

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 2023 at 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent:

PRESENT: Keith Costello, Randy Johnson, Stephen Kelley, and Adam Kidd

ABSENT: none

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Eric Workman, County Administrator; Paul Cassell, County Attorney; and Linda Miller, Board Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Adam Kidd called the February 28, 2023, 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 Adam Kidd. The invocation was offered by Dr. Eric Workman.

FEBRUARY 28, 2023, MEETING AGENDA AMENDED

*****MOTION to approve February 28, 2023, meeting agenda with amendments of FY24 TLC health insurance and executive session associated with personnel: County Administrator was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Keith Costello.
Motion passed unanimously.

FEBRUARY 28, 2023, CONSENT AGENDA/SOCIAL SERVICES/SCHOOLS APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the February 28, 2023 consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of the January 24, 2023 regular meeting, minutes of the continued meetings of January 25, 2023, January 27, 2023, February 6, 2023 and February 10, 2023, and minutes of the special called meeting on February 21, 2023; payroll issued 01-31-2023 in the amount of \$117,552.27 and payroll issued 02-16-2023 in the amount of \$115,115.95; bills for the month of December 2022 in the amount of \$14,712.36; bills for the month of January 2023 in the amount of \$96,778.84; bills for the month of February 2023 in the amount of \$418,066.73; reports from the Treasurer, Sheriff, Project Coordinator, Building Official, E911 Coordinator and Zoning; appropriate the December 2022 Social Services' report in the amount of \$15,663.36 local allotment; and appropriate the Bland County School Board's March 2023 requisition in the amount of \$887,126.08; approve payroll and vendor payments for January 2023; and approve minutes of the January 12, 2023 regular meeting and the January 12, 2023 organizational meeting was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Randy Johnson.
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kelley – yea; Mr. Johnson – yea; Mr. Costello – yea; and Mr. Kidd – yea.
Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Robbie Stuart, Bland County Fair Association, presented plaques to the Board of Supervisors and Dr. Workman. Mr. Stuart requested that the Board consider contributing toward the carnival which will cost around \$25,000. Also, Mr. Stuart requested the approval of the destruction of an old barn on the fairground.

Ms. Ashley Kirk, representative of the Bland County Youth Sports, requested the Board to bring the youth league under the direction of the Board. Dr. Workman requested Ms. Kirk to contact him.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S ITEMS

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING BENEFITS SPECIALISTS MONTH

*****MOTION to approve the proclaiming of February as Benefits Specialist Month was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Keith Costello. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Johnson – yea; Mr. Costello – yea; Mr. Kelley – yea; and Mr. Kidd – yea. Motion passed unanimously.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH ELECTORAL BOARD

*****MOTION to adopt MOU with the Electoral Board placing the General Registrar under the County Employee Policies was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Stephen Kelley.
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Costello – yea; Mr. Kelley – yea; Mr. Johnson – yea and Mr. Kidd – yea.
Motion passed unanimously.

FY23 GENERAL REGISTRAR BUDGET

*****MOTION to amend the FY23 General Registrar budget increasing the personnel line items by \$11,000 for the creation of the Deputy Registrar position with the full-time position effective April 1, 2023, as requested by the General Registrar and the Electoral Board was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Keith Costello. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kelley – yea; Mr. Costello – yea; Mr. Johnson – yea and Mr. Kidd – yea. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION FOR VIRGINIA 250TH COMMISSION/APPOINTMENT OF CAMERON BURTON

*****MOTION to adopt a resolution approving Bland County's participation in the 250th Commission and appoint Cameron Burton as liaison was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Stephen Kelley. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION FOR VIRGINIA JUVENILE COMMUNITY CRIME CONTROL ACT PROGRAM

*****MOTION to adopt a resolution approving and reaffirming Bland County's participation in the Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act Program with Wythe County was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Randy Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION FOR HAZARDOUS DUTY EMERGENCY SERVICES

*****MOTION to adopt a resolution adding the Emergency Services Coordinator as a Hazardous Duty position was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Randy Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

REVISION TO COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY

*****MOTION to adopt a revision to the County Personnel policies outlining participation in the VRS Hazardous Duty Benefit was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Stephen Kelley. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION FOR COMMONWEALTH OPIOID SETTLEMENT

*****MOTION to adopt a resolution approving Bland County's participation in the proposed settlement of opioid-related claims against Teva, Allergan, Walmart, Walgreens, CVS, and their related corporate entities, and directs the County Administrator and /or the County Attorney to execute the documents necessary to effectuate Bland County's participation in the settlements, including the required release of claims against settling entities was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Keith Costello. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Johnson – yea; Mr. Costello – yea; Mr. Kelley – yea; and Mr. Kidd – yea. Motion passed unanimously.

ENTERTAINMENT

*****MOTION to approve the entertainment permit for the bicycle ride and waive all fees was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Keith Costello. Motion passed unanimously.

NEWLETTER

*****MOTION to approve the county quarterly newsletter was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Keith Costello. Motion passed unanimously.

FY24 BUDGET CALENDAR

*****MOTION to adopt the FY24 Budget Calendar was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Stephen Kelley. Motion passed unanimously.

FY23 BUDGET AMENDMENT

*****MOTION to amend the FY23 budget with an additional \$330,000 of non-local revenues and expenditures with the School Board Budget (\$100,000 Food Service, \$230,000 Operations and Maintenance) and \$3,500 of grant funds for the Fire Departments was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Stephen Kelley. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Costello – yea; Mr. Kelley – yea; Mr. Johnson – yea; and Mr. Kidd – yea. Motion passed unanimously.

HEALTH INSURANCE

*****MOTION to stay with The Local Choice (TLC) as the health insurance provider and to adopt the health insurance rates for FY24 with the same plans as offered in FY23 was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Keith Costello. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Johnson – yea; Mr. Costello – yea; Mr. Kelley – yea; and Mr. Kidd – yea. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

*****Move to go into an executive session to discuss personnel matters: County Administrator position and agreement, pursuant to 2.2-3711-A paragraph 1 of the Code of Virginia was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Keith Costello.
Motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR SESSION

*****Move to return to regular session was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Keith Costello. Motion passed unanimously.

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

*****Move to adopt the Certification of Executive Meeting pursuant to the provisions for Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia and the reading of certification of an executive session to certify that only items announced by the Board were discussed was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Randy Johnson.

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

*****MOTION to adopt the County Administrator's Employment Agreement of Cameron Burton was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Stephen Kelley.

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENT

*****MOTION to appoint Cameron Burton as Assistant County Administrator effective March 1 to April 30, 2023, with all the rights and signatory powers in the absence of the County Administrator, with her appointment as County Administrator to commence on May 1, 2023, was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Keith Costello. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

*****MOTION to adjourn was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Keith Costello.
Motion passed unanimously.



Adam Kidd, Chairman



Eric Workman, Clerk of the Board

