

VIRGINIA: At a Regular Meeting of the Bland County Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse located in Bland, Virginia, on the twenty- seventh day of May, 2008, 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

PRESENT: Jason R. Ramsey, Henry Blessing, John C. Thompson, Karen H. Hodock

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator, Carol Hall, Deputy Administrator,  
Frank Slavin, County Attorney

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mr. Ramsey called the May 2008 regular meeting to order.

#### INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Supervisor Henry Blessing.

#### PLEDGE TO FLAG

Supervisor Henry Blessing led the pledge alliance to the flag.

#### MAY 27, 2008 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the May 27, 2008 meeting agenda as presented was made by John Thompson, and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

#### CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 25, 2008, bills for the month of May 2008 in the amount of \$183,954.02, payrolls of May 1, 2008 and May 16, 2008 totaling \$160,238.66, reports from the Treasurer, Building Official, Public Works Director, Meals & Lodging and Recycling were made by Henry Blessing, seconded by Karen Hodock.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

#### SOCIAL SERVICES MARCH 2008 REPORT APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to accept the March 2008, Social Services report in the amount of \$64,649.96, with the local allotment of \$14,766.06 + non reimbursable of \$42.00, was made by John Thompson and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

#### SCHOOLS JUNE 2008 REQUITION APPROVED

Don Hodock, Superintendent expressed appreciation of the \$70,000.00 provided by the County allowing for an additional 1% plus a step raise for the teachers in 07-08 and the \$67,000.00 budgeted in 08-09 would allow for a 1% raise which added to the school funds would equate a 4% raise plus a step for teachers and non teaching staff a 3% raise plus a step. The \$50,000.00 offered also by the county in the 2008-2009 budget would secure an elementary guidance counselor to be shared between the two schools.

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve and appropriate the June 2008 school board's request in the amount of \$2,347,798.00, approved the meeting minutes of March 17<sup>th</sup> and March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and approve all check registers and vendor payments submitted for the months of March 2008 and April 2008 provided within the monthly packet was made by Henry Blessing, and seconded by John Thompson.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

#### TREASURER REPORT

John Goins, Treasurer reported on the office work load and activities.

#### ANIMAL/LITTER CONTROL

Remona Jackson, Officer reported her monthly report of activities and noted the need of an emergency shelter.

#### EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORTS

Willie Howlett, Coordinator presented the Emergency Services monthly report of activities.

#### BUILDING OFFICIAL

Joel Cagle, Building/Zoning Official announced of his certification received for inspection of carnival rides and the appointment date for testing for his building official certification.

#### COUNTY ATTORNEY

Frank Slavin, County Attorney reported on work activities.

#### PENNINGTON PROCLAMATION

IT WAS THE CONSENSUS of the Board to approve the Proclamation recognizing Fred Pennington for his countless contributions and outstanding service to the County of Bland.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Labon, Rt. 615 expressed opposition to the paving of Rt. 615, and in his opinion would lessen the attraction of the road

Connie DeWilde appeared before the board requesting assistance at the Bland County Senior Citizen Center noting funds are available if someone would be willing to work.

Elaine Dillow requested status of the Bland Fairgrounds barns and the proposed pavilion.

Pat Everhart appeared with the concern of trash billings being sent to Robert Allen Newberry when indeed a dumpster was being used for private garbage.

#### APPOINTMENTS

##### Mount Rogers Alcohol Safety Action Prevention (ASAP) Board

No action taken.

##### Bland County Service Authority

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to reappoint Henry Blessing and Jason Ramsey to the Service Authority – 4 yr. terms to expire 05-31-20-12 was made by John Thompson and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, abstain; Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, abstain; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

##### Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facilities Authority

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to reappoint John Thompson and Jonathan Sweet to the Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facilities Authority, 4 yr. terms to expire 06-30-2012 was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, abstain. The motion passed.

Bland County Department of Social Services Board

Tabled with no action taken.

USDA-RBE GRANT RESOLUTION

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the Resolution for Phase II of the Bland County Broadband Deployment Project in the amount of \$99,000.00 and authorize the county administrator to sign was made by John Thompson and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

PHASE II BROADBAND ELECTRICAL PERMIT FEE WAIVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to waive the electrical permit fees for the tower sites at GIV and South Gap locations and for to the expansion of the wireless broadband services was made by John Thompson and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG)

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to accept and authorize to county to spend the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant #08-L1124L07, from Homeland Security, in the amount \$586.00 with the local requirement of \$65.00 at a total award of \$651.00 was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

BLAND MINISTRY CENTER WAIVER REQUEST OF PERMIT FEES APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the building permit fee of \$11.72 for Joe and Darlene Lambert, Ceres, VA., for a deck and ramp, a building permit fee in the amount of \$22.47 for Jonathan and Amanda Akers, Ceres, VA, a reroofing permit fee of \$15.26 of Leonard Rife, Bastian, VA, a building permit fee and demolition permit fee in the amount of \$15.26 for a deck and demolition of an abandoned house, a building permit fee of \$14.25 for a ramp for Steward and Diane Wright of Hollybrook, VA as requested by the Bland Ministry Center was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by John Thompson.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

BLAND COUNTY PRESCRIPTION DRUG CARD PROGRAM UPDATE

An update was provided on the usage and savings to county residents utilizing the County's Prescription Drug Card.

ABANDON MOBILE VEHICLES REMOVAL PROGRAM UPDATE

The County Administrator advised the board of the number of mobile vehicles removed from within the county under the Abandon Mobile Vehicles Removal Program.

TIRE COLLECTION UPDATE

The County Administrator advised of the 3705 tires collected during the recent Tire Collection Project at a cost of approximately \$6,000.00.

MOUNTAIN HOME PROJECT C.U.P. PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chairman Mr. Ramsey opened the Public Hearing to receive public comment on the conditional use permit application from the Bland County School Board to operate under Government Use (Public School) for the Mountain Home Project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Dodson appeared before the board with the request of the C.U.P. outlining the plans for the building to include a technical center located on the top level and a science lab on the bottom level of the former Caudill property.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Mr. Blessing closed the public hearing.

MOUNTAIN HOME PROJECT C.U.P APPROVED WITH NO CONDITIONS

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the conditional use permit for the Mtn. Home Project with no conditions was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by John Thompson.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; John Thompson, yes; Henry Blessing, yes.

FLOOD ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chairman Mr. Ramsey opened the Public Hearing to receive public comment on the amendment to the Flood Ordinance.

COMMENT

Joel Cagle, Building/Zoning Official advised the board of information regarding #6 - the set up of Recreational Vehicles was left out and needed to be added for the complete compliance with the Federal Government.

Eddie Hoge, resident expressed opposition to the ordinance.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Chairman Mr. Ramsey closed the public hearing.

FLOOD ORDINANCE AMENDMENT APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the amendment to the County Flood Ordinance was made by John Thompson and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; John Thompson, yes; Henry Blessing, yes.

CONTINUANCE This meeting was continued until 5:30 p.m., June 11, 2008.

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Jason R. Ramsey, Chairman

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Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator