

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse, Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-third day of January 2024 at 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent:

PRESENT: Keith Costello, Patrick Groseclose, and Stephen Kelley

ABSENT: Randy Johnson

ALSO PRESENT: Cameron Burton, County Administrator; Paul Cassell, County Attorney; and Linda Miller, Board Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Keith Costello called the January 23, 2024, Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting to order.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION

The pledge of allegiance to the United States flag was led by Chairman Keith Costello. The invocation was offered by Cameron Burton.

JANUARY 23, 2024, AMENDED MEETING AGENDA

*****MOTION to approve January 23, 2024, meeting agenda as amended with a request to waive permit fees for Bland County High School was made by Patrick Groseclose and seconded by Stephen Kelley. Motion passed unanimously.

JANUARY 23, 2024, CONSENT AGENDA/SOCIAL SERVICES/SCHOOLS APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the January 23, 2024, consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of the December 19, 2023 regular meeting and the minutes of the organizational meeting January 2, 2024; payroll issued December 29, 2023 in the amount of \$126,719.89 and payroll issued January 16, 2024 in the amount of \$165,974.63; bills for the month of December in the amount of \$349,820.24; bills for the month of January in the amount of \$198,386.10; reports from the Treasurer, Sheriff, Animal Control, Building Official, and E911 Coordinator; appropriate the November 2023 Social Services' report in the amount of \$15,705.26 local allotment; and appropriate the Bland County School Board's February 2024 requisition in the amount of \$1,112,984.67; and approve payroll and vendor payments for December 2023 was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Patrick Groseclose.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kelley – yea; Mr. Groseclose – yea; and Mr. Costello – yea. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No speakers.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S ITEMS

IRS MILEAGE RATE

*****MOTION to adopt the mileage reimbursement rate of \$0.67 per mile effective January 1, 2024, to coincide with the IRS rate change was made by Patrick Groseclose and seconded by Stephen Kelley. Motion passed unanimously.

PERMIT FEE WAIVER FOR COUNTY OF BLAND

*****MOTION to waive permit fees for the County of Bland for a blanket permit to cover small projects on county property Permit #1-2024 in the amount of \$30.60 was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Motion passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

*****MOTION to re-appoint Jerry Mercer to complete the four-year term that began 05/01/2020 and will expire on 04/30/2024 and the appointment of Jim McCleary for a four-year term to expire on 12/31/2027 was made by Patrick Groseclose and seconded by Stephen Kelley. Motion passed unanimously.

FY25 BUDGET CALENDAR

*****MOTION to approve the FY25 Budget Calendar with the changes of Wednesday, April 10th date for the forum and Friday, June 7th date to adopt budget was made by Patrick Groseclose and seconded by Stephen Kelley. Motion passed unanimously.

PERMIT FEE WAIVER FOR BLAND COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

*****MOTION to waive permit fees for Bland County High School Permit #4-2024 in the amount of \$26.11 was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

*****MOTION to adjourn was made by Patick Groseclose and seconded by Stephen Kelley. Motion passed unanimously.



Keith Costello, Chairman



Cameron B. Burton, Clerk of the Board