

October 30, 2014

**VIRGINIA:**

AT A SPECIAL (CALLED) MEETING of the Nelson County Board of Supervisors at 4:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room (former Board Meeting Room) of the Nelson County Courthouse in Lovingston, Virginia.

PRESENT: Constance Brennan, Central District Supervisor – Chair  
Larry D. Saunders, South District Supervisor – Vice-Chair  
Thomas D. Harvey, North District Supervisor  
Allen M. Hale, East District Supervisor  
Stephen A. Carter, County Administrator

ABSENT: Thomas H. Bruguere, West District Supervisor  
Candice W. McGarry, Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Brennan called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. noting a quorum of the members of the Board of Supervisors was present for the meeting to be conducted.

**II. RESOLUTION – R2014-75 VIRIGNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FY2016 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM APPLICATION ENDORSEMENT AND SPONSORSHIP FOR BLUE RIDGE TUNNEL PROJECT**

Mr. Carter advised the Board that the resolution provided, as noted, for the submission of a Transportation Alternatives Program grant application to the Virginia Department of Transportation for Phase3 funding of Nelson County’s Blue Ridge Tunnel Project.

Thereafter, Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mr. Saunders, that the Board of Supervisors approve the resolution (R2014-75). Roll call was unanimous in support (4-0) of the motion and approval of the resolution, as follows:

**RESOLUTION R2014-75  
NELSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FY2016 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM  
APPLICATION ENDORSEMENT AND SPONSORSHIP  
FOR BLUE RIDGE TUNNEL PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, Nelson County continues to lead the ten-year-long, ongoing regional effort to advance its Blue Ridge Tunnel restoration project from a “shovel ready” plan to a fully built success story, and,

**WHEREAS**, being an existing project sponsor of a Transportation Enhancement Project, Nelson County is eligible to apply for Transportation Alternatives Program grant funds under the newly enacted MAP-21 Federal Transportation Bill (the former Transportation Enhancement Grant program), and

**WHEREAS**, Nelson County staff are developing a proposal in response to the Transportation Alternatives Program grant opportunity announcement by the Virginia Department of Transportation, and

**WHEREAS**, Nelson County recognizes that this is a very valuable project for Nelson County, for the Central Virginia region, and for the entire Commonwealth of Virginia, and,

**WHEREAS**, the County believes it's an important project for numerous community priorities, including:

- Increasing the local and regional community quality of life, adding to the area's public recreation amenities, and promoting active and healthy communities;
- Strengthening rural economic development and strengthening the local and regional recreation tourism, ecotourism, agritourism, and heritage tourism industries;
- Advancing community goals related to historic preservation and cultural landscape protection; and
- Implementing long-range alternative transportation planning goals.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Nelson County Board of Supervisors hereby endorses the submittal of a Transportation Alternatives Program grant application for Phase III construction of the Blue Ridge Tunnel Project and additionally resolves to continue its sponsorship of the proposed project.

### **III. OTHER**

The Board of Supervisors did not consider any other business, noting that all members must be present to do so during a special (called) meeting.

### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Saunders, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 p.m.