

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse, Bland, Virginia, on the twenty fifth day of May 2010, 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 May 25, 2010 monthly meeting to order.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE TO FLAG

The invocation was offered by Joel Cagle and pledge to the flag was led by Mr. Blessing.

MAY 25, 2010 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED

IT WAS THE CONSENSUS of the Board to approve the May 25, 2010 meeting agenda.

MAY 25, 2010 CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED WITH ADDITION TO MINUTES

*****MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda as amended which consists of the Board meeting minutes of March 30, 2010, April 7, 2010, April 27, 2010, April 28, 2010, May 2, 2010, and May 12, 2010, bills for the month of May 2010, in the amount of \$139,717.14, payrolls of April 30, 2010 and May 17, 2010, totaling \$174,167.46, reports from the Sheriff, Treasurer, Animal/Litter Control, Building Official, E-911, Public Works Director, Meals & Lodging and Recycling, were made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

SOCIAL SERVICES MARCH 2010 REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the March 2010, Social Services report in the amount of \$75,821.34, with the local allotment of \$23,778.67, 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 JUNE 2010 REQUISITION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the Bland County School Boards' June 2010 requisition in the amount of \$3,076,176.00, to approve the meeting minutes of April 12, 2010, April 15, 2010 and April 19, 2010 and approve the check registers of April 6, 2010 and April 14, 2010, was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

SUPERVISOR'S REQUEST AMOUNT OF SCHOOL'S CONSTRUCTION FUNDS

Supervisor Mr. Blessing requested the dollar amount the School Board has for school construction.

TREASURER'S REPORT

John Goins, Treasurer presented an update on the sale of County decals, dog tags and the collection of Real Estate and Personal Property taxes.

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT

Representative Randy Moler appeared before the Board with an update on the Veterans Memorial, improvements to the grounds at the community parks and requirements for receipt of the \$30,246.00 grant received from the Wythe-Bland Foundation, to be used for fitness equipment at the parks.

*****MOTION to approve the purchase of five survey boxes, at approximately \$75.00, was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Nick Asbury.

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

*****MOTION to approve dusk to dawn lighting to the picnic areas at the community parks, with the county paying the bills, was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Roll vote: Mr. Asbury, yes, Mr. Blessing, no, Mr. Ramsey, no, Mrs. Hodock, yes. The motion failed.

Mr. Moler advised he would check with the neighbors on the lighting and bring back to the Board.

*****MOTION to approve the grant application to the Wythe-Bland Foundation for a basketball/tennis court to be placed in the center of the Ceres walking trail, contingent upon receipt of the grant, was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick

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

IT WAS THE CONSENSUS of the Board to allow the extra mulch at the Mechanicsburg Community Park be given to Elmer Chewning as requested.

*****MOTION to approve the purchase of a roll of landscaping material in the amount of \$65.00 was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS

Paul Cassell, County Attorney reported information on a juvenile court.

APPOINTMENTS

Wytheville Community College

*****MOTION to appoint Roger Thompson to the Wytheville Community College, a 4-year term to expire 6-30-2014, was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Roll vote: Mr. Asbury, yes, Mr. Blessing, no, Mr. Ramsey, yes, Mrs. Hodock, yes.

Social Services' Board

*****MOTION to reappoint Margaret Harless to the Social Services' Board, a 4 year term, to expire 6-30-2014, was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

SIBLEY COMMUNICATIONS' SURETY BOND RELIEVED

*****MOTION to suspend the Surety Bond condition imposed upon Sibley Communication's C.U.P., due to not being able to secure a bond that small, was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

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

JUSTICE PROPERTY USAGE APPLICATION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Property Usage Application for the Farmer's Market site as requested by the Bland/Wythe Master Gardeners/Bland County Historical Society, for June 7, 2010, was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

*****MOTION to ratify the Property Usage Application of UMC/Strock Family Relay for Life Teams for the Farmers Market site, which was used May 14, 2010 was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Roll vote for the combined motions: Mr. Asbury, yes, Mr. Blessing, yes, Mr. Ramsey, yes, Mrs. Hodock, yes.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE PROPERTY USAGE APPLICATIONS

*****MOTION to allow the County Administrator approve and sign off on Property Usage Applications, for the Farmer's Market site, was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

COURTHOUSE BELL TO BE SANDBLASTED AND STAND TO BE PAINTED

*****MOTION that the Courthouse bell be sandblasted and the bell stand to be painted for the 150 year celebration, to be done by Barry Havens, as sketched, and at no costs to the County, was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

VJCCCA FUNDING FOR 2011 AND 2012 APPROVED

*****MOTION to accept the VJCCCA funding for Fiscal Years 2011 and 2012 was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Nick Asbury.

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

SOMERSET COUNTY REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

No action was taken on the request of the Somerset County Commissioners to use toll credits as the non-federal share of an Appalachian Development Highway System. Mr. Howlett was directed to provide additional information to the board at the next regular meeting.

DUNN EDUCATIONAL POOL REIMBURSEMENT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Educational Pool reimbursement, as requested by Jenna Dunn, was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

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

BOS JUNE 2010 MEETING DATE/LOCATION CHANGE

*****MOTION to move the June 2010 Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting from June 22nd to June 29, 2010, to the Bastian School Board Office was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE PROCLAMATION

*****MOTION to approve the American Indian Heritage Proclamation for July 16th-18th, 2010 weekend was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

2009-2010 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR PATROL FUNDS

*****MOTION to approve an additional appropriation to the 2009-2010 budget from the Patrol Fund account balance, in the amount of \$505.10, to complete payment for police cars and equipment, as requested by the sheriff, was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

2009-2010 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

*****MOTION to approve an additional appropriation to the 2009-2010 Selective Enforcement budget for radio equipment in the amount of \$1,140.00 to be paid out of current budget, if not approve for an additional appropriation of both the expenditure and revenue 2009-2010 budget pulling from reserves, was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Nick Asbury.

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

WILDERNESS RD GUARDRAIL FOLLOWUP

Supervisor Mr. Ramsey requested the County Administrator check with VDOT on the guardrail request near the Reeds' property off Wilderness Road.

DROUGHT ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chairman Mr. Blessing opened the public hearing to receive public comment on the adoption of a Drought Ordinance.

Rodney Ratliff, Director of Public Works, briefed the Board regarding DEQ's regulations requiring the Ordinance to be in place for the County participation in the Regional Water Study.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were offered.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

The public hearing was closed.

DROUGHT ORDINANCE ADOPTED

*****MOTION to adopt the Drought Ordinance was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

CONTINUANCE

The meeting was continued to 6:00 p.m., June 9, 2010, Public Hearing for the 2010-2011 budget.

Henry M. Blessing, Chairman

Willie Howlett, County Administrator