

VIRGINIA: At a Regular Meeting of the Bland County Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse located in Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-second day of November 2005, 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

PRESENT: John C. Thompson, Karen H. Hodock, Jason R. Ramsey, Henry M. Blessing

ABSENT: None

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman John Thompson called the regular monthly meeting of November 22, 2005 to order.

INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Supervisor, Mrs. Hodock.

PLEDGE TO FLAG

Chairman Thompson led the pledge alliance to the flag.

NOVEMBER 22, 2005 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED

IT WAS THE CONSENSUS of the Board to approve the November 22, 2005 meeting agenda with no changes.

CONSENT AGENDA

*****MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which consist of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 18, 2005, October 31, 2005 check register in the amount of \$1799.39, November 2005 check register in the amount of \$139,835.31, Payroll of October 17, 2005, November 1, 2005 and November 16, 2005 totaling \$206,226.80; reports from the Sheriff, Animal Control, Building Official, Public Works, E-911 Coordinator, Meals/Lodging and Recycling was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Resident Engineer, Frank Phipps updated the Board to include the progressing of the Rt. 644 bridge work and the installation of guardrail upon Rt. 698 and Rt. 52 in Bastian.

District 1, Supervisor Mr. Blessing requested a change to the location of a stop sign at the intersection of Rt. 615 and Rt. 618.

BLAND COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD AUXILLIARY REQUEST APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve money from community development for the purchase of gravels to fill in a rut in the driveway near the Rescue Squad property was made by Jason Ramsey 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 unanimously.

SOCIAL SERVICES SEPT 2005 REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Social Services, September 2005 report in the amount of \$40,603.77, with the local of \$8,239.22 was made by Jason Ramsey, seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

*****MOTION to approve the space and electricity needed to set up and decorate a Relay For Life Christmas Tree in the courthouse lobby to be used as a fund raiser for the American Cancer Society Bland County Relay For Life was made by Karen Hodock, seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

SCHOOLS DEC 2005 REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Schools December 2005 requisition in the amount of \$700,000.00, to approve for filing the meeting minutes of October 20th and October 24th, the check registers of October 13th and October 20th, 2005 and authorize the transfer and appropriation of \$12,096.75 from the Special Fund held in LGIP to the schools 2005-2006 budget.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Joann Shewey appeared before the Board reporting on office activities.

COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE'S MONTHLY

*****MOTION to schedule a public hearing on December 20, 2005 on the proposal to increase the gross combined income limits and the total combined financial worth limits for tax relief of the elderly and disabled as requested by Commissioner of Revenue, Cindy Wright, was made

by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE

Randy Moler, Committee designee spoke to the board regarding the progress of the Rocky Gap park shelter.

BUILDING OFFICIAL REQUEST ADOPTION OF SHRINK/SWELL SOIL POLICY

*****MOTION to schedule a public hearing in December 2005 to adopt a Shrink/Swell Soil Policy as required by the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code 2000 Section R401.4 and as recommended by Building Official, Keith Niday was made by Henry Blessing, seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Harlan Cox, Bastian resident, appeared before the board with his personal comments on the recent decision made by the board on denying the application of a cabinet shop and requested the board reconsider the issue.

Frank B. Newberry, Rt. 640 resident, spoke in favor of a Fence-In Ordinance to protect citizens in this county from property damage being done by livestock roaming freely and not being confined behind fences.

Gini Young, county resident, expressed concern of the cattle guards and the conditions of the road upon State Rt. 640.

The County Administrator was directed to look into the options of a Fence-In Ordinance and/or replacement of the cattle guards.

APPOINTMENTS

Economic Development Authority

*****MOTION to appoint James Starks to the Economic Development Authority for the unexpired term to expire September 30, 2009 was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

Mount Rogers Mental Health & Mental Retardation Community Services Board

*****MOTION to reappoint Foli Taylor to the Mount Rogers Mental Health & Mental Retardation Community Services Board for a three year term to expire December 31, 2008 was made by Henry Blessing, 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 unanimously.

District III Governmental Cooperative

*****MOTION to reappoint Karen Hodock and John Thompson to the District III Governmental Cooperative for a one year term to expire December 31, 2006 was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

Emergency Services Director

*****MOTION to reappoint John Thompson as Emergency Services Director for a one year term to expire December 31, 2006 was made by Henry Blessing, seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

HENRY C. GROSECLOSE TRAIL HEAD GRANT ACCEPTANCE

*****MOTION to accept the Henry C. Groseclose Trail Head Grant and authorize the County Administrator to sign on behalf of the County was made by Henry Blessing, seconded by Jason Ramsey.

The grant is in the amount of \$48,000.00. The \$12,000.00 required local match would be paid from the community development funds budget.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY INSURANCE AGREEMENT

*****MOTION to approve the Economic Development and County's Insurance Agreement and authorize the chairman to sign was made by Jason Ramsey 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 unanimously.

PPTRA ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED

*****MOTION to schedule a public hearing on December 20, 2005 to receive public comment on the adoption of the Personal Property Tax Relief Act Ordinance (PPTRA) was made by Henry Blessing 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 unanimously.

BLAND MINISTRY CENTER REQUEST WAIVER OF PERMIT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the waiver of a building permit for a Lee Tynes in the amount of \$121.86 as requested by the Bland Ministry Center was made by Jason Ramey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

2005 HOLIDAY SCHEDULED APPROVED

*****MOTION to ratify the decision of the board to approve the 2005 Thanksgiving schedule as presented and follow the Christmas and New Year's state schedule was made by Jason Ramsey 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 unanimously.

2006 PEPPERS FERRY REGIONAL WASTEWATER MOU APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the 2006 Peppers Ferry Regional Wastewater Memorandum of Understanding and authorize the county administrator to sign on behalf of the county was made by Henry Blessing 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 unanimously.

MOUNT ROGERS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION APPLICATION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

*****MOTION to approve the Resolution in Support of the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission's application for Economic Development Administration Planning Assistance and authorize the chairman to sign was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

EMINENT DOMAIN RESOLUTION APPROVED

*****MOTOIN to approve the Eminent Domain Resolution and authorize the chairman to sign was made by Henry Blessing 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 unanimously.

NOISE ORDINANCE DRAFTED

The Board was provided a draft of a county Noise Ordinance for review.

VDOT SECONDARY SIX-YEAR PLAN PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chairman John Thompson opened the public hearing to receive public comment on the Department of Transportation's Six Year Secondary Road Plan.

Resident Engineer Frank Phipps read the proposed resolution outlining the requirements of the public hearing and approval needed by the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Shirley Cox, Rt. 612 resident appeared before the board with the desire that Rt. 612, Kimberling Road be moved up on the schedule for road improvements within the Six-Year Plan.

VDOT PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Chairman Mr. Thompson closed the public hearing to public comments.

SIX - YEAR SECONDARY ROAD PLAN TABLED

The adoption of the County's Six-Year Secondary Road Plan was tabled until the December 2005 meeting.

STATE RT 612- KIMBERLING ROAD TO RURAL RUSTIC ROAD CONCEPT

*****MOTION to adopt a resolution recommending State Rt. 612 for the Rural Rustic Road Concept was made by Jason Ramsey 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 unanimously.

COTTAGE INDUSTRIES AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chair Mr. Thompson opened the public hearing announcing the public hearing was being held to

receive public comment on the amendment to the Bland County Zoning Ordinance to include Cottage Industry, with a Conditional Use Permit, as a permitted use within an Agricultural District.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following persons spoke to the board with their concerns regarding the proposal to add cottage industry with a conditional use permit in the agricultural zone to the Zoning Ordinance.

Kathy Pruett
Randy Moler
Julie McFann
Linda Bradshaw
Buddy Taylor
James D. Bogle
Raymond Clemons
Ron Taconet
Harlan Cox
Karen Pluth
Ronald Clemons

The public hearing was closed by Chairman, John Thompson.

COTTAGE INDUSTRY APPROVED AS PERMITTED USE

*****MOTION to approve Cottage Industry with a Conditional Use Permit as a permitted use in an Agricultural zone and any person currently operating a Cottage Industry be grandfathered and is to notify county administration for a permit of compliance at no cost, with civic and non profits being exempt from this statute was made by Henry Blessing, seconded by Karen Hodock.

Call vote on this motion was: Karen Hodock, yes; John Thompson, yes; Henry Blessing, yes Jason Ramsey, no. The motion passed.

COYOTE CONTROL

The County Administrator was directed to look into options of a coyote control issue in lieu of bounty.

FIRE DEPTS COMMUNICATION

As Emergency Services Director it was recommended that John Thompson along with the County Administrator work together in organizing a committee composed of members to all the fire departments in the county on working together to improve communication and the joint application of any grants.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned until 5:00 p.m., December 20, 2005

John C. Thompson, Chairman

Jonathan Sweet, County Administrator