

## **August Supervisor Meeting Agenda**

VIRGINIA: At a Regular Meeting of the Bland County Board of Supervisors held at the Courthouse, Bland, Virginia on the twenty-seventh day of August 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; James E. Cornwell, County Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT: Frank Phipps, Marty Holloway, Virginia Department of Transportation; Wayne Quesenberry, The Bland County Messenger; and a large group of citizens

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

INVOCATION Supervisor Robert Munsey offered the invocation.

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

### **BOARD APPROVED AGENDA**

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the August 27, 2002 agenda as presented was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Robert Munsey with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes. Items within the Consent Agenda included: 1) minutes of the regular meeting of July 23, 2002; 2) bills for the month of August 2002 in the amount of \$203,788.72; 3) payroll for the second half of July 2002 and the first half of August 2002 in the amount of \$115,981.08; and 5) reports of the Treasurer, Commissioner of Revenue, Recycling Program, Building Official and E-911 Coordinator.

### **VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

VDOT Resident Engineer Frank Phipps updated the Board in regards to the installation of guardrails on Rt. 613 and Rt. 608, the start of construction on Rt. 611, the delaying of the Rt. 609 bridge replacement until spring 2003, completion of the Sadler Subdivision project, paving of Rt. 624 and the submission to the VDOT Richmond office of the Rt. 606 speed study from Rt. 42 to the beginning of the 45 mph speed zone near the Shiloh Church.

The VDOT Rural Rustic Road Program was briefly discussed and Mr. Phipps stated that any

roads fitting the requirements of this program would be reviewed and discussed at the next six-year plan meeting.

#### SOCIAL SERVICES

No report was available.

#### SCHOOLS

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the schools' September 2002 requisition in the amount of \$600,000.00 was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Robert Munsey with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

Dr. Alderman advised the Board that an architectural firm has been hired to complete a full evaluation of the schools' present facilities and evaluate properties for a new facility if needed.

#### MOUNT ROGERS COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

Executive Director Wally Cline outlined the services offered to Bland County through the Mt. Rogers Community Services Board programs.

#### TREASURER JOANN SHEWEY BRIEFS BOARD

Treasurer JoAnn Shewey discussed the results of the delinquent tax sale and distributed copies of the summary report as compiled by Clerk Ronnie Hall.

#### SMYTH-BLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY

Library representative Harry Shupe reported the monthly usage statistics and programs at the Bland Library.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Citizens Request Board to Reverse Denial of the Bland Ministry's Conditional Use Permit

Bland County resident Paul Looney appeared before the Board with a petition of signatures requesting that the Board reverse its decision to deny the Bland Ministry's CUP request to construct a warehouse building. Mr. Looney then summarized a partial list of the services offered by the Ministry.

Citizen Raymond Clemons also requested that the Board reconsider its decision denying the CUP since the Ministry benefits the elderly, the disabled and the children of Bland County.

Ministry Director Allan Mahan advised that it is the desire of the Ministry to stay in Bland County and added that they do not have funds to purchase another piece of property to continue their work.

Citizen Buzz Richardson added that if the Board was concerned about the appearance of the building and grounds, the citizens that volunteer at the mission would help out to improve the appearance of the property just to keep them in the county.

Citizen Earl C. Faulkner informed the Board that the food bank in the Mechanicsburg area had closed its doors and requested that the Board help keep the Bland Ministry open in Bland County.

County Attorney James Cornwell advised the Board, as per Section 62.155 of the Bland County Code which is based on Section 15.2-22 of the Code of Virginia, that no similar petition for a CUP can be accepted within twelve months of the action taken. However, the Ministry could work with the zoning administrator on submitting another application that differs from the application that was denied.

#### Request for a Rocky Gap Sewer Project

Resident Denise Smith spoke to the Board requesting a public sewage system in the Rocky Gap area due to the high number of septic systems in use. The Board thanked Ms. Smith for her comments and took them under advisement.

#### APPOINTMENTS

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to recommend Jeanie Owens to the Circuit Court Judge to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five year term to expire on September 11, 2007 was made by Danny Kinder, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Robert Munsey and Frank Chandler voting yes.

#### DROUGHT RELIEF RESOLUTION ADOPTED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to adopt the Drought Relief Resolution was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes. A copy of this resolution will be filed with the Board's monthly packet.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to adopt a Pledge of Allegiance Resolution was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Robert Munsey with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes. A copy of this resolution will be filed with the Board's monthly packet.

#### FESTIVAL OF LEAVES' PROPERTY USEAGE/ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the 2002 Festival of Leaves' request for a Property Usage/Entertainment Permit upon the courthouse lawn for October 12th and 13th was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Robert Munsey with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

#### BLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PROPERTY USAGE PERMIT APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the Bland United Church Property Usage Permit for a September 11th memorial service upon the courthouse lawn was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Danny Kinder with Robert Munsey and Frank Chandler voting yes.

#### E-911 ROAD NAMING ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to set and advertise the E-911 Road Naming Ordinance public hearing for September 24, 2002 was made by Danny Kinder, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Robert Munsey and Frank Chandler voting yes.

#### BUILDING OFFICIAL'S AGREEMENT WITH BLUEFIELD, VA APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the Building Official's Agreement with Bluefield, VA was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes. A copy of this agreement will be filed with the Board's monthly packet.

#### NOISE ORDINANCE

The Noise Ordinance was briefly discussed. \*\*\*\*\* MOTION to table this item until the next regular meeting on September 24th was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

#### COUNTY OWNED VEHICLES DECLARED SURPLUS

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to: 1) declare as surplus the 1990 Ford Tempo and the 1996 Chevrolet Lumina

and use the money generated from the sale of these two vehicles to purchase a 1996 Chevy S10 pickup truck from the Sheriff for use by the Animal Control Department and deposit the \$2,000 purchase price into the Sheriff's seized property budget line item; 2) sell the dog box and use the money generated to purchase a cab cover for the truck bed where the dogs will be tied; 3) designate the red Jeep Cherokee and the Ford Crown Victoria for use by the County Administrator and staff; and 4) transfer the emergency lights from the green jeep to the Chevy S10 and then assign the green Jeep Cherokee to the Building Official was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

#### BAILEY EASEMENT FOR MONITORING WELL

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve and record the Deed of Easement on the Baileys' property located adjacent to the former landfill property for the purpose of drilling a monitoring well was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Robert Munsey with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

#### ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY REQUEST SUPPORT OF CIGARETTE TAX LEGISLATION

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to support the legislation that counties be allowed to impose a local cigarette tax and have the revenue collected from it remain in the county and not be sent to the state was made by Danny Kinder, seconded by Robert Munsey with Wade Blankenship voting no and Frank Chandler voting yes.

#### ISLE OF WIGHT LEGAL MATTER WITH STATE OF VIRGINIA

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to support the Isle of Wight's decision to bring legal action against the State of Virginia stating that they meet their moral and legal obligations regarding the funding of programs such as CSA and the schools was made by Danny Kinder, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Robert Munsey and Frank Chandler voting yes.

#### DOMINION GAS REQUEST SUPPORT OF TRANSMISSION LINE

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to table Dominion Gas' request that the County support the proposed transmission line through eastern Bland County until a letter is received from the company stating specifically how Bland County will benefit from the project was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

#### CHANDLER APPOINTED TO NACo STEERING COMMITTEE

Chairman Frank Chandler advised the Board of his appointment to be the Vice-Chairman of NACo's Rural Development Subcommittee.

## COUNTY ADMINSTRATOR'S REPORTS

County Administrator Ron Hachey briefed the Board on the following matters: 1) the proposed FY '02-'03 state funding cutbacks that will range from 7% to 15%, 2) the visit by the US Army Reserves staff from Marion on August 30, 2002 to look at the fairgrounds' property to determine how they could assist us in correcting drainage problems; 3) the bids for the courthouse addition/renovations that are due on September 24, 2002; and 4) the pre-bid conference on the courthouse project that would be held at the Library on September 5, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.

## CLOSED SESSION

“Move to go into a closed session to discuss a personnel matter was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Danny Kinder with Wade Blankenship 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 Wade Blankenship with Frank Chandler and Danny Kinder 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 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.

## ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Chairman Chandler announced that this meeting would be continued on September 5, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. at the Bland County Library so that Board members could attend the courthouse addition/renovation pre-bid conference.

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Frank Chandler, Chairman

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Ron Hachey, Clerk