

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Court House, Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-second day of March 2011 at 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Eric Workman, County Administrator, Carol J. Hall, Deputy Administrator,  
Paul Cassell, County Attorney

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mrs. Hodock called the March 22, 2011, Board of Supervisor's monthly meeting to order.

#### INVOCATION

#### PLEDGE TO FLAG

The invocation and pledge was offered and led by Supervisor Jason Ramsey.

#### MARCH 22, 2011 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the March 22, 2011 meeting agenda with changes was made by Henry Blessing, seconded by Nick Asbury.

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

#### MARCH 22, 2011 CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the March 22, 2011 Consent Agenda which consists of the bills for the month of March 2011 in the amount of \$254,265.75, payrolls issued March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 16, 2011, totaling \$177,613.69, 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 Henry Blessing.

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

#### SOCIAL SERVICES JANUARY 2011 REPORT APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the January 2011, Social Services' report in the amount of \$92,619.64, with the local allotment of \$12,172.31, was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

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

#### SCHOOLS APRIL 2011 REQUISITION APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve and appropriate the Bland County School Boards' April 2011 requisition, in the amount of \$800,000.00, to approve the meeting minutes of February 1, 2011, and February 21, 2011, approve the check registers/vendor payments submitted for the month of February 2011, was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

#### BLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE

Cindy Wright, Commissioner of Revenue advised the General Assembly's passing of a tax exemption for disabled veterans, and noted that the forms are under development. She also informed that applications for county tax exemptions are due by April 1, 2011.

#### ROUND THE MTN.

Steve Hermansen advised that his appointment to Round the Mtn. would expire June 30, 2011 and according to the bylaws he is ineligible for reappointment.

#### SMYTH-BLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY

Lois Shupe, representative appeared with the latest statistics of the Library.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

John Goins, Treasurer updated the Board in regard to the sale of county decals, dog tags, and the collection of real estate and personal property taxes.

#### APPOINTMENTS

##### New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Investment Board

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to reappoint Wilma Faulkner to the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Investment Board, the three year term beginning July 1, 2011 and expiring June 30, 2014 was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

##### Chief Local Elected Consortium

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to appoint Eric Workman, to the Chief Local Elected Consortium, a three year term to begin April 1, 2011 and expire 3-31-2014, was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

#### PUBIC COMMENTS

Adam Kidd addressed the Board supporting the addition of a fifth supervisor to the Bland County Board of Supervisors.

John Dodson spoke in favor of a fifth supervisor adding that the costs were negligible in comparison to the benefits.

County Administrator Eric Workman advised the Board the costs associated with a fifth supervisor, could be as such as \$11,820.00, with the Board's discretionary funding not included. Mr. Workman added the costs associated in adding a fifth supervisor to the school division are unknown.

FIFTH SUPERVISOR VOTE FAILS

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to add the fifth supervisor and prepare the ordinance as At-Large was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, no; Karen Hodock, no; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes. The vote failed by vote of 2-2.

KIDD RESOLUTION APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the Resolution recognizing Dorothy Kidd for her twenty-four years of service to the Bland County Electoral Board was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

The Resolution passed by the Consensus of the Board.

BLAND COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS LEASE PASSES

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the One Year Lease Agreement of the fairgrounds to the Bland County Fair Association was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, no.

THE LOCAL CHOICE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN 2011-2012

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to continue with The Local Choice Program for employees' 2011-2012 health insurance plan, was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

BASTIAN UNION CHURCH PROPERTY USAGE PERMIT APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the Property Usage Permit application as requested by the Bastian Union Church, for a World Day of Prayer event, to be held May 5, 2011, was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

WYTHE-BLAND FOUNDATION EMERGENCY SERVICES GRANT APPLICATION APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the Emergency Services' grant application, through the Wythe-Bland Foundation, with no local match required was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Nick Asbury.

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

APPALACHIAN TRAIL COMMUNITY DESIGNATION

\*\*\*\*\*MOVE that the County apply for an Appalachian Trail Community designation, at no cost to the County, was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

VETERANS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION WAIVER OF FEE APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the waiver request of the Bland County Veterans Memorial Foundation for a miscellaneous permit fee in the amount of \$15.30, to install the Memorial monument was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Nick Asbury.

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

DMV "THE BUCK STOPS HERE" GRANT APPROPRIATED TO BUDGET

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to appropriate the DMV "The Buck Stops Here" grant in the amount of \$17,754 to the Sheriff's 2010-2011 revenue and expenditure budgets, was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Nick Asbury.

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

BLAND HIGH SCHOOL PROM RECEIVES FUNDS

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to move \$200.00 from the Board's, civic/community funds (Asbury) and give to the Bland High School After Prom, and move \$200.00 from the Board's, civic/community funds (Ramsey) also to the Bland High School After Prom, for a total of \$400.00, was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

BLAND COUNTY'S BIRTHDAY EVENT OF MARCH 30, 2011 – T-SHIRTS TO BE WORN

Supervisor Mr. Blessing requested that county employees be provided a Sesquicentennial T-shirt to be worn at the County's Birthday Party scheduled for March 30, 2011, and the wholesale costs of the T-shirts be funded through the Board's civic/community funds (Blessing).

FEDERAL EDUCATION JOBS FUND ALLOCATION PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chair Mrs. Hodock opened the public hearing to receive comment on the schools' request to add \$232,226.00 to their 2010-2011 budget for receipt of the Federal Education Jobs Fund allocation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were offered.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Mrs. Hodock closed the public hearing.

FEDERAL EDUCATION FUND ALLOCATION APPROPRIATED TO SCHOOLS BUDGET

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve and appropriate to the school's 2010-2011 budget, the Federal Education Jobs Fund allocation, in the amount of \$232,226.00, which can be carried over into the 2011-2012 year was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

CLOSED SESSION \*\*\*\*\*“Move to go into a closed session to discuss inquiring property and a personnel matter, pursuant to 2.2-3711-A, subparagraph 1& 3, of the Code of Virginia was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

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

CONTINUANCE

The meeting was continued to March 29, 2011, 5:00 p.m.

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Karen H. Hodock, Chairman

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Eric R. Workman, County Administrator