationale of Mr. Beck's request to withdraw from the district was discussed. The core of the agricultural/forestral district must be a minimum of 200 acres and any property within a mile of core can be considered for inclusion or removal. Chairman Riegel called for public comment but none was offered. The Board spent a brief time examining the application for withdrawal of property with regard to the definition of hardship and whether it should be more specific. Hearing no further discussion, Supervisor Smith motioned to approve applications to both add and withdraw properties from the Fancy Hill Agricultural and Forestal Overlay District (to include addition of Olsen property) and Supervisor Comstock provided the second. Supervisor Ford stated that although he did not favor properties being removed from district outside of the district review period, he felt the Board should honor Mr. Beck's request due to the circumstance of change in ownership of the property. The following recorded vote follows:

AYES: Comstock, Ford, Smith, Lewis, Riegel
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Lease of South River Property

Ms. Huffman explained the interest of Mr. Donale Clark, former owner of the property acquired by the County in connection with the South River Flood Mitigation Project, to lease back the 2.095 acre portion of the land (none of which is located directly on South River). The Open Space Policy adopted by the Board of Supervisors gives priority to former property owners and adjoining owners. Due to interest from a third party, Mr. Clark had been notified of the availability and he conveyed his interest in leasing the property. The lease to Mr. Clark would be for a five year period at a total annual rental of \$62.70 and would be subject to all of the conditions imposed on the property in connection with the FEMA grant. Ms. Huffman stated the County has consistently prohibited any constructions of improvement on its leased property and she suggested this policy be applied to this situation as well. Aside from that, she recommended adoption of the proposed ordinance so she can execute the lease. Supervisor Ford asked for and obtained assurance from Ms. Huffman the language of the lease will clearly state that the County prohibits construction (for example, a shed) on the property. Supervisor Comstock informed the Board that Ms. Huffman had also spoken with Mr. Clark about the concern of improper use of the property and he assured her the use of the property would be only for recreation or agriculture. Chairman Riegel called for public comment. Mr. Chris Wise asked for and obtained clarification from Ms. Huffman that the language used for this ordinance was the same as the County has used in the past. In response to a question from a citizen, Ms. Huffman stated the lease would specify allowance of a camper on the property up to three days and would be

monitored by citizen comments. Supervisor Comstock motioned to adopt the ordinance and Supervisor Lewis provided the second. The recorded vote and ordinance follows:

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING EXECUTION OF LAND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH DONALE L. CLARK TO LEASE COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY ACQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOUTH RIVER FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT, BEING A 2.095-ACRE PARCEL ON SOUTH RIVER ROAD IN THE SOUTH RIVER MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, IDENTIFIED ON THE ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY LAND RECORDS AS TAX MAP #52-3-3K

WHEREAS, the County of Rockbridge has acquired a number of properties within the flood plain along South River using grants awarded from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM), and from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (VDHCD) for this Project; and,

WHEREAS, the demolition of structures on these properties has been completed and the properties are to be maintained as open space, pursuant to the covenants and conditions imposed for compliance with the FEMA grant; and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2006, the Board of Supervisors adopted the 'South River Flood Mitigation Project Open Space and Land Lease Policy' and the Board has determined that those properties not located on South River be leased to interested parties as provided in the Policy; and,

WHEREAS, Donale L. Clark is the former owner of the parcel on South River Road described as 2.095-acre, Tax ID #52-3-3K, located in the South River Magisterial District, Rockbridge County, Virginia, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Rockbridge County, Virginia, as Instrument No. 060005144; and,

WHEREAS, Donale L. Clark has been notified of the availability of the property for lease, and has indicated an interest in doing so for an initial period of five (5) years at an annual rental of \$62.70 in accordance with the County's Policy, to be used for recreational purposes; and,

WHEREAS, the lease of said property requires the adoption of an ordinance, following notice and a public hearing, which was held on January 26, 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, as follows:

1. That lease of the parcel on South River Road described as 2.095 acres, Tax ID #52-3-3K, located in the South River Magisterial District, Rockbridge County, Virginia, and shown upon a plat of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Rockbridge County, Virginia, as Instrument No. 060005144 to Donale L. Clark, for an initial period of five (5) years at a total annual rental of \$62.70, payable annually in advance, is hereby authorized and approved, subject to the Covenants and Conditions for Open Space, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

2. That the funds generated by this lease shall be placed in the General Fund of the County.

3. That the County Administrator or Fiscal Services Director is hereby authorized to execute a land lease agreement on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Rockbridge and to execute such other documents and take such further actions as are necessary to accomplish this transaction, all of which shall be upon form and subject to the conditions approved by the County Attorney.

4. That this resolution shall be effective upon the date of its adoption.

Adopted this 26th day of January, 2009.

RECORDED VOTE

AYES: Comstock, Ford, Smith, Lewis Riegel

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: _____
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest: _____
Claire A. Collins, Clerk

Presentation of The Rockbridge Partnership Conceptual Plan and Use of Former Natural Bridge High School by Mike Webb

Mr. Mike Webb, TRP Director, highlighted the conceptual plan for future use of NBHS as a regional sustainability center. He indicated the plan was modeled similarly to the Highland Center in Monterey, Virginia. The Rockbridge Partnership Board requested the Board of Supervisors authorize County administration to pursue a planning grant for a formal feasibility study. Supervisor Lewis pointed out the day-care facility that once existed in the basement of the high school and how easily the center could be restored to meet day-care needs of citizens in this area. He further stated his desire the County move ahead with the conceptual planning by applying for a grant to conduct the feasibility study. Chairman Riegel expressed his concern the standalone gym should not be considered a component of the property to be marketed because the Board has charged a steering committee (and given a two year timeframe) to ready the facility to be used as a community and recreational center. He echoed Supervisor Lewis' sentiments about the use of the basement section of the high school building as a day care facility. Chairman Riegel favored the use of the high school building (ground level section and second floor) as a business incubator. In response to a question from Supervisor Comstock, Ms. Collins stated the County could define uses of the property in the letter application for the grant request. Supervisor Smith questioned the cost to the County if it pursued the grant. Ms. Collins responded some State grants require small local matches from the localities or an offer of an "in-kind" match. Supervisor Comstock motioned to authorize the County Administrator to proceed with the grant application for a feasibility study and Supervisor Smith provided the second. The following recorded vote follows:

AYES: Comstock, Ford, Smith, Lewis Riegel
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Consideration of RCFFA Funding Request for Burn Training Facility Air System Repair

Supervisor Lewis suggested this item be tabled until a representative from RCFFA could be in attendance to explain the request and provide more information. In response from a question from Supervisor Smith, Supervisor Lewis stated the request is for funding the refurbishing of the burn facility in Buena Vista which he noted is being planned to be abandoned. Ms. Collins added the money would be for repair to the air system and informed the Board a training session has been scheduled for March 14th. Supervisor Lewis stated the Fire and Rescue Committee general consensus preference is a portable facility that could be

transported anywhere in the area. Supervisor Comstock asked that the other two jurisdictions be contacted to determine where they stood on this issue. The item was tabled until further information could be gathered or provided and the roles the jurisdictions will play can be determined.

Discussion of Courthouse Dedication

Chairman Riegel noted the new courthouse is nearly complete for operation and typically there is a ceremony with ribbon cutting to honor/signify the opening. Ms. Collins further explained that at the most recent Mayors and Chairs meeting a committee had been appointed to plan the dedication. The committee will consist of Ms. Jean Clark, Director of Tourism, Mr. Sammy Moore, Chamber of Commerce Director, Mr. Tom Higgins, County Engineer and Ms. Vickie Huffman, County Attorney. Ms. Collins reported it was the consensus of those present at the Mayors and Chairs meeting the wording for the dedication plaque that will be hung at the courthouse would be "In dedication of Courthouse, this (day) of (month) 2009 by the City of Lexington and County of Rockbridge". The committee will be charged with planning the ceremony and making arrangement for speakers, music, etc. Supervisor Smith preferred the County of Rockbridge be listed before the City on the dedication plaque since the facility is named "Rockbridge County Courthouse". The Committee will report back to the Board and City Council with the proposed planning events and possible dates on which the dedication could take place.

Discussion of Collaboration and Next Steps with Regard to Joint Schools White Paper

Chairman Riegel gave a brief overview of the Board's intent of the concept and desire to plan a follow-up to discuss collaboration possibilities. He stated a discussion was held at the last Mayor's and Chairs meeting relative to this issue and there seemed to be a general interest to discuss further the option issues presented in the white paper but there seemed to be a "hot button" association with the use of the word "consolidation". Supervisor Comstock commented the responses he had received from the public had been mixed on whether to encourage future discussion on specifically consolidation. Chairman Riegel stated his impression is the public is zeroing in on consolidation which is not something they want to discuss right now. He suggested initiating a public forum centered on the continual of collaboration options that might occur that would be beneficial to all jurisdictions. Supervisor Comstock stated he preferred the School Boards initiate the public discussion of collaboration options rather than the Board due to the element of "turfs". Supervisor Lewis noted the upcoming budget process should be enough motivation for the School Boards to examine collaboration possibilities. He also added the Board needed to obtain advice on how best to structure the conversation or how to determine what aspects of collaboration were going to be discussed. Supervisor Ford suggested asking Ms. Collins to examine other localities in the Commonwealth which are sharing services in some way and provide these findings to the School Board. Supervisor Smith prompted a discussion on how leadership outside of elected officials could be reached and encouraged to participate in collaboration discussions. Ms. Collins suggested that Chairman Riegel contact the Chairperson of County School Board relaying the Supervisors' consensus to encourage future discussions on collaboration options (especially in lieu of the current economic conditions and the uncertainty in future budget forecasting) and respectively ask the School Board be polled to determine their willingness to initiate the discussion with the other school boards.

Discussion of Solid Waste Proposal Review Process

Chairman Riegel reminded the Board the deadline for the solid waste proposals will be February 17th and felt the Board should establish a review process procedure. During the most recent Mayors & Chairs Meeting, the Cities of Lexington and Buena Vista expressed an interest to be involved in the review process and be able to provide input in decision making. Ms. Collins stated the Board should hear presentations from all entities whose proposals meet all the criteria as indicated in the County issued RFP. Staff will initially screen each submitted proposal to ensure all requirements/criteria have been met. The Board formed a Regional Solid Waste Management Committee to assist in reviewing the proposals which were deemed complete according to the criteria of the RFP. The committee will consist of the Solid Waste Authority (all Board members), Lexington City Manager, Buena Vista City Manager, two representatives from the Zero Waste Committee, Ms. Collins and Mr. Claytor. The Board and Staff held a lengthy discussion on how best to schedule the review of the proposals and the consensus was to wait to see how many proposals were submitted thereby determining how many review sessions would be needed. Referencing the procedural process being examined for review of the proposals, Mr. Doug Harwood, Owner/Editor of The Rockbridge Advocate publication, questioned how the Board could justify, in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, calling for requests for proposals and holding the submittal information “secret” to the public with the exception of a “couple of citizens”? He further stated in his experience request for proposals procedures were open to the public and only negotiations could be held privately under FOIA provisions. The Board and Staff decided to issue an addendum to the RFP to clarify to those submitting proposals and to the public the Board’s intention to conduct an open review process with March 3rd at 9:00 a.m. and March 5th at 1:00 p.m. (if needed) reserved for presentations and discussion of the qualifying proposals to be heard by the Regional Solid Waste Management Committee. It was stressed that ultimately the Solid Waste Authority is charged with the final decision making on this issue.

Committee Reports

Supervisor Ford reported on the most recent Regional Fire and Rescue Committee meeting. The discussion centered on communication between the various squads. Supervisor Ford stated the Committee held a very productive discussion of the role of the Emergency Call Center and Emergency Operations Center in communications. He noted the consensus of the Committee was that in order to make informed decisions in the future there needed to be better data collection. There was continuing discussion whether the data collection should originate with the individual departments or the Emergency Operations Center. Supervisor Ford noted this discussion continued at the RERG meeting and is still being examined. There is basically still a problem with data not being provided by some constituent departments when requested by the Fire and Rescue Committee. Supervisor Ford stated the Committee anticipates a presentation on uniform billing for all life support responses at its next meeting. Supervisor Lewis added the Committee is continuing to have very productive, respectful, responsive discussions with good participation from the various departments and squads.

Supervisor Lewis updated the Board on the restoration project of the Goshen Wayside. A County ad-hoc committee consisting of individuals interested in the preservation of the Goshen Bypass was formed and met recently. Supervisor Lewis, unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict, reported the Committee is working with the Timber Framers Guild to construct an open air shelter which will have a stone fireplace in the middle. In order to proceed with the project

the Committee requested the County be the permitting authority and obtain the required VDOT permit. Supervisor Lewis recommended the County proceed in acquiring the necessary permit. Mr. Crickenberger gave the tentative scheduled dates for each aspect of the project. Staff will investigate whether the County's liability insurance coverage is adequate enough to cover the volunteers should an injury occur during the project. In response to a question from Supervisor Comstock, Mr. Crickenberger stated the demolition of the existing shelter will be handled solely by VDOT, as well as the installation of a handicap access ramps to the shelter. No action was required from the Board at this time.

Supervisor Ford reported on a newly formed citizen committee which met recently to discuss ways to put the Chessie Trail to "some more productive use than it is currently enjoying". He told the Board to anticipate a report from this committee in the near future.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Since the draft minutes were not complete prior to the meeting, the Board deferred approval until the next scheduled meeting on February 9th.

Agenda Item Added

Discussion of Personal Property Tax

Supervisor Smith indicated he had received numerous citizen inquiries as to why the County does not collect personal property tax twice a year as it does for real estate tax. He added it would be easier on the citizens if this tax was collected twice a year thus breaking up the tax burden. Mr. Claytor explained the rationale behind why the County chose the current collection schedule for personal property tax. Staff would have to study the cost impact to the County and the Constitutional Offices if the Board chose to alter the collection. A public hearing on the change would also have to be scheduled.

Discussion of letter the Board received from the Valley Conservation Council

Supervisor Ford explained the letter informing the Board of four new conservation easements located in the County in which Valley Conservation Council is co-holder of with the Virginia Outdoors Foundation. The Preservation Trust Fund is a state fund set up to assist deserving landowners with the costs associated with donating land for conservation easements. Supervisor Ford stated that unfortunately the Valley Conservation Council will no longer be participating in co-holdship and as a result Senator Hangar is planning to propose to the General Assembly that the co-holder requirement be removed from the Preservation Trust Fund.

Discussion of County Administrative Office Building Floorplan

Supervisor Comstock apologized for not adding this item sooner in the meeting but felt the Board should address because of the requests the County has received from outside agencies, i.e. The Rockbridge Partnership, expressing interest in occupying vacant office space once the court systems move into the new courthouse. Ms. Collins stated the possible reorganization of the Board endorsed floor plan will be discussed at the next Department Head meeting scheduled for later in the week. She will inform the Board of the feedback gathered from the meeting.

Discussion of Rail Solutions request to consider a resolution of support for steel interstate service in the I-81 corridor

Chairman Riegel explained the proposed resolution petitions Virginia's Federal Representatives to sponsor a grant to assemble in the I-81 Corridor between Knoxville, Tennessee and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania the pilot segment of 21st Century rail, the North

American Steel Interstate System. Resolutions of support will be a component of the request to create a federal grant fund for the pilot project. Supervisor Ford recommended Congressman Tom Perriello be included in the list of representatives being petitioned for this area. Supervisor Smith made the motion to adopt the resolution as amended with inclusion of Tom Perriello to list and Supervisor Comstock provided the second. The following was unanimously adopted:

**RESOLUTION PETITIONING VIRGINIA'S FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES
TO SPONSOR A GRANT FOR BUILDING A MODEL 21ST CENTURY RAIL
*STEEL INTERSTATE SERVICE IN THE I-81 CORRIDOR TO DEMONSTRATE FAST
RAIL FREIGHT AND PASSENGER SERVICE POTENTIAL TO THE NATION***

To The Honorable:

**Jim Webb, United States Senator from Virginia
Mark Warner, United States Senator from Virginia
Bob Goodlatte, Member of Congress, VA-6
Rick Boucher, Member of Congress, VA-9
Frank Wolf, Member of Congress, VA-10
Tom Perriello, Member of Congress, VA-5**

WHEREAS, Europe approaches numerous 21st Century “Steel Interstate” rail service concepts, no rail service in the United States offers this promise, exposing our nation to greater risk from petroleum depletion, cost increases, supply interruptions and economic competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, Steel Interstate rail provides reduced dependence on imported fuel, builds modal redundancy, enhances national security, and – when electrified – offers the U.S. opportunity to employ domestic renewable energy sources and efficiency to drive transportation; and

WHEREAS, Steel Interstate rail demonstrates vastly greater transportation throughout productivity over equivalent investment in costly interstate highway expansion; and

WHEREAS, Steel Interstate technology offers positive advantages for communities, the Commonwealth, other I-81 states, and the United States relating to cost, safety, economic growth, tourism development, decreased fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, improved air quality and public health, varied freight and passenger service options, reduced financing and carbon cap and trade risk exposure; and

WHEREAS, forty-nine Virginia and four Tennessee governing bodies’ have previously voted support for improved rail service over massive widening of I-81; and

WHEREAS, no passenger rail and limited public bus service exists in this Corridor south of Staunton/Clifton Forge, west of Lynchburg/Danville, or north of Atlanta/Birmingham, despite

efforts by dozens of local governing bodies and private groups in the Commonwealth to restore passenger rail service through the Trans Dominion Express; and

WHEREAS, Congress is considering investments in transportation, energy efficiency, fuel conservation, renewable energy, greenhouse gas abatement, and infrastructure as fiscal stimulus for the nation, and the Steel Interstate offers opportunity in all these areas;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors urgently petition our congressional delegation to work in concert with representatives of other I-81 Corridor states to sponsor and secure passage of a Federal transportation demonstration grant to assemble in the I-81 Corridor between Knoxville, Tennessee and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, the pilot segment of 21st Century rail, the North American Steel Interstate System.

Adopted this 26th day of January, 2009

Chairman

County Administrator

Discussion of CIP Review

Chairman Riegel noted the Planning Commission’s recommendation to adopt the CIP as presented. Supervisor Lewis stated he had made numerous suggestions “which were either not considered or deemed inappropriate”; therefore he would like to have a chance to meet with Staff and readdress. Each Board member had a number of comments or suggestions for change. The Board will present Staff with their individual comments so the document can be modified and thereby presented in its final form to the Planning Commission, if needed, and to the Board.

Adjournment

Hearing no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.