

Grayson County Board of Supervisors  
Budget Work Session Meeting  
April 17, 2019

Members attending were: Brenda R. Sutherland, Kenneth R. Belton, John S. Fant, and Michael S. Hash. Thomas R. Revels participated by phone.

Staff attending were William L. Shepley, Mitchell L. Smith and Leesa A. Gayheart.

IN RE: OPENING BUSINESS

Supervisor Belton called the meeting to order. Supervisor Fant made the motion to approve the agenda; duly seconded by Supervisor Revels. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: VDOT SSYP RURAL RUSTIC RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Shepley went over the worksheet (listed below). Supervisor Sutherland recommended Pleasant Grove Road – all agreed this should be a top priority; Supervisor Hash recommended Beagle Ln. The Board agreed if there is any money left, 800’ of Hickory Lane would be first; then 1 mile of Beech Grove Road would be next. The Board also recommended VDOT use the name of the road for “common name” instead of the route.

Preliminary estimates indicate we should be able to add \$ \$485,722 worth of rural rustic projects to the SSYP. That is approximately 2.5 miles.  
We previously discussed making improvements to Pleasant Grove Rd. These would be spot improvements where we have enough room but would not be throughout the roadway. As such, the road would remain unpaved. We could add 1.25 miles of this road which would get us by the camping areas. A rough estimate would be \$250,000.  
I think most of the other citizen requests made at previous SSYP hearings that qualified as rural rustic have already been added to the plan.  
I receive a lot of maintenance requests as well as requests to be added to the SSYP for Beagle Lane off Turkey Knob Rd. That would be \$240,000.  
Likewise, I've received several requests to add Chestnut Ridge Rd. to the plan which would be around \$360,000 as well as Wagon Wheel Rd which would be around \$100,000.  
Please poll the board members and see if they have any requests for addition this year. One I get that and review, we can schedule a SSYP Public Hearing.

*Thank you,  
Jeff Russell*

County_Name	Route_Common_Name	From_Description	To_Description	Length_M
Grayson Co.	SC-601E (Grayson County)	Int. 58 W	Int. 711 S	1.89
Grayson Co.	SC-646N (Grayson County)	Int. 648	Int. 604	2.6

Grayson Co.	SC-669E (Grayson County)	Int. 95D	1 00 MW Int. 825	1.42
Grayson Co.	SC-725E (Grayson County)	Int. 743	1 16 MW Int. 806	1.74
Grayson Co.	SC-772N (Grayson County)	Int. 720	Dead End	1
Grayson Co.	SC-1102E (Grayson County)	Int. 58	Int. 21	0.15
Grayson Co.	SC-1103N (Grayson County)	Int. 58 W	Dead End	0.12
Grayson Co.	SC-1104N (Grayson County)	Int. 1105/1101	Dead End	0.08
Grayson Co.	SC-1105N (Grayson County)	Int. 58	Int. 1108	0.23
Grayson Co.	SC-1106N (Grayson County)	Int. 58	Int. 1101	0.05
Grayson Co.	SC-1107E (Grayson County)	Int. 1105	Int. 1108	0.02
Grayson Co.	SC-1108N (Grayson County)	Int. 685	Dead End	0.34
Grayson Co.	SC-1112N (Grayson County)	Int. 21	Dead End	0.06
Grayson Co.	SC-1113N (Grayson County)	Int. 58	Dead End	0.07
Grayson Co.	SC-1114N (Grayson County)	Int. 1122	Int. 685	0.07
Grayson Co.	SC-1118N (Grayson County)	Dead End	Int. 58	0.1
Grayson Co.	SC-1122N (Grayson County)	Int. 58	Int. 685	0.14
Grayson Co.	SC-1134N (Grayson County)	Dead End	Dead End	0.46

IN RE: I-81 CORRIDOR

Supervisor Sutherland handed out information (listed below) regarding Governor Northam's Proposal to make Interstate 81 Safe and Reliable.

### **Governor Northam's Proposal to make Interstate 81 Safe and Reliable**

Amendments would provide \$150M/year to the Interstate 81 Corridor Improvement Fund to implement the \$2 billion program of projects identified through the study completed by the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

#### **What will implementing the Plan do for Interstate 81?**

**450 less crashes  
per year**

**6 million less hours of  
delay per year**

#### **What will the plan do for travel speeds in congested areas along Interstate 81 in 2030?**

25% increase north of Bristol

40% increase in Weyers Cave

70%-90% increase between  
Christiansburg and Roanoke

55% increase in Harrisonburg

79% increase in Strasburg

50%-65% increase in Staunton

120% increase in Winchester

#### **How do the Governor's amendments raise this revenue?**

- \$76M from an increase in truck registration fees by bringing Virginia's rates more in-line with those on the Interstate 81 corridor

- \$142M from an increase in the road tax and diesel tax that is phased in over 3 years, below the 63.96 cent/gallon average paid along the I-81 corridor
- \$60M from a 2.1% regional fuel tax along the Interstate 81 corridor

**How is the money distributed?**

Statewide revenues are distributed based on truck miles traveled on Interstate highways.

- \$150.8M for the Interstate 81 Corridor Improvement Fund *(all construction \$)*
- \$39.2M for the Interstate 95 corridor
- \$27.6M for the Interstate 64 corridor
- \$20.0M for the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority
- \$42.6M for other interstate corridor improvements

**With these proposed increases how will Virginia’s effective diesel tax rate (including the road tax) compare to other states?**

Today Virginia’s effective diesel tax rate for heavy trucks is 23.7 cents per gallon. This proposal would raise effective rate over a three-year period to 40.5 cents per gallon. Along the Interstate 81 corridor the average paid to drive the entire length is 63.96 cents. Here are the effective diesel tax rates (cents per gallon) for 81 corridor and other nearby states:

Maryland* – 36.05		West Virginia* – 35.70
	Average	
Pennsylvania* – 74.70	effective diesel	North Carolina – 36.20
	tax paid along	
New York* – 71.21	Interstate 81 is	Kentucky – 50.30
	63.96 cents per	
Tennessee* – 27.00		Georgia – 39.55

\* Interstate 81 runs through these states

**With these proposed increases how will Virginia’s truck registration fees compare to other states along the Interstate 81 Corridor?**

Today Virginia’s registration fees are lower than all other states along the Interstate 81 corridor. With these proposed rate increases our rates will be more in line with the average charged along the 81 corridor.

For example, at 10,000 pounds Virginia today charges \$7.30 per 1,000 pounds while other states on the corridor charge between \$7.81 and \$22.48, and the amendments would raise Virginia to \$13.30. At 80,000 pounds Virginia today charges \$16.60 while other states along the corridor charge between \$15.10 and \$28.86, and the amendments would raise Virginia to \$23.35.

**What is the road tax? I have never heard of it.**

The road tax is an existing tax paid by heavy trucks (over 26,000 pounds) to all 50 states and Canada through the International Fuels Tax Agreement. As trucks have large fuel tanks and may be able to travel through an entire state without stopping to purchase fuel this agreement ensures that trucks pay for the miles they drive in each state. These payments are remitted on a quarterly basis to each state and Canadian province.

**Where would the 2.1% regional fuels tax apply?**

This would apply to the planning district commissions that Interstate 81 runs through – Mount Rogers PDC, New River Valley RC, Roanoke-Valley Alleghany RC, Central Shenandoah PDC, and Northern Shenandoah Valley RC. It would not apply to the LENOWISCO PDC and Cumberland Plateau PDC.

**Committee Appointed**

This committee will determine how the funds will be spent. The Interstate 81 Corridor Improvement Fund, is slated to receive \$150.8M

The following make up the Committee:

3 Senators

4 Delegates

Chairpersons from the PDC Districts 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. As of

July 1, Tim Reeves will be chair of the Mt. Rogers PDC (5 members)

3 members of the Commonwealth Transportation Board – Bristol – Jerry Stinson, Salem and Staunton.

Transportation Secretary, Shannon Valentine, and Commissioners are non-voting members.

**Senators:**

Bill Carrico – Lee Co., Scott Co., Washington Co., Bristol City, Smyth Co. (part), Wise (part) Grayson Co. and Wythe Co (part)

Mark Obenshain – Harrisonburg City, Page Co., Rappahannock Co., Shenandoah Co., Warren Co. and Rockingham (part)

John S. Edwards – Giles Co., Roanoke City, Montgomery Co. (part) and Roanoke Co. (part)

**Delegates:**

Ronnie Campbell – Amherst Co., Augusta Co., Bath Co., Rockbridge Co., Cities of Buena Vista and Lexington

Tony Wilt – Rockingham Co. (part) and the City of Harrisonburg

Todd Pillion – Dickenson Co., Russell Co. (part), Washington Co. (part) and Wise Co. (part)

Chris Hurst – Giles Co., Montgomery Co. (part), Pulaski Co. (part) and the City of Radford

IN RE: FY-20 BUDGET WORK SESSION

Mrs. Gayheart presented a power point slide (listed below) which showed a balanced budget with revenue adjustments.

## REAL ESTATE INCREASE DESIGNATIONS FOR FY20

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- 1¢ to be dedicated to Broadband
- 2¢ to be dedicated to Economic Development (all aspects)
- 2¢ to be dedicated to Technical Education Center & Library
- 2¢ to be dedicated to mandated Child Services Act Expenses

## PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

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- 50¢ to offset inflationary increases over the past 11 years.

## TRASH FEE INCREASE

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- \$5 to fully fund trash collection services

Discussion took place regarding the school's amount at 1.34 above LRE.

The Board added Baywood Tech Center to the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

IN RE: CLOSED SESSION

Supervisor Hash made the motion to go into closed session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia to discuss personnel matter; duly seconded by Supervisor Fant. Motion carried 5-0.

Supervisor Revels made the motion to come out of closed session; duly seconded by Supervisor Hash. Motion carried 5-0.

Whereas, the Grayson County Board of Supervisors has convened a closed session on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2019, pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with provision of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

Whereas, §2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Board of Supervisors that such closed session was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (I) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed session to which this certification resolution applies, and (II) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed or considered by the Board of Supervisors with recorded confirmation from members as follows: Michael S. Hash – I so certify; Thomas R. Revels – I so certify; Kenneth R. Belton – I so certify; John S. Fant – I so certify; Brenda R. Sutherland – I so certify. Supervisor Revels left the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Mr. Smith then brought up the field lights at the Rec Park - one light fell, and another one AEP took down so the children could use the field. Staff would like to submit an RFP to put the lights back up on field 1. Quotes we've received so far is approximately \$200,000 with a 25-year warranty. Legal will need to look at the RFP to make sure all is good with procurement. Mr. Smith recommended setting it up on a payment plan for 5 years with payments beginning next year and Supervisor Belton is checking on the payment plan.

The proposed budget for the Emergency Services Coordinator was discussed and will be left as proposed.

Supervisor Hash made the motion to go back into closed session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to §2.2.3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia; duly seconded by Supervisor Fant. Motion carried 4-0.

Supervisor Fant made the motion to come out of closed session; duly seconded by Supervisor Sutherland. Motion carried 4-0.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (I) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed session to which this certification resolution applies, and (II) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed or considered by the Board of Supervisors with recorded confirmation from members as follows: Michael S. Hash – I so certify; Kenneth R. Belton – I so certify; John S. Fant – I so certify; Brenda R. Sutherland – I so certify.

IN RE: MOTION TO ADVERTISE FY-20 BUDGET

Supervisor Fant made the motion to advertise FY-20 budget; duly seconded by Supervisor Hash. Motion carried 4-0.

IN RE: ADJOURN MEETING

Supervisor Fant made the motion to adjourn the; duly seconded by Supervisor Sutherland. Motion carried 4-0.