

## **Board of Supervisors: Minutes for 01-2002**

VIRGINIA: At a Regular Meeting of the Bland County Board of Supervisors held at the Courthouse, Bland, Virginia, on the twenty second day of January 2002, the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent:

PRESENT: Frank W. Chandler, Chairman, Wade D. Blankenship, Robert O. Munsey, Danny Kinder

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Ron Hachey, County Administrator, Carol J. Hall, Secretary, Mike Beasaul, Assistant County Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT: Resident Engineer Frank Phipps, Assistant Resident Engineer Marty Holloway, Virginia Department of Transportation; Wayne Quesenberry, The Bland Messenger; Jack Murphy, T+L; several citizens

CALL TO ORDER Chair Frank Chandler called the regular meeting to order.

INVOCATION Supervisor Robert Munsey offered the invocation.

PLEDGE ALLIANCE Wade Blankenship led the pledge of alliance to the flag.

### CONSENT AGENDA

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda as presented was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes. Items within the Consent Agenda included minutes of the Continued Meeting of December 11, 2001, Regular Meeting of December 18, 2001, Organizational Meeting of January 3, 2002, the Bills and Payroll for the month of January 2002 in the amount of \$528,544.92, reports of the Treasurer, Commissioner of Revenue, Recycling Program, Building Inspector, and Animal Control.

### VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Frank Phipps, VDOT Resident Engineer updated the Board in regard to the Rt. 604 bridge and advised that due to the state budget reduction in secondary road funds, there would need to be another public hearing for the Bland County Six-Year Secondary Road Plan. Other issues covered by VDOT and the Board were road conditions of Rt. 604 Mechanicsburg and the Rt. 612 right-away through the National Forest.

### COURTHOUSE PROJECT UPDATE

Project Manager David Denny presented to the Board the latest schematic floor plans of the courthouse project after meeting with various offices and judges. He advised that the new design

was still within the same budgeted amount. It is anticipated that the project will be put out to bid in May 2002 and construction would take from 12-14 months.

#### VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION AGENT RECOGNIZED

Mr. Chandler read the words of praise that were contained in a framed Certificate of Appreciation for his 32 years of service to the residents of Bland County.

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to adopt the Resolution recognizing the retirement of the Extension Agent David Danner was made by Danny Kinder, seconded by Robert Munsey with Wade Blankenship and Frank Chandler voting yes.

#### DROUGHT DISASTER ASSISTANCE AREA DECLARED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to adopt the Resolution declaring Bland County as a drought disaster assistance area and authorize the chairman to sign the resolution was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

#### PRESSLEY RIDGE SCHOOL

Representative Roberta Young briefed the Board in regard to services offered through the Pressley Ridge School, which include foster care services, case management and homecare services. Mrs. Young advised the Board members that their agency would be in the county recruiting foster parents and obtaining referrals.

#### SOCIAL SERVICES

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the November 2001 Social Services report in the amount of \$44,381.24 with the local match of \$6,290.25 was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Robert Munsey with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

Director Yvonne Endicott requested the Board adopt resolutions opposing the changes to the method of funding the Comprehensive Services Act and opposing the consolidation of local department of Social Services as discussed by the General Assembly.

#### SCHOOLS

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the School's February 2002 requisition in the amount of \$578,500.00 was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Robert Munsey with Danny Kinder with Frank Chandler voting yes.

#### APPOINTMENTS

District III Governmental Cooperative \*\*\*\*\*MOTION to appoint Robert Munsey to the District III Governmental Cooperative for a one year term to expire December 31, 2002 was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Danny Kinder with Frank Chandler voting yes and Robert Munsey abstaining.

District III Governmental Cooperative Alternate \*\*\*\*\* MOTION to appoint Frank Chandler as an alternate to Mr. Munsey to the District III Governmental Cooperative for a one year term to expire 12-31-02 was made by Danny Kinder, seconded by Robert Munsey with Wade Blankenship voting yes and Frank Chandler abstaining.

#### HILL DAIRY C.U.P REQUESTS ELIMINATION OF CONDITION

Jimmy Tate appeared before the Board with the request to eliminate the Condition #3 of the Hill Dairy Conditional Use Permit application approved by the Board on January 2002. The condition requires that the leased area be screened with evergreen trees of at least 6' in height when planted. The County Administrator was instructed to contact American Tower and encourage them to plant white pines and to control the seedlings which may or may not spread into Mr. Tate's pastures.

#### BOY SCOUTS SWIMMING POOL

The County Administrator was instructed to get additional information relating to the County's use and costs in utilizing the Boy Scout swimming pool by County residents and report his findings to the Board at the next meeting.

#### FIRE HYDRANTS REPAIR COSTS

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to find the \$2208 needed to replace the adapters of the six fire hydrants in question so that they can be used by the new fire trucks was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Danny Kinder with Wade Blankenship and Frank Chandler voting yes.

#### COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to authorize the advertisement for a Public Hearing on adopting an ordinance requiring the filing of the Statement of Economic Interests was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Robert Munsey with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

#### CLOSED SESSION

"Move to go into a closed session to discuss a personnel, real estate and contractual matter pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.1-344A, subparagraph 1, 3 and 7 of the Code of Virginia" was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

"Move to return to Regular Session and adopt the certification of a closed session was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes:

#### CERTIFICATION OF A CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, the Bland County Board of Supervisors convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.1-344A, subparagraph 1, 3 and 7 of the Code of Virginia and in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

WHEREAS, Section 2.1-344A of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Bland County Board of Supervisors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bland County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting in which this Certification Resolution applies; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Bland County Board of Supervisors.

#### CSA RESOLUTION OPPOSING CHANGES

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to adopt the CSA Resolution opposing the changes to the state's method of funding was adopted by motion made of Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes. A copy of the Resolution is filed with the Board's monthly packet.

#### RESOLUTION OPPOSING CONSOLIDATION OF LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to adopt the resolution opposing the consolidation of local departments of social services was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes. A copy of said resolution is filed with the Board's monthly packet.

#### PUBLIC HEARING ESTABLISHING DATES FOR EQUALIZATION REVIEW OPENED

Chairman, Frank Chandler opened the Public Hearing noting that the purpose was to receive public input on an Ordinance to establish dates for an Equalization Review.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

M. H. Bowen, Jr., resident expressed his concern of the increased assessment values being placed

upon properties noting this was too much of an increase for six years. He also expressed his dissatisfaction with the National Forest purchasing more Bland County land.

Harold Andrews, resident seconded Mr. Bowen's opinion.

#### PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to close the Public Hearing was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Danny Kinder with Robert Munsey and Frank Chandler voting yes.

#### ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH DATES FOR EQUALIZATION REVIEW ADOPTED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to adopt the Ordinance to Establish Dates for Equalization Review stating applications to the Board will be made between March 1, 2002 and April 1, 2002 and the deadline for disposition of applications by the Board shall be June 1, 2002 was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Robert Munsey with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

#### PUBLIC HEARING – DAVIS POLLING PLACE CHANGE OPENED

Chairman, Frank Chandler opened the public hearing stating the purpose of the hearing was to receive public input on the amendment to the Bland County Redistricting Ordinance to move the polling place in the Davis Election District from the Little Creek Community Building to the Little Creek Volunteer Fire Department.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

#### PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to close the public hearing was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Robert Munsey with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

#### DAVIS POLLING PLACE CHANGE

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to adopt the ordinance amending the Bland County Redistricting Ordinance to move the polling place in the Davis Election District from the Little Creek Community Building to the Little Creek Volunteer Fire Department was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Robert Munsey with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

#### TEA-21 PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chairman, Frank Chandler opened the public hearing advising the purpose of the hearing was to

receive public input on the review of the Transportation Enhancement Program (TEA-21) grant application for walking trails at the Ceres, Hollybrook and Rocky Gap sites.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

County Administrator Ron Hachey explained the grant application and advised that under the TEA-21 guidelines all projects must relate to the transportation function and recreational items such as the proposed walking trail project would not be looked upon favorably by the grant reviewers.

Elmer Chewning, President Mechanicsburg Ruritan Club, requested that the Mechanicsburg Community Center grounds be included in the grant application and also be included in any recreational committee recommendations for improvements.

M.H. Bowen, Jr., Sharon resident, questioned as to how much money would be spent on such a project.

#### PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to close the Public Hearing was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Danny Kinder with Robert Munsey and Frank Chandler voting yes.

#### TEA-21 GRANT APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to not submit a TEA-21 Grant Application was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Danny Kinder with Wade Blankenship and Frank Chandler voting yes.

County Administrator Ron Hachey recommended that this topic be given to the Recreational Committee to come up with a project for next years' grant application.

#### CONTINUANCE OF MEETING

This meeting was continued until February 12, 2002 if needed.

Frank W. Chandler, Chairman

Ron Hachey, County Administrator

