

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse, Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-third day of February 2010, at 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

PRESENT: Henry Blessing, Jason R. Ramsey, Karen Hodock, Nick Asbury

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Willie Howlett, County Administrator, Carol Hall, Deputy Administrator
Paul Cassell, County Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mr. Blessing called the February 23, 2010 monthly meeting to order.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE TO FLAG

The invocation was offered by Joel Cagle.

Pledge to the flag was led by Mr. Blessing.

FEBRUARY 23, 2010 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED AS AMENDED

***** MOTION to approve the February 23, 2010 meeting agenda as amended was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Roll vote: Mr. Asbury, yes; Mr. Blessing, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; Mrs. Hodock, yes

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED

*****MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which consists of the Board meeting minutes of January 26, 2010, the bills for the month of February 2010, in the amount of \$255,207.83, payrolls of February 1, February 16, and February 17, 2010 totaling \$180,586.96, reports from the Sheriff, Treasurer, Animal/Litter Control, Building Official, E-911, Public Works Director, Meals & Lodging and Recycling were made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen. Hodock, yes

VDOT REPORTS

Marty Halloway, Residency Administrator reported the guardrail project had been awarded. He requested that since there are problems with placing guardrail upon Rt. 614 due to phone lines being in the way, the project be moved to Rt. 606. Mr. Ramsey stated he was in favor to move the guardrail to Rt. 606. Mr. Asbury agreed and Mrs. Hodock agreed. Mr. Halloway also reported on the new entrance policy stating VDOT will no longer install private entrances for free. Guidelines will work along with the new land use policy, effective March 17, 2010. Fees also have increased from \$40 to \$140.00-\$2000.00. The Tazewell Office will be closing April 23, 2010 and maintenance would be run out of Wytheville.

SOCIAL SERVICES DECEMBER 2009 REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the December 2009, Social Services report in the amount of \$75,260.34, with the local allotment of \$13,542.39, was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes.

SCHOOLS MARCH 2010 REQUISITION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the Bland County School Boards' March 2010 requisition in the amount of \$800,000.00, to approve the meeting minutes of January 4th Organizational Meeting, the Special Meeting of January 4, 2010, Special Meeting of January 20, 2010, Regular Meeting of January 26, 2010 and Public Hearing of January 26, 2010, approve the check registers of January 14, and January 19, 2010, was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

John Goins, Treasurer presented an update on the collection of Real Estate and Personal Property taxes and advised the 2010 county decals are available.

PROJECT MANAGER

Audra Repass, Project Manager encouraged residents to turn in census information.

LIBRARY REPORTS

Lois Shupe, representative reported the latest Library statistics.

ROUND THE MTN COMMITTEE

Steve Hermansen reported updates to Round the Mountain.

BUILDING OFFICIAL REPORTS

Joel Cagle, Building Official reported an update of office activities.

APPOINTMENTS

Mount Rogers Alcohol Safety Program

*****MOTION to reappoint Lorin Hanshew to the Mount Rogers Alcohol Safety Program, a 4-year term to expire 3-31-10 and reappoint John Mustard, as alternate to Mr. Hanshew, a 4-year term to expire 3-31-10, was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Roll vote: Mr. Asbury, yes; Mr. Blessing, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; Mrs. Hodock, yes;

Planning Commission

*****MOTION to reappoint John Dodson and James Baker to the Planning Commission, 4-year terms to expire 3-31-2010, was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Roll vote: Mr. Asbury, yes; Mr. Blessing, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; Mrs. Hodock, yes;

New River Highlands Resource Conservation & Development Council

*****MOTION to reappoint Steve Hermansen to the New River Highlands Resource Conservation & Development Council, a 1 year term to expire 12-31-2010, was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Roll vote: Mr. Asbury, yes; Mr. Blessing, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; Mrs. Hodock, yes;

NEW RADIOS FOR SHERIFFS VEHICLES APPROVED

*****In order to be narrow band compliant with the FCC by 1-1-2013, motion to approve the purchase of four portable radios for the new sheriff's vehicles ordered and the sheriff's business vehicle, for a total of five, at the costs of \$4,871.25, to be paid for through Courthouse Security funds, and approve the purchase of five low band mobile radios and five repeaters for the same vehicles, at a cost of \$12,541.45, to be paid from within the current 2009-2010 budget, and if there are no funds remaining within the current 09-10 budget, then pull from the reserves was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Karen Hodock. Six other vehicles would need to be equipped with the same. The sheriff has requested 3 within the 2010-2011 budget and will request three in next year's budget. Two quotes have been received and the sheriff's department was reminded that a third bid would be required.

Roll vote: Mr. Asbury, yes, Mr. Blessing, yes, Mr. Ramsey, abstaining, Mrs. Hodock, yes

DONATIONS OF COMBAT MATERIAL MUNICIPALITIES

*****MOTION to submit the necessary paperwork, in the County's name, to receive military equipment for display should a piece become available and authorize the County Administrator to sign on behalf of the County, was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Roll vote: Mr. Asbury, yes, Mr. Blessing, yes, Mr. Ramsey, yes, Mrs. Hodock, yes

2010 MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE SET

*****MOTION to set the County's 2010 mileage reimbursement rate as determined by the Internal Revenue Service, \$.50 per mile, effective March 1, 2010 was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Roll vote: Mr. Asbury, yes, Mr. Blessing, yes, Mr. Ramsey, yes, Mrs. Hodock, yes

CERES ALUMNI UTILITIES COSTS TO BE PAID

*****MOTION to pay the Ceres Alumni Association's December 2009 and the January 2010 gym AEP invoices plus the Museum's January 2010 AEP invoice, at a total of \$891.76, transferring from the Board's Community Donations Funds was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Roll vote: Mr. Asbury, yes, Mr. Blessing, yes, Mr. Ramsey, yes, Mrs. Hodock, yes

2010-2011 BUDGET CALENDAR APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget Calendar as amended was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Roll vote: Mr. Asbury, yes, Mr. Blessing, yes, Mr. Ramsey, yes, Mrs. Hodock, yes

DIRECT DEPOSIT OF PAYROLL

This topic was tabled until to the budget work sessions.

SUPERVISORS COMMUNITY DONATIONS APPROVED

*****MOTION to fund \$250.00 from the Board of Supervisors Community Donations line item and pay to the Bland County Varsity Baseball team and \$550.00 to purchase a County coin to be distributed to deserving and worthy people as requested by Nick Asbury was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Roll vote: Mr. Asbury, yes, Mr. Blessing, yes, Mr. Ramsey, yes, Mrs. Hodock, yes

CHANGE OF COMMAND CLARIFICATION

The change of command of Board members was clarified to be any request of the Board be provided to the County Administrator, who in turn would then direct a department head or staff. Mr. Blessing added the Board of Supervisors makes the rules and no individual supervisor has any power.

FAIRGROUNDS USAGE MEETING

It was the consensus of the Board that a meeting be organized with groups utilizing the Bland Fairgrounds.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY REQUEST NEW ROOF FUNDING

No action was taken on this topic.

CLOSED SESSION *****"Move to go into a closed session to discuss a personnel matter and consultation with legal counsel, as pursuant to 2.2-3711-A, subparagraph 1 and 7, of the Code of Virginia was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes.

"Move to return to Regular Session, adopt the certification and waive the reading of the certification of a Closed Session but certify that only items announced by the Board were discussed was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Nick Asbury, yes;

CONTINUANCE

The meeting was continued until 5:00 p.m., March 8, 2010, to a Joint Meeting with the School Board at the School Board Office in Bastian.

Henry M. Blessing, Chairman

Willie Howlett, County Administrator