

VIRGINIA: At a Regular Meeting of the Bland County Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse located in Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-fifth day of April 2006, 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

PRESENT: Henry M. Blessing, Jason R. Ramsey, Karen H. Hodock, John C. Thompson

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator, Carol Hall, Deputy Administrator,
Frank Slavin, County Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT: Marty Holloway – VDOT; several citizens

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Henry Blessing called the regular meeting to order.

INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Vice-Chairman Jason Ramsey.

PLEDGE TO FLAG

Chairman Mr. Blessing led the pledge alliance to the flag.

APRIL 25, 2006 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED

*****IT WAS THE CONSENSUS of the Board to approve the April 25, 2006 meeting agenda with changes to the public comment section.

CONSENT AGENDA

*****MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda which consist of minutes of the March 28, 2006 regular meeting and the continued meetings of April 12, 2006 and April 19, 2006, bills in the amount of \$153,860.39, the March 31, 2006, April 17, 2006, and May 1, 2006 payrolls totaling \$204,768.55, reports from the Treasurer, Building Official, E-911 Program Manager, Public Works Director, Meals & Lodging and Recycling was made by Jason Ramsey, seconded by Karen Hodock.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Brenda Waters, Acting Residency Administrator, reported to the board; 1) Dead End signs have been installed upon State Rt. 640; 2) the request for Congested Signs on Rt. 52 is being reviewed; 3) Rt. 644 bridge deck work project; 4) the 17 million dollar contract was awarded to Fort Chiswell Construction Company for the rehabilitation project to be done on both tunnels.

Wilda Rose, resident, requested State Rt. 651 (Rock Wall Dr) be added to the list for consideration for paving.

SOCIAL SERVICES REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the February 2006, Social Services report in the amount of \$52, 542.76 with the local allotment of \$7, 158.25 was made by John Thompson and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. Motion passed.

BLAND COUNTY VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD EXEMPTION REQUEST

Topic was tabled until the May 2006 meeting.

SCHOOLS MAY 2006 REQUISITION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the May 2006 school board's request of \$750,000.00, approve the filing of the meeting minutes of March 27th and March 23rd, check registers of March 21st, March 16th, March 17, Feb 27th, and March 22nd was made by Jason Ramsey, seconded by John Thompson.

The vote on this motion is as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. Motion passed.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

James Belcher, Animal Control Officer appeared with his monthly report.

SMYTH BLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY REPORT

Harry Shupe, Library representative reported the latest library statistics.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sally H. Hylton advised of the May 1st deadline to oppose the sale of the National Forest lands.

*****MOTION to adopt a resolution opposing the sale of the 1630 acres of the National Forest lands was made by Jason Ramsey, seconded by John Thompson.

The vote on this motion is as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS

Planning Commission

*****MOTION to reappoint John Dodson to the Planning Commission, a four year term to expire March 31, 2010 and reappoint Jim Baker to the Planning Commission for a four year term to expire March 31, 2006 was made by John Thompson, seconded by Karen Hodock.

The vote on this motion is as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

Bland County Service Authority

*****MOTION to reappoint Karen Hodock to the Bland County Service Authority for a four year term to expire May 31, 2010, was made by Jason Ramsey, seconded by John Thompson.

The vote on this motion is as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes; Karen Hodock, abstaining. The motion passed.

PHIPPS PROCLAMATION

*****MOTION to approve the Proclamation, recognizing H. Frank Phipps for his distinguish service to the county of Bland was made by John Thompson, seconded by Jason Ramsey.

The vote on this motion is as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

CHALLENGE GRANT AWARD

*****MOTION to approve the \$3,000 grant award from the Appalachian Regional Commission for substance abuse, with \$750 local required match was made by Karen Hodock, seconded by Jason Ramsey.

The vote on this motion is as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

COUNTY SURPLUS DECLARED
SHERIFF'S DEPT SEIZED ASSET DECLARED

*****MOTION to declare the equipment list provided as surplus, following the county's protocol was made by Jason Ramsey, seconded by John Thompson.

The vote on this motion is as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

FY 06 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AGREEMENT AMENDMENT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Health's Department Agreement Amendment for FY 2006, requiring the allocation of \$69,385 was made by Jason Ramsey, seconded by Karen Hodock.

The vote on this motion is as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

BLAND COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS REQUEST

The board was presented with a written request from the Bland Senior Citizens group for assistance to install a drain, install vents to prevent condensation and sweating, and install a shut-off valve in the pump house to correct violations related to the water system. The county administrator was instructed to direct maintenance to check and poll the board for directions.

WIRELESS BROAD BAND UPDATE

The County Administrator briefed the board regarding the target dates for the completion and launching date for the county's wireless broad band.

COYOTE ORDINANCE DISCUSSED

There was discussion on the revised draft of a Coyote Ordinance with *****MOTION not to proceed any further with a Coyote Ordinance was made by John Thompson and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

The vote on this motion is as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. Motion passed.

TRAVEL EXPENSE

Supervisor John Thompson expressed concern of the high expense in travel and requested it be to bare minimum.

FARMERS MARKET INTRODUCED

Supervisor Karen Hodock requested the county administrator to investigate a Farmers Market for Bland County, similar to the one in Galax.

BRACKENS CONDITONAL USE PERMIT PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chairman, Henry Blessing opened the public hearing to receive public comment on the application of Sarah Brackens for a Conditional Use Permit for Warehouse Storage (47), Garage (52), and Dwelling Extension (22) upon her commercial zoned property located at 265 Main St., Bland.

Mrs. Brackens appeared before the board and described her plans to utilize the warehouse storage, the garage and the apartment area.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Mr. Blessing closed the public hearing.

BRACKENS C.U.P APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Conditional Use Permit as requested by Mrs. Sarah Brackens for Warehouse Storage (47), Garage (52), and Dwelling Extension (22) upon the currently commercial zoned property located at 265 Main Street, Bland, Tax Parcel No. 77A3-10, 17, and 21A, with no conditions, was made by John Thompson, and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

The vote on this motion is as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. Motion passed

SHELTON CONDITONAL USE PERMIT PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chairman, Henry Blessing opened the public hearing to receive pubic comment on the application from Bruce and Tracy Shelton, for a Conditional Use Permit to construct and operate an amusement or entertainment establishment (43), upon property located off Rt. 52/42 in Bland.

SPEAKERS

Bruce Shelton spoke to the board with the request for a conditional use permit to operate a 16 lane bowling alley and a family restaurant.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Chairman Henry Blessing closed the public hearing.

SHELTON C.U.P. APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the application of Bruce and Tracy Shelton for a C.U.P. to construct and operate an amusement or entertainment establishment (43), upon property located 0.1 mile from Exit 52; located off of Rt. 52/42, Tax Parcel No. 91-A03A & 3B, with the condition that; 1) construction to begin within one (1) year of the date the Bland County Board of Supervisors approve the Conditional Use Permit, and to be completed within two (2) years from same date; and 2) the access road from Rt. 52/42 and parking lot to be paved to state specifications, was made by John Thompson and seconded by Karen Hodock.

The vote on this motion is as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. Motion passed

CONTINUANCE This meeting was continued until 5:30 p.m., May 10, 2006.

Henry M. Blessing, Chairman

Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator