

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Court House, Bland, Virginia, on the twenty fourth day of August 2010 at 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

PRESENT: Henry Blessing, Jason R. Ramsey, Karen Hodock, Nick Asbury

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Willie Howlett, County Administrator, Carol Hall, Deputy Administrator
Paul Cassell, County Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mr. Blessing called the August 24, 2010 monthly meeting to order.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE TO FLAG

The invocation was offered by Supervisor Jason Ramsey.

The Pledge was led by Chairman Mr. Blessing.

AUGUST 24, 2010 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED

IT WAS THE CONSENSUS of the Board to approve the August 24, 2010 meeting agenda with the deletion of the Public Hearing.

AUGUST 24, 2010 CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED WITH CHANGES

*****MOTION to approve the August 24, 2010 Consent Agenda which consists of the amended minutes of the June 9, 2010 meeting, approve the July 27, 2010 minutes a presented, bills for the month of August 2010, in the amount of \$180,308.05, payrolls of August 2, and August 16, 2010, totaling \$187,968.75, reports from the Sheriff, Treasurer, Animal/Litter Control, Building Official, E-911, Public Works Director, Meals & Lodging and Recycling, were made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen. Hodock, yes.

SOCIAL SERVICES JUNE 2010 REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the June 2010, Social Services' report in the amount of \$55,423.93, with the local allotment being \$5,970.55, was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes.

SCHOOLS SEPTEMBER 2010 REQUISITION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the Bland County School Boards' September 2010 requisition in the amount of \$800,000.00, to approve the meeting minutes of July 19, 2010, and July 29, 2010, and approve the check registers/vendor payments for June 30, 2010 and July 15, 2010 was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes.

SMYTH-BLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY

Lois Shupe, representative presented the latest library statistics.

COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE

Cindy Wright, Commissioner introduced the request of Mr. Kamallesh Patel for a tax exemption status for providing and advancing Yoga education. Mr. Cassell and the Commissioner of Revenue agreed to meet with Mr. Patel to discuss the issue.

TREASURER'S REPORT

John Goins, Treasurer briefed the Board on office activities/work load. In response to the Governor's Commission on Reform and Restructuring, the County Administrator was directed to send a letter of

support for retaining the positions of the Commissioner of Revenue and Treasurer and send copies to our legislators.

PROJECT MANAGER REPORTS

Audra Repass, Project Manager advised that the start date for the Ceres Gym/sidewalk project is September 2010.

ROUND THE MTN

Steve Hermansen, presented an overview of the activities of the Blue Ridge Travel Association, the Artisan Trail maps' completion, and process of Heartland. Mr. Hermansen recommended that a staff person be appointed to the Round the Mtn. Board, to keep abreast of the EDA opportunities for Bland County.

APPOINTMENTS

Local Board of Building Code of Appeals

*****MOTION to reappoint Keith Niday to the Local Board of Building Code of Appeals, a four-year term to expire September 30, 2014, was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

*****MOTION to move Becky Bane, from the alternates' position to a member of the Local Board of Building Code of Appeals, (replacing Randy Newberry) for a four-year term to expire September 30, 2014, was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

BLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Jeanie Owens inquired as to the status of the request and concerns for the building leased to the Historical Society which includes the truck parked behind the building and the electrical service being divided. Mrs. Owens advised if the items stored within the cells be removed, the Society would replace the roof but if not, they request that the County assist in the replacement of the roof. The County Administrator's office was directed to check the status of the BCC inmate labor. Mrs. Owens requested that the Board budget \$750.00 in the 2011-2012 budget, the same amount paid to the VFW, for roof replacement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Valen Miller, resident appeared with the request that VDOT clear out the creek, near his home on Kimberling, from around the bridge columns, to allow the water to flow. The County Administrator was directed to contact VDOT with Mr. Miller's request.

EAST RIVER MOUNTAIN TUNNEL WATER LINE REPLACEMENT GRANT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve and accept the \$100,000.00 grant from Mount Rogers Planning District, and add to the County's 2010-2011 budget, funds to be applied to the East River Mountain Tunnel water line replacement project, was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes.

BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve and accept the \$600.00 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), to the County's 2010-2011 budget, a grant which helps support drug education and drug enforcement, the local cash match of \$67.00 would be paid out of the department's budget, was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, abstain; Karen Hodock, yes.

WYTHE-BLAND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve an application of a \$7,420.00 grant from the Wythe-Bland Community Foundation Grant for the County's Farmers Market 2011 season, was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes

THE BUCK STOPS HERE GRANT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve and accept The Buck Stops Here Grant in the amount of \$17,754.00, a grant funded through the U.S. Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, a soft match is required but no dollar amount, grant is to be used for training, travel, car video cameras and things to assist the sheriff's department, was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Nick

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, abstain; Karen Hodock, yes

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS & HAZARDOUS MATERIAL PLAN GRANT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the submittal and accept the Emergency Operations and Hazardous Material Plan grant in the amount of \$7,500.00, requiring no local match was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes

EE CLASSIFICATION ADDED TO PERSONNEL POLICY

*****MOTION to add a Class 2-AA: Temporary, Full Time, Salaried or Hourly Employee (working at least 40 hours per week, 52 weeks per year, with benefits to include Health/Life insurance, sick and vacation leave, excluding VRS), contingent upon the County Attorney's review and approval, was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes

FORMER JAIL BUILDING ELECTRICAL UPGRADE PERMIT FEE WAIVED

*****MOTION to waive the \$30.60 permit fee to upgrade the electrical system at the former jail building was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, abstain; Karen Hodock, yes

WILDERNESS ROAD, FINCASTLE TURNPIKE AND CAROLINA ROAD RESOLUTION SUPPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Resolution in Support for Wilderness Road, Fincastle Turnpike and Carolina Road, a tourism initiative, to bring in dollars was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes

LITTLE CREEK HIGHWAY AND SPUR BRANCE ROAD BRIDGES UPDATE

The County Administrator was directed to send a report to VDOT and copy to Puckett's and Annie B. Crockett's Office, the report findings for the bridges located on Little Creek Highway and Spur Branch Road.

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT -RURAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GRANT APPROVED

*****MOTION to adopt the Resolution in Support of the Rural Enterprise Grant in the amount of \$40,000.00, for the Farmers Mkt. construction was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes

BLAND FAIR GROUNDS SCHEDULING

After a lengthy discussion of the bookings and use of the fairgrounds, *****MOTION that the county administrator's office take over the Bland County fairgrounds was made by Nick Asbury.

Supervisor Mr. Asbury withdrew the motion on the floor.

The County Administrator was directed to schedule a meeting with all users of the fairgrounds and bring recommendations back to the Board at the next regular meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chairman Mr. Blessing opened the Public Hearing to receive comments on the application of Ronald Malmberg for a Conditional Use Permit, to have a dwelling, accessory (22) upon Tax Parcel #91B2-4-C1: 267 Valley View Lane.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cindy Stuart described the desire to allow a residential use upon the Commercial Zone property.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

The Public Hearing was closed.

MALMBERG CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Malmberg Conditional Use Permit application with no conditions imposed, was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes

CLOSED SESSION *****“Move to go into a closed session to discuss a personnel matter and a legal matter, as pursuant to 2.2-3711-A, subparagraph 1 and 7, of the Code of Virginia was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes and Karen Hodock, yes.

“Move to return to Regular Session, adopt the certification and waive the reading of the certification of a Closed Session but certify that only items announced by the Board were discussed was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Nick Asbury, yes;

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS & HAZARDOUS MATERIAL PLAN GRANT MOTION
RESCINDED

Upon the advice of legal counsel, *****MOTION to revoke the previous motion approving the Emergency Operations and Hazardous Material Plan grant, was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes

EMERGENCY SERVICES RFP TO THE ADVERTISED

The County Administrator was directed to advertise for the County's Emergency/911 Services under a RFP.

CONTINUED

The meeting was continued until 4:00 p.m. August 30, 2010, to the Bland County Courthouse Conference Room.

Henry M. Blessing, Chairman

Carol J. Hall, Deputy Administrator