

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse, Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-sixth day of September 2023 at 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent:

PRESENT: Keith Costello, Patrick Groseclose, Randy Johnson, and Stephen Kelley
ALSO PRESENT: Cameron Burton, County Administrator; Paul Cassell, County Attorney; Joel Cagle, Planning Commission Secretary; and Linda Miller, Board Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Stephen Kelley called the September 26, 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 Stephen Kelley. The invocation was offered by Cameron Burton.

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023, MEETING AGENDA

*****MOTION to approve September 26, 2023, meeting agenda as presented was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Keith Costello. Motion passed unanimously.

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023, CONSENT AGENDA/SOCIAL SERVICES/SCHOOLS APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the September 26, 2023 consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of the August 22, 2023 regular meeting; payroll issued August 31, 2023 in the amount of \$124,865.55 and payroll issued September 15, 2023 in the amount of \$122,641.38; bills for the month of August 2023 in the amount of \$89,006.64; bills for the month of September in the amount of \$381,571.29; reports from the Commissioner of the Revenue, Sheriff, Animal Control, Project Coordinator, Building Official, E911 Coordinator and Zoning; appropriate the July 2023 Social Services' report in the amount of \$15,483.69 local allotment; and appropriate the Bland County School Board's October 2023 requisition in the amount of \$904,850.58; approve payroll and vendor payments for August 2023; and approve minutes of the August 10, 2023 regular meeting made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Keith Costello.
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Johnson – yea; Mr. Costello – yea; Mr. Groseclose – yea; and Mr. Kelley – yea. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No speakers.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Amendment to FY23 and FY24 School Board Budget

Chairman Stephen Kelley opened the public hearing. No speakers. Chairman Stephen Kelley closed the public hearing.

*****MOTION to amend the Bland County Public School Board Budget for FY23 with a reduction of \$756,236.32 and amend the FY24 Bland County Public School Board Budget in the amount of \$2,297,609.00 was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Keith Costello. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Johnson – yea; Mr. Costello – yea; Mr. Groseclose – yea; and Mr. Kelley – yea. Motion passed unanimously.

Bland County Comprehensive Plan

Joel Cagle, Planning Commission Secretary, updated the board with the Planning Commission's recommendation of adopting the current Comprehensive Plan that was adopted on May 22, 2018. Chairman Stephen Kelley opened the public hearing. No speakers. Chairman Stephen Kelley closed the public hearing.

*****MOTION to adopt the Comprehensive Plan was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Costello – yea; Mr. Groseclose – yea; Mr. Johnson – yea; and Mr. Kelley – yea. Motion passed unanimously.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S ITEMS

VDEM GRANT APPROPRIATION

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate \$287,522.14 to 911 Fund from the VDEM grant was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Keith Costello. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Johnson – yea; Mr. Costello – yea; Mr. Groseclose – yea; and Mr. Kelley – yea. Motion passed unanimously.

WYTHE-BLAND FOUNDATION GRANTS APPROPRIATION

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the Wythe-Bland Foundation grants in the amount of \$7,000 for Bland County Farmers Market; \$7,000 for Bland Playground; and \$7,500 for Wolf Creek Indian Village was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Costello – yea; Mr. Groseclose – yea; Mr. Johnson – yea; and Mr. Kelley - yea. Motion passed unanimously.

FESTIVAL OF LEAVES ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT

*****MOTION to approve the entertainment permit for the Festival of Leaves with a waiver of all fees was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Groseclose. Motion passed unanimously.

PROCLAMATION FOR RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

*****MOTION to adopt the proclamation recognizing October as Rett Syndrome Awareness month was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Motion passed unanimously.

TRASH BILL ADJUSTMENTS

*****MOTION to approve trash bill adjustments for July 2023 through September 2023 in the amount of \$1,539.39 was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Johnson – yea; Mr. Groseclose – yea; Mr. Costello – abstain; and Mr. Kelley - yea. Motion passed.

LIBRARY APPROPRIATION

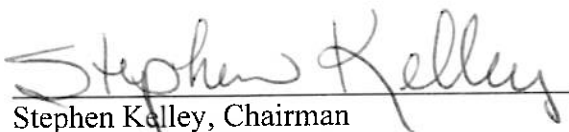
*****MOTION to approve and appropriate \$10,737 of state funding to the Bland County Public Library was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Randy Johnson. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Costello – yea; Mr. Johnson – yea; Mr. Groseclose – yea; and Mr. Kelley – yea. Motion passed unanimously.


APPOINTMENT

*****MOTION to appoint Keith Costello as alternate to the Planning Commission was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

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


Stephen Kelley, Chairman


Cameron B. Burton, Clerk of the Board