

Board of Supervisors: Minutes for 03-26-2002

VIRGINIA: At a Regular Meeting of the Bland County Board of Supervisors held at the Courthouse, Bland, Virginia on the twenty-sixth day of March 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, John Rife, Assistant to County Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT: Frank Phipps, Marty Holloway, Virginia Department of Transportation; Wayne Quesenberry, The Bland Messenger; Andy Hall, The Peaks; Carolyn McCorkindale, SREC; John Dodson & RGHS students; 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.

REPASS RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

*****MOTION to approve the resolution of appreciation recognizing Jonan Repass for her twenty-six years of service to Bland County was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Robert Munsey with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

BOARD APPROVED AGENDA

*****MOTION to approve the March 26, 2002 agenda as presented was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

CONSENT AGENDA

*****MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda as amended was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Robert Munsey with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes. Items within the Consent Agenda included: 1) minutes of the regular meeting of February 26, 2002 with an amendment to conduct a speed study along the entire length of Little Creek Road; 2) approve the minutes of the continued meeting of March 12, 2002; 3) Bills and Payroll for the month of March 2002 in the amount of \$280,708.84; 4) and reports of the Treasurer, Commissioner of Revenue, Recycling Program, Building Official and Animal Control Officer.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

VDOT Resident Engineer Frank Phipps updated the Board in regards to the Rt. 604 bridge project, the Rt. 611 project, the Rt. 613 & Rt. 601 speed study resolutions and the Rt. 660 bridge.

Revenue Sharing Program

*****MOTION to approve the resolution and the log requesting VDOT Revenue Sharing Funds for a road in Ridgeway Subdivision and be sent to VDOT in Richmond was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

*****MOTION to adopt a revised resolution to conduct a speed study in Little Creek to include Rt. 717, Rt. 601 and Rt. 602 and to authorize the Chairman to sign it was made by Danny Kinder, seconded by Robert Munsey with Wade Blankenship and Frank Chandler voting yes.

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL ENTERPRISE CENTER, INC

Carolyn McCorkindale, Executive Director, appeared before the Board with the request that the Board financially support the Incubator Program in FY 2002-2003.

PEAKS OF VA/MT. ROGERS PARTNERSHIP

Andy Hall, Executive Director, briefed the Board on the legislation creating the Peaks of Virginia and outlined the mission of the Partnership.

SOCIAL SERVICES

*****MOTION to approve the March 2002 Social Services report in the amount of \$46,853.15 with the local match of \$6,211.78 was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Robert Munsey with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

SCHOOLS

*****MOTION to approve the schools April 2002 requisition in the amount of \$624,000.00 was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Danny Kinder with Wade Blankenship and Frank Chandler voting yes.

SMYTH/BLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY

Harry Shupe, Library Representative, advised the Board of the increase in library circulation, which was due mainly to video rentals. Mr. Shupe noted that additional steps are being taken in the monitoring of computers to control pornographic usage at the library.

RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE

Recreation Committee Member Randy Newberry appeared before the Board with the request to order concrete and pipe for volleyball nets at the Hollybrook and Mechanicsburg Community Centers.

*****MOTION to approve the expenditures for the purchase of quik crete and pipe for the volleyball nets and grass seed needed at the Hollybrook and the Mechanicsburg fields was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

There was a discussion about the clean up week planned for April 8th through April 13th. The Committee would like to have use of the County's backhoe in the Little Creek section of the County to clean up some large dumpsites. The dumpster sites will be located throughout the County to be used by volunteers cleaning up illegal dumps and roadside litter.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS

John Rife, Assistant to the County Attorney informed the Board of the sale of properties from delinquent taxes has been scheduled for May 18, 2002.

TREASURER

*****MOTION to use money from within the Treasurer's budget to purchase a new computer at the cost of \$1,234 was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Foli Taylor, Bland Resident, appeared before the Board and complimented the Animal Control Officer for the way he handled a call concerning a dog. She also wanted to know the status on the sealing and relining of the library parking lot.

David Muhley, Sierra Club Representative, appeared with the request that the Board approve a letter to President Bush regarding the Roadless Area Conservation Rule which protects 58.5 million acres of wild national forestlands from road building and commercial logging. This would include 414,000 acres in the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests in Virginia. It was the consensus of the Board not to rule on this matter at this time, but to wait on the public's input.

Brenda King, speaking for Nancy Tate, reported to the Board that they had a petition with 317 signatures on it for a group willing to lease and restore the old Jail Building.

Bob Myers, resident of Rt. 608, spoke to the Board about his concern of the recently completed reassessment performed by Blue Ridge Appraisal Company. He stated that there were discrepancies with the values placed in property in the County. It was concluded that the Board would look farther into this matter for any recourse.

BLAND COUNTY WEBSITE

Educator John Dodson and some of his students from Rocky Gap High School conducted a presentation of their Bland County website to the Board. Mr. Dodson requested that the Board consider a contribution of \$6,000 in the 2002-2003 fiscal year budget to be used towards the purchase of computer software/hardware to be used in conjunction with the website project.

FIRST VIRGINIA BANK

Randy Nicely, Assistant Vice-President of Treasury Services of the First Virginia Bank-Southwest, offered information on the Treasury Workstation, which would provide state-of-the-art on-line capabilities through modules to automatically manage the County's accounts with First Virginia bank. The Board asked the County Treasurer to determine whether or not this system would be of benefit to the County.

APPOINTMENTS

*****MOTION to reappoint Fred Pennington to the Mount Rogers Alcohol Safety Program for a 4 year term to expire March 31, 2006 was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Danny Kinder with Wade Blankenship and Frank Chandler voting yes.

*****MOTION to appoint Lorin Hanshew to the Mount Rogers Alcohol Safety Program for a 4 year term commencing April 2, 2002 and ending March 31, 2006 was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

*****MOTION to appoint Clinton Kegley to the Wytheville Community College Board of Directors for a 4 year term to expire June 30, 2006 replacing Samuel Bernard was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

COUNTY PAYROLL CHANGE

*****MOTION to pay all County employees twice per month beginning in July 2002 was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Danny Kinder with Robert Munsey and Frank Chandler voting yes.

SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT REVENUE OF FINES

*****MOTION to send a letter to the Sheriff advising that effective July 1, 2002 that money generated from tickets written on Interstate 77 during Selective Enforcement duty will be divided as follows: 1) 5% would be deducted for the Circuit Court Clerk fee and then the remaining 95% would be split - 80% deposited in account specified for Deputies Selective Enforcement salaries/fringe benefits and for Sheriffs Department expenses not covered in his regular budget and 3) 20% deposited into the General Fund was made by Danny Kinder, seconded by Robert Munsey with Wade Blankenship and Frank Chandler voting yes.

CSA 2001-2002 SUPPLEMENTAL ALLOCATION REQUEST

*****MOTION to approve the CSA 2001-2002 supplement request #2 which would increase the local match share requirement by \$9,261.41 was made by Danny Kinder, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Robert Munsey and Wade Blankenship voting yes.

GASB #34 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

*****MOTION to adopt the GASB #34 Resolution capitalization with a threshold of \$5000 was made by Danny Kinder, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Robert Munsey and Frank Chandler voting yes.

2002-2003 COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE

*****MOTION to continue with The Local Choice as the employees' 2002-2003 health insurance carrier with the county paying premiums at the same percentage as they currently do was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Danny Kinder with Robert Munsey and Frank Chandler voting yes.

RIFES' REQUEST TAX REIMBURSEMENT

The County Administrator was instructed to investigate the request by Tammy Rife concerning a six -year erroneous tax assessment of her doublewide.

CLOSED SESSION

"Move to go into a closed session to discuss a real estate matter pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.1-344A, subparagraph 3 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 following certification of a closed session was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Danny Kinder with Wade Blankenship 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 3 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.

COUNTY PURCHASE OF WIMMER PROPERTY

*****MOTION to purchase the Wimmer property and authorize the Chairman to sign the deed was made by Danny Kinder, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Robert Munsey and Frank Chandler voting yes.

CONTINUANCE OF MEETING

Mr. Chandler continued this meeting until 6:30 p.m. on April 9, 2002, in order to have a workshop on the FY '02-'03 budget.

Frank Chandler, Chairman

Ron Hachey, Clerk