

VIRGINIA: At a Regular Meeting of the Bland County Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse located in Bland, Virginia, on the nineteenth day of November 28, 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 Thompson

ABSENT: None

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Henry Blessing called the November 2006 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.

NOVEMBER 28, 2006 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED

*****IT WAS THE CONSENSUS of the Board to approve the November 28, 2006 meeting agenda with the addition of Steve Hermansen, representative, to speak on the Round the Mountain Project.

CONSENT AGENDA

*****MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the bills for the month of November 2006, the amount of \$336,793.83, additional bills for the month of October 2006 in the amount of \$1,237.32, November 1, 2006 and November 16, 2006 payrolls totaling \$146,017.32, minutes of the Regular meeting of October 24, 2006, 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

Harold Sargent, VDOT representative, appeared before the board with an update which included; 1) completion of the Rt. 644 bridge project; 2) completion of the Rt. 613 paving project; 3) Rt. 670 paving; 4) Rt. 614 paving project; and 5) work on the new bridge at the Bland Correctional Center will commence December 2006, weather permitting. Mr. Sargent advised that the signs requested are ready to be erected and the foreman would be in touch with Mr. Blessing to decide on the location.

Supervisor Ramsey requested guardrail upon Rt. 606, 3 _ miles from Rt. 42.

Sheriff Thompson inquired as to the No Parking signs installed at the front entrance to the Bland Post Office.

BLAND CORRECTIONAL CENTER BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

BCC Superintendent, Mr. Larry Jarvis and Mr. Sprinkle, representative Architect and Engineering, appeared before the board with the announcement of the General Assembly's appropriation of \$2 million dollars towards the construction of a new bridge at the Bland Correctional Center.

SOCIAL SERVICES SEPTEMBER 2006 REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to accept the September 2006, Social Services report in the amount of \$54,199.44 with the local allotment of \$10,946.90, 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. The motion passed.

SCHOOLS DECEMBER 2006 REQUISTION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the December 2006 school board's request in the amount of \$750,000.00, approved both the Special, the Regular, meeting minutes of Monday, Oct. 23, 2006, and to approve all check registers submitted to the Board of Supervisors for the months of September and October 2006, was made by Jason Ramsey, seconded by John Thompson.

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

TREASURER REPORTS

Treasurer, Joann Shewey appeared with an update on office activities and certification of office staff.

SMYTH-BLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY

Library representative, Harry Shupe reported the latest circulation statistics and advised of the November and December library activities planned.

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Randy Moler, representative, commended the county on the wireless internet project and the accreditation of the schools. Mr. Moler advised of Hunter Paving's schedule to pave the Rocky Gap Park walking path, plans to recoup volunteers and discussion of topics from the recreational committee meetings.

The County Administrator was directed to review the budget to locate and recommend a funding avenue to allow for \$1,500 to be sent to Johnny Gibson, for work and construction of a

concession and restroom facilities at the Little League ball field, located in the Bastian area and contact the board members for a recommendation.

BLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESIDENT

Steve Hermansen, President of the Bland County Historical Society, advised that the Indian Village and Museum project is being examined by the board of directors and the society's review and implementation of recommendations received.

ROUND MOUNTAIN PROJECT FINANCING REQUEST

Steve Hermansen, board member, advised of the project, shared with Bland, Wythe and Wytheville on the design of a driving map of local artisans which includes 50 points of interest within Bland County and requested financial support in the amount of \$1,000 from Bland County.

The county administrator was directed to review the budget to locate and recommend a funding avenue to allow for \$1,000.00 for Bland County's share of the Round Mountain Project.

Appointments

Mt. Rogers Alcohol Safety Action Program

*****Motion to retract and reappoint Lorin Hanshew to the Mt. Rogers Alcohol Safety Action Program, and appoint John Mustard as an alternate, to a 4 yr term to expire 3-31-2010, was made by John Thompson, seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

Bland County Emergency Services Deputy Director Assistant

*****MOTION to appoint Carol J. Hall, temporarily, as an assistant to the Emergency Services Deputy Director was made by John Thompson, and seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

PEPPER'S FERRY REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT AUTHORITY 2007 MOU

*****MOTION to approve the 2007 Pepper's Ferry Regional Wastewater MOU and authorize the county administrator to sign was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by John Thompson.

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

BLAND SCHOOL BOARD REQUEST WAIVER OF DEMOLITION PERMIT FEES

*****MOVE to waive the \$30.46, for two demolition permits to remove two structures located in Rocky Gap, as requested by the school board was made by John Thompson and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

TOBACCO REGION OPPORTUNITY FUND (TROF) APPROPRIATION

*****MOTION to approve the additional appropriation to the county's 06-07 budget for the Tobacco Region Opportunity Fund (TROF), in the amount of \$75,000.00, for the Project ABB-06 was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by John Thompson.

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

MEALS TAX AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED

*****MOTION to schedule a public hearing for December 19, 2006, on an amendment to the Bland County Code, Chapter 50-263, 264 and 265, Taxation regarding penalty for failing or refusing to report or remit meals tax, was made by John Thompson and seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

BOS DECEMBER 2006 MEETING DATE CHANGED

*****Due to the holiday schedule, MOVE that the Board of Supervisor's December meeting be held December 19, 2006, was made by John Thompson and seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS RESOLUTION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Office of Justice Programs resolution designating the county administrator as the applicant's agent was made by Jason Ramsey, seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

DODSON PROCLAMATION
ANDERSON PROCLAMATION

*****MOTION to approve the Proclamations, for John Dodson and Debbie Anderson, on their receipt of the McGlothlin Awards for Teaching Excellence was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by John Thompson.

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

FORMER SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPDATE

There was discussion of the former sheriff's office building repairs costs.

NACO PRESCRIPTION DRUG CARD UPDATE

The county administrator advised the board of the usage and savings to county residents utilizing the NACo Prescription Drug Card program.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTED

The county administrator updated the board regarding the Bland County Workforce Center activity.

VACO 2006 ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE

The county administrator advised of the county's receipt of the 2006 VACo County Achievement Award.

SCHOOL ACCREDITATION RESOLUTION

Supervisor Mr. Thompson requested a resolution be drafted acknowledging the schools accreditation.

STOWER'S PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chairman Mr. Blessing opened the hearing to receive comment on the application of Seldon W. Stowers for a conditional use permit to build a warehouse upon his property located behind the former Tire Outlet business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Chairman Mr. Blessing closed the public hearing.

STOWER'S C.U.P APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Conditional Use Permit application of Seldon Stowers to build an additional warehouse storage (47) for commercial usage as permitted upon property located at 7910 Scenic Highway, Tax Map # 91-A-5, with no conditions was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by John Thompson.

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chairman Mr. Blessing opened the public hearing to receive public comment on the additional appropriation to the F/Y 06-07 Bland County budget to include a \$700,000.00 Community Development Block Grant for the Bland County Medical Clinic expansion.

PUBIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

CDBG PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Chairman Mr. Blessing closed the hearing.

CDBG \$700,000.00 GRANT APPROVED FOR BUDGET APPROPRIATION

*****MOTION to approve the additional appropriation of \$700,000.00 CDBG funding to the county's 06-07 budget for the Bland Clinic expansion was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by John Thompson.

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

BLAND COUNTY WIRELESS SERVICE AUTHORITY PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chairman Mr. Blessing opened the hearing to receive comment on the creation of the Bland County Wireless Service Authority and to adopt the Articles of Incorporation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Dillow, EDA chairman and Randy Moler, resident, spoke in favor, advising of the wireless broadband asset and noting the creation of the authority would be the next step in positive progress for Bland County.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Chairman Mr. Blessing closed the hearing.

WIRELESS SERVICE AUTHORITY RESOLUTION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Resolution creating the Bland County Wireless Service Authority and to adopt the Articles of Incorporation, was made by John Thompson and seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

ADJOURNMENT This meeting was adjourned until 5:00 p.m., December 19, 2006.

Henry M. Blessing, Chairman

Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator