

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse, Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-eighth day of February 28, 2017 at 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent:

PRESENT: Nick Asbury, Adam Kidd, Randy Johnson, Karen Hodock
ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Eric Workman, County Administrator; Paul Cassell, County Attorney; Sharon May, Deputy Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Randy Johnson called the February 28, 2017 Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting to order.

MOMENT OF SILENCE & INVOCATION
PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

A moment of silence was honored for the Connie Dehart and Fran Burgess families. The invocation was offered by Eric Workman. Randy Johnson, Vice-Chairman, led the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.

FEBRUARY 28, 2017 MEETING AGENDA WITH ADDITIONS

***MOTION to approve the agenda with the following additions: Bear Jam Entertainment Permit and Fee waiver was made by Adam Kidd and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Vote passed unanimously.

FEBRUARY 28, 2017 CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

***MOTION to approve the February 28, 2017 Consent Agenda which consisted of the minutes of the January 24, 2017 regular meeting; payroll issued 01-31-2017 in the amount of \$85,091.23; payroll issued 02-16-2017 in the amount of \$82,061.82; bills for the month of January 2017 in the amount of \$69,241.87; bills for the month of February 2017 in the amount of \$296,259.81; reports from the Treasurer, Project Manager, Building Official, Public Works Director, Sheriff, Animal Control, E911 and Meals & Lodging were made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Adam Kidd.

Vote passed unanimously.

SOCIAL SERVICES DECEMBER 2016 REPORT APPROVED

***MOTION to approve the December 2016 Social Service's report in the amount of \$75,571.60 with the local allotment of \$9,650.64 was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Vote passed unanimously.

SCHOOL'S MARCH 2017 REQUISITION

***MOTION to approve and appropriate the Bland County School Board's March 2017 requisition in the amount of \$687,036.09; regular meetings minutes of January 19, 2017, special meeting minutes of January 26, 2017 and check register and vendor payment for February 16, 2017 was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Vote passed unanimously.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REPORTS
RC&D

Steve Hermansen distributed Fire Adapted Communities information. Steve stated that the coordinator for the Fire Wise Program would be speaking at the Board of Supervisors meeting. Eric Workman asked Steve to contact Linda Miller for this to be placed on the agenda.

SHERIFF

Tom Roseberry presented a plaque to John Thompson for a donation that had been given to the Sheriff's department.

TREASURER

John Goins gave an update as follows: his office has been very busy collecting of the revenue, finalizing comp board budgets, collecting state taxes, sending out roll back statements; about 89% of real estate and 87% personal property have been collected; 6 proposed delinquent tax sales included in the sale; 300 dog tags were sold in 2017; Juan Garcia and the town of Hillsville are helping to implement the DMV Stop.

BLAND COUNTY SCHOOLS

Eric Workman stated that the first School Improvement Committee meeting went well.

Scott Meade updated the Board as follows: stated that the short and long term goals for beautification of our schools were in process, in the process of working on budget, Coach Collins secured donations to put in a new score board at the baseball field, thanked the SRO officers for their work, also working on the eradication of bullying with the students. Graduation is set for May.

Randy Johnson asked how many projected students for next year?

Scott Meade stated 730.

Randy asked about the bleachers at the football field that were mentioned in the school board minutes?

Scott Meade stated that the bleachers were fine as of now, but would need to be addressed in the future.

APPOINTMENTS

****MOTION to reappoint Cameron Burton to the Mountain Community Action Program Board of Directors for a term expiring December 31, 2020 was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Vote passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING CUP (EAST RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION)

Joel Cagle updated the Board of Supervisors as follows: On February 6, 2017 a public hearing was held to receive public comments on the application from the East River Baptist Association requesting a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Warehouse Storage on Tax Map 77A2-A-21. This property is in the Seddon District, approximately 200' east of the intersection of South Scenic Highway and Seddon Street.

The commission made a motion to recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the application, with no conditions attached. The motion passed unanimously.

Randy Johnson, Vice-Chairman, opened the public hearing.

No public speakers.

Randy Johnson, Vice-Chairman, closed the public hearing.

****MOTION to approve the Conditional Use Permit for East River Baptist Association with no conditions was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Adam Kidd.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Adam Kidd, yes; Nick Asbury, yes; and Randy Johnson, yes. The motion passed.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S ITEM
Permit Waiver

****MOTION to approve to waive the permit fees for the County of Bland for a storage building permit in the amount of \$70.38 was made by Adam Kidd and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Vote passed unanimously.

New Trash Contract

*****MOTION to approve a new contract with Melvin Enterprise, Inc. in the amount of \$238,000 was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Adam Kidd.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Nick Asbury, yes; Adam Kidd, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; and Randy Johnson, abstain. The motion passed.

Deputy Position Added

*****MOTION to add a Deputy Sheriff position effective March 1, 2017 with the understanding that this position will be reviewed on an annual basis was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Adam Kidd.

Vote passed unanimously.

Entertainment Permit for Bear Jam

**** MOTION to approve an entertainment permit and to waive any associated fees for Bland Ministry Center for the Bear Jam that will take place on June 10, 2017 at 5:00 pm was made by Adam Kidd and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Vote passed unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Eric Workman updated the Board of Supervisors as follows: the county's Spring Newsletter is in the Board of Supervisors packet, please look over and let us know of any changes you would like to have made; Gypsy Moth meeting at the School Board Office on March 14, sidewalks and asphalt plan are completed for the Greenway Project, street lights should be installed soon; worked on a proposed plan to dissolve the partnership, for the benefit of both Smyth and Bland Counties, of Smyth/Bland Regional Library.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' TIME

Nick Asbury thanked everyone for coming.

Adam Kidd stated that he served on the Bland/Smyth Regional Library and was happy about the proposed changes.

Karen Hodock thanked Eric Workman and Melvin Enterprises for their work on the Greenway Project. She also thanked Deedee Hoosier for all the work she does for citizens for Bland County.



Eric Workman also thanked Keith Niday for his work.

Randy Johnson thanked Joel Cagle, Denny Clevinger and Rodney Ratliff for their work at the school.

ADJOURN

*****MOTION to adjourn was made by Adam Kidd and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Vote passed unanimously.


Nick Asbury, Chairman

Eric Workman, Clerk of the Board