

A special meeting of the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, February 5, 2018, in Room 229 of the Greenfield Education and Training Center in Daleville, Virginia, beginning at 6:30 A.M.

PRESENT: Members: Mr. L. W. Leffel, Jr., Chairman
Dr. Donald L. Scothorn, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Stephen P. Clinton
Mr. I. Ray Sloan

ABSENT: Members: Mr. Billy W. Martin, Sr.

Others present at the meeting:

Mr. David Moorman, Deputy County Administrator
Mr. Michael W. S. Lockaby, County Attorney
Mr. Gary Larrowe, County Administrator
Mr. Cody Sexton, Management Assistant

Mr. Leffel called the meeting to order at 6:31 A. M. and welcomed those present.

Consideration was then held on a revised resolution of support for the designation of a portion of U. S. Route 220 as "Colonel William Preston Memorial Highway." It was noted that the Board had adopted a resolution regarding this designation at their January regular meeting; however, a revised resolution is being requested in order to incorporate specific language regarding the County providing funding for the purchase, placement, and maintenance of these signs so that this designation can be considered by the Virginia General Assembly at this year's session.

Dr. Scothorn stated that he appreciated the work done by Mr. Clinton and Mr. Leffel to contact the individuals with the Countywide League and the Greenfield Historic Preservation Committee on this proposed designation. Dr. Scothorn noted that he also contacted Mrs. Ann Layman, who also served on the Committee, regarding this proposal to ensure that she was agreeable to the revised language.

Mr. Leffel stated that he did talk to Mr. Curtis Brown with the Countywide League and Mrs. Cheryl Willis, Committee member, and obtained their approval on the proposed designation resolution.

Mr. Clinton noted that he also spoke with Mr. Brown and a representative of the Reservoir Road community and they are agreeable with the proposed resolution's language.

There being no further discussion, on motion by Mr. Clinton, seconded by Mr. Sloan, and carried by the following recorded vote, the Board adopted the following revised resolution of support for the designation of a portion of U. S. Route 220 as "Colonel William Preston Memorial Highway."

AYES: Mr. Sloan, Mr. Clinton, Mr. Leffel, Dr. Scothorn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Martin

ABSTAINING: None

Resolution Number 18-02-01

WHEREAS, the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors is committed to recognizing and celebrating the County's historical heritage and contributions made to the founding of America; and,

WHEREAS, the Board highlights the County's unique role in the westward expansion during the Colonial Era; and,

WHEREAS, Colonel William Preston, who was born in Ireland in 1729, came to America to help the British colonize Virginia beyond the Blue Ridge Mountains; and,

WHEREAS, Colonel William Preston became one of the most prominent figures of his era, serving in the Virginia House of Burgesses, providing leadership to the colonial militia during the American Revolution, and signing the Fincastle Resolutions, a predecessor to the Declaration of Independence; and,

WHEREAS, Colonel Preston established Greenfield Plantation in Botetourt County, a large and prosperous plantation whose land remained with the Preston family for many generations; and,

WHEREAS, Greenfield Plantation, located along modern-day U. S. Route 220, retains much of its historical significance and serves as a touchpoint for the study of Colonel Preston's life and times; and,

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia authorizes the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to give suitable names to state highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities and change the names of any highways, bridges, interchanges, or other transportation facilities forming a part of the systems of state highways; and,

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-213 provides that the Virginia Department of Transportation shall place and maintain appropriate signs indicating the names of highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities named by the CTB and requires that the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining such signs shall be paid by the localities in which they are located;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors supports the naming of U. S. Route 220 from Daleville to the Town of Fincastle as the Colonel William Preston Memorial Highway; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board agrees that funding for the appropriate signage to so designate this portion of U. S. Route 220 will be provided through County funding; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the House of Delegates of the Virginia General Assembly and Delegate Terry Austin of Buchanan for their consideration.

After questioned by Dr. Scothorn, Mr. Larowe noted that two signs at approximately \$300 each are being proposed to be placed along Route 220 designating this roadway as the Colonel William Preston Memorial Highway. He noted that Mr. Clinton had previously mentioned having 4 signs installed.

Mr. Clinton noted that the number of signs is at the County's discretion.

Mr. Larowe noted that VDoT has rules and regulations regarding these types of signs and he expects that, at a minimum, two signs will be installed.

Mr. Clinton stated that he believes that this will be an adequate number for the six mile stretch of Route 220 between Fincastle and Daleville.

After questioning by Mr. Sloan, Mr. Larowe stated that the County's street signs/property addresses along Route 220 will not change with this designation. Mr. Sexton stated that the County confirmed with VDoT that this memorial highway designation would not impact the County's street addresses for this area prior to originally presenting this resolution to the Board last month.

There being no further discussion, on motion by Dr. Scothorn, seconded by Mr. Leffel, and carried by the following recorded vote, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 A. M. (Resolution Number 18-02-02)

AYES: Mr. Sloan, Mr. Clinton, Mr. Leffel, Dr. Scothorn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Martin

ABSTAINING: None