

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse, Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-ninth day of September 2015 at 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

PRESENT: Henry Blessing, Randy Johnson, Karen Hodock, Nick Asbury

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Eric Workman, County Administrator; Sharon May, Deputy Clerk; Paul Cassell, County Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Karen Hodock called the September 29, 2015 Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting to order.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The invocation was offered by Eric Workman. Karen Hodock, Chairperson led the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag.

SEPTEMBER 29, 2015 MEETING AGENDA WITH ADDITIONS

*****MOTION to approve the agenda was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Vote passed unanimously.

SEPTEMBER 29, 2015 CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the September 29, 2015 Consent Agenda which consisted of the minutes of the August 25, 2015 regular meeting; payroll issued 08-31-2015 in the amount of \$122,353.11; payroll issued 09-16-2015 in the amount of \$117,451.92; bills for the month of September, 2015 in the amount of \$250,909.57; reports from the Treasurer, E911, Animal Control, Project Manager, Building Official, , Public Works Director, and Meals & Lodging was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Vote passed unanimously.

SOCIAL SERVICES JULY 2015 REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the July 2015 Social Services' report in the amount of \$88,045.77 with the local allotment of \$9,996.09 was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Vote passed unanimously.

SCHOOL'S SEPTEMBER 2015 REQUISITION

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the Bland County School Board's September 2015 requisition in the amount of \$800,000.00; special Board meeting on September 9, 2015 and September 21, 2015; regular meeting August 24, 2015; check registers/vendor payments submitted for August 2015 was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Randy Johnson, yes Nick Asbury, no; Karen Hodock, yes; and Henry Blessing, yes. The motion passed.

BOARDS AND COMMISSION'S REPORTS

Treasurer

John Goins, Treasurer updated the Board of Supervisors as follows his office has been very busy collected revenue for the county, Robinson, Farmer Cox completed their preliminary work for the audit; the treasurer's office has been receiving help from Tazewell county who uses DMV Stop, John is working on the delinquent taxpayers to be listed in the newspaper.

RC&D Counsel

Steve Hermansen gave an update for the RC& D counsel.

APPOINTMENTS

*****MOTION to reappoint David Dillow and Tim Havens to the Economic Development Authority, this is a four year term that will expires September 30, 2019 and to reappoint Henry Blessing to the Joint Public Service Authority, this is a four year term expires September 30, 2019 was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Randy Johnson.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Nick Asbury, yes; Randy Johnson, yes Karen Hodock, yes; and Henry Blessing, abstain. The motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

H.S. Caudill spoke concerning Burke's Garden Road closure. He is asking County of Bland Supervisors, Forest Service and Tazewell County to negotiate with private land owners to open this road and keep it open.

David Nichols spoke in favor of opening the Burke's Garden Road.

Jeff Pauley spoke in favor of opening the gates throughout the county to the National Forest land to be available for hunting.

David McKeague, U.S. Forest Service updated giving the circumstances for closing the National Forest Roads, there is no funding for upkeep of these roads, with concern for the safety of citizens traveling on the dangerous roads.

Eddie Hoge asks David MdKeague if he was aware that there was an agreement made between the Board of Supervisors and the National Forest years prior to keep the National Forest roads open.

David McKeagur, said he was not aware, that took place before his time. He also stated that the Forest Service had attempted to come to an agreement with the private land owners concerning the Burke's Garden Road, but were unable to come to an agreement. The Forest service would be willing to come to the negotiation table again concerning Burke's Garden Road.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS

RESOLUTION

Round Mountain Road and Burke's Garden Road

*****MOTION to approve a resolution in request of the U. S. Forest Service to open public road access on Round Mountain road and Forest Service maintenance on Burke's Garden Road was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Randy Johnson.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Henry Blessing, yes; Randy Johnson, yes Nick Asbury, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; and. The motion passed.

ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT – FESTIVAL OF LEAVES

*****MOTION to approve the entertainment permit for the Festival of Leaves was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Vote passed unanimously.

TRASH ADJUSTMENTS

****MOTION to approve the trash adjustments from July 2015- September 2015 in the amount of \$2,059.99 was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote passed unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Eric Workman updated the Board of Supervisors as follows: WCIV project is finished and the September 30, 2015 ribbon cutting and the Annual Business Appreciation Dinner was a success; Greenway Project is moving along.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TIME

*****MOTION to remove John Dodson from all boards involved with the County of Bland was made by Nick Asbury. Karen Hodock, Chairperson asks is there a second to the motion. The motion fell to the floor.

*****MOTION to adhere to a study that had been completed several years back concerning the security of the Bland County Courthouse by cutting the boxwoods in the front and having security points at the entrances of the building was made by Nick Asbury. Karen Hodock asks Nick Asbury to read the information about the motion again. Nick Asbury refused. Karen Hodock, Chairperson asks is there a second to the motion. The motion fell to the floor.

Mr. Asbury exited.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

*****“Move to go into an executive session to discuss a Personnel and Legal Consultation, pursuant to 2.2-3711-A, paragraph 1 & 6, of the Code of Virginia was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Randy Johnson, yes; Henry Blessing, yes and Karen Hodock, yes; and. The motion passed.

*****“Move to return to Regular Session, adopt the certification and waive the reading of the certification of a Executive Session but certify that only items announced by the Board were discussed was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Randy Johnson, yes; Henry Blessing, yes and Karen Hodock, yes. The motion passed.

ADJOURNED

*****MOTION to adjourn was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Randy Johnson.

Vote passed unanimously.

Karen Hodock, Chairman

Eric Workman, Clerk of the Board