

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

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Eric Workman, County Administrator, Carol J. Hall, Deputy Administrator,
Paul Cassell, County Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Karen Hodock called the December 27, 2011, Board of Supervisor's monthly meeting to order.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE TO FLAG

The invocation was offered and pledge to the flag was led by Supervisor Jason Ramsey.

DECEMBER 27, 2011 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED

*****MOTION to approve the December 27, 2011 meeting agenda, as presented was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

DECEMBER 27, 2011 CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the December 27, 2011, Consent Agenda which consists of the board meeting minutes of November 29, 2011, bills for the month of December 2011 in the amount of \$193,976.46, payroll for November 16, 2011, December 1, 2011, and December 16, 2011, totaling \$304,582.53, reports from the Sheriff, Treasurer, Animal/Litter Control, Building Official, E-911, Public Works Director, Meals & Lodging and Recycling reports, were made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

SOCIAL SERVICES OCTOBER 2011 REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the October 2011, Social Services' report in the amount of \$74,800.14 with the local allotment being \$10,473.79, was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

SCHOOLS JANUARY 2011 REQUISITION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the Bland County School Boards' January 2012 requisition, in the amount of \$800,000.00, to approve the meeting minutes of November 14, 2011, approve the check registers/Vendor payments and payroll submitted for November 9, 2011 and November 14, 2011 were made by Nick Asbury, with second made by Henry Blessing.

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

COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE

Cindy Wright, Commissioner of Revenue appeared with an update of office activities.

TREASURER REPORTS

John Goins, Treasurer reported on the 2011 tax ticket collections.

Supervisor Mr. Blessing inquired as to the attachment of county decals to the personal property tax ticket.

APPOINTMENTS

Mount Rogers Planning District Commission

****MOTION to reappoint Brenda Thompson to the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission, a four year term to expire 12-31-2015, was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

Wireless Authority Board

****MOTION to appoint Chris Sutphin to the Wireless Authority, a four term to expire 12-31-2015, was made by Henry Blessing with second made by Nick Asbury.

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

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED – APPLICATION FOR C.U.P. TO OPERATE A SEWAGE FACILITY

Chair, Mrs. Hodock opened the Public Hearing to receive public input on the application that the Bland County Public Service Authority to operate a sewage facility on Tax Map #91-A-43, west side of St. Rt. 605, approximately 0.65 mile south of the Courthouse.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jesse Cowand, 1271 Main Street resident, appeared with the concern of funding for the sewer project, the odor, the noise and lighting, and questioned as to why the sewage could not be run over the mountain into Bastian,

Donna Cowand, 1271 Main St. resident, expressed her concern that the proposed plant is being put near homes, with most of the property being in a flood plain, and in her opinion the land could be used better, as an athletic field. The odor, noise and the lighting were also her concern.

Rita Palmer, 447 Raleigh Grayson Tpke. resident, expressed opposition to a sewage system on Main Street, and requested that another site be considered.

Ward Pauley, Jr., 7433 Main St. resident, expressed opposition to a sewage plant being built upon Main Street.

Emma King, 2243 Main St. resident, questioned the need of a sewer plant, and the cost to taxpayers.

Sharon Romano, 1596 Main St. resident, stated she was not opposed to a sewage plant, but opposed to the proposed location.

French Parsons, expressed concern of the waste water drainage near his cattle and expressed appreciation to the county administrator, for the time spent in a meeting with him.

Eric Workman, County Administrator advised of a public work session with the engineer to be held after public notice is given, and to note that the sewage plant project is dependent upon both federal and state funding agencies.

Rita Palmer, after being advised that a \$30,000 MRPDC grant was spent for a PER on the Bland site stated she would scrape together \$30,000 as give to the county to look at another site.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

The Public Hearing was closed upon motion made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Nick Asbury.

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

SEWAGE PLANT C.U.P. APPLICATION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the C.U.P. to operate a sewage facility upon the Bland site, with the conditions recommended by the planning commission: (1) No obtrusive lighting;(2) A buffer of evergreen screening;(3) a fence in place around facility and associated equipment; 6 foot high minimum;(4) the facility to be enclosed under one building, for aesthetic purposes;(5) the building be designed in a manner to reduce operating noise; and add the condition that a work session be held with the engineers and the residents, was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

SUPERVISOR RAMSEY RECOGNIZED

Supervisor Asbury presented an autographed Bland County map to Jason Ramsey expressing appreciation to him for the eight years of time and work as a member of the Bland County Board of Supervisors.

CIVIC, DONATION TO CERES ALUMNI

*****MOTION to pull \$335.00 for the Board's Civic, Donation line (Blessing) to pay towards the Ceres Alumni's heating oil bill, and pull the remaining funds needed to pay the entire bill from Ramsey's Civic, Donation line was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

DIRECT DEPOSIT OF COUNTY'S PAYROLL

Supervisor Mr. Asbury requested the county look into direct deposit again.

CIVIC, DONATION TO BLAND SPANISH CLUB

*****MOTION to fund \$250.00 to the Bland Spanish Club, pulling from the Board's Civic, Donation line (Asbury) was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

CONTINUANCE

*****IT WAS THE CONSENSUS of the Board to continue this meeting until the Organizational Meeting at 4:00 p.m., on January 3, 2012.

Karen H. Hodock, Chairman

Eric R. Workman, County Administrator