

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Court House, Bland, Virginia, on the twenty sixth day of October 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: Eric Workman, County Administrator, Carol J. Hall, Deputy Administrator,
Paul Cassell, County Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mr. Blessing called the October 26, 2010, Board of Supervisor's monthly meeting to order.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE TO FLAG

The invocation was offered by Supervisor Jason Ramsey.

The pledge was led by Chairman Mr. Blessing.

OCTOBER 26, 2010 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED

IT WAS THE CONSENSUS of the Board to approve the October 26, 2010 meeting agenda with changes.

OCTOBER 26, 2010 CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the October 26, 2010 Consent Agenda which consists of the bills for the month of October 2010, in the amount of \$235,779.31, payrolls of Oct. 1, 2010, and October 15, 2010, totaling \$189,494.19, 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.

SOCIAL SERVICES AUGUST 2010 REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the August 2010, Social Services' report in the amount of \$60,405.54, with the local allotment of \$6,832.23, was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

SCHOOLS NOVEMBER 2010 REQUISITION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the Bland County School Boards' November 2010 requisition in the amount of \$800,000.00, to approve the meeting minutes of September 27, 2010, and approve the check registers/vendor payments for August 19, 2010, September 16, 2010 and September 21, 2010, was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

PARKS & RECREATION

Randy Moler, requested permission to apply for a grant to build a fitness park upon the Bastian School property. Mr. Moler was advised to speak with the School Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

John Goins, Treasurer advised that the 2010 Real Estate and Personal Property tickets has been mailed and the 2011 dog tags would be on sale November 1, 2010.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Remona Jackson, Animal/Litter Control Officer reported that a rabies clinic has been scheduled.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Frederick, resident, requested that should the old Bruces' building become available, that the county obtain for future planning. He also requested that the Mechanicsburg Cannery be painted Orange and Blue.

John Dodson, resident, made a formal request that the Board look seriously at a Supervisor-At-Large member or two, for the County.

The County Attorney was directed to investigate a Member-At-Large or a Fifth board member and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Douglas Stiltner, resident, requested the status of Chinquapin Lane, a private road within the Paradise Subdivision, being brought into the state's secondary road system.

The county administrator was directed to contact Bristol in response to Mr. Stiltner's request.

BB&T SIGNATURE RESOLUTION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the BB&T Signature Resolution as presented was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

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

VICTIM WITNESS 2010-2011 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve an additional appropriation of \$1,748.00 to the Victim Witness Department 2010-2011 budget, in order to match the grant amounts awarded, was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

FAIRGROUNDS LEASE CONTINUES

Tabled until the liability on events is addressed.

2010-2011 BUDGET TRANSFER APPROVED

*****MOTION to transfer \$6,501.00 from the Extension 2010-2011 Dept. budget to the Maintenance of Grounds budget was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Nick Asbury.

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

VIRGINIA'S FIRST REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL FACILITY AUTHORITY

Of the \$40,000.00 in excess dues paid to the Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facility Authority, *****MOTION to reinvest \$27,273.00 to the water and sewer project of the facility and the remaining \$12,727.00 be returned back to Bland County was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Karen Hodock. The County Administrator advised that if there is not unanimous consent from all member governments, the money will stay in the general fund of the Authority, as per the language of the Authority's organizational agreement. No motion was made.

Vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, no; Karen Hodock, yes.

BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT

*****MOTION to appropriate the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$1,096.00, to the Animal Control's revenue and expenditure 2010-2011 budgets, for the installation of communication equipment, and the remainder of \$196.18 for the costs be paid for within the present animal control budget, was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

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

BLAND PTSO WAIVER REQUEST APPROVED

*****MOTION to waive the \$15.00 permit fee for the inspection of the inflatables rented for the Bland Fall Festival as requested by the PTSO was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

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

OVERLOOK LANE APPROVED FOR 911 STREET

*****MOTION to name the street within the new subdivision upon East River Mtn., Overlook Lane, as requested by Diamondback Development was made by Nick Asbury and seconded was made by Karen Hodock.

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

VOLUNTEERS FOR COMMUNITIES

The County Administrator advised of the two college groups that would be coming, in March to perform volunteer work within the County.

WOLF CREEK BRIDGE

The County Administrator advised of the notice received that placed the Wolf Creek Bridge in the Virginia Landmarks Register.

LITTER PREVENTION AND RECYCLING PROGRAM GRANT RECEIVED

The Board was advised of receipt of the Litter Prevention and Recycling Program grant in the amount of \$5,910.

SOUTHEAST RURAL COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROJECT BUDGET REQUEST

The budget request from Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project, Inc. was tabled until next year's budget work sessions.

BLAND SEWER PROJECT

The County Administrator advised of the notice received from Rural Development that funding is not available, for the Bland Sewer Project, due to the 2010 community facilities allocation being exhausted.

Supervisor Mrs. Hodock, requested that the County Administrator inquired as to the status of grants for radios to be installed in school buses.

FINANCE MANAGER RECEIVES CERTIFICATION AS VIRGINIA CONTRACTING ASSOCIATE

Teresa Tolbert, Finance Manager was commended on the completion and certification as a Virginia Contracting Associate.

NACO DRUG CARD UPDATE

An update on the savings of residents utilizing the NACo Drug card was presented to the Board.

WADDLE REZONE APPLICATION PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chairman Mr. Blessing opened the public hearing to receive public comment on the application of Emory Waddle to rezone from commercial back to agricultural, property located in the Seddon District

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were offered.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

The public hearing was closed.

WADDLE REZONE APPROVED

*****MOTION that Tax. Map 90-A-18C be rezoned back from commercial to agricultural as recommended by the Planning Commission, was made by Nick Asbury and second was made by Jason Ramsey.

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

SMELSER C.U.P. PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Mr. Blessing opened the public hearing to receive public comment on the application of Michael Smelser, to operate a Wholesale Sales and Distribution office in Bland.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were offered.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

The public hearing was closed.

SMELSER C.U.P. APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Conditional Use Permit application request of Michael Smelser to operate a Wholesale Sales & Distribution, upon Tax Map 77A3-10-10A, with no conditions was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

ZONING AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE WIND ENERGY FACILITIES PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Blessing opened the public hearing to receive public comment on the proposal to add Wind Energy Facilities as a permitted use within the Zoning Ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gerhard Schoenthal, appeared in support of Wind Energy Facilities and encouraged the Board to approve, adding the desire that should the power grid go down, that the wind turbine company be able to supply electricity for the county.

James (Dewey) Bogle, spoke with concerns of the maximum height requirements and the limited number of towers per tax map but flavored the passing of the ordinance.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Mr. Blessing closed the public hearing.

ZONING AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE WIND ENERGY FACILITIES PASSES

*****MOTION to amend the Zoning Ordinance to include terms and conditions related to the installation and operation of Wind Energy Facilities, as presented, was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes and Karen Hodock, no.

CLOSED SESSION *****“Move to go into a closed session to discuss a Personnel matter, pursuant to 2.2-3711-A, subparagraph 1, of the Code of Virginia was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

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

HANSHEW OFFERED 9-1-1 /EMERGENCY SVC COORDINATOR CONTRACT

*****MOTION to offer the E9-1-1/Emergency Services Request for Proposal contract, to Lorin Hanshaw, which would include a MOU with the sheriff, was made by Karen Hodock and seconded made by Nick Asbury.

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

NOVEMBER 2010 BOARD MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULED

It was the consensus of the Board that the November monthly meeting be held November 30, 2010 instead of the normal fourth Tuesday of November 23, 2010.

ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned until November 30, 2010, to the Bland County Courthouse, Main Courtroom.

Henry M. Blessing, Chairman

Eric R. Workman, County Administrator