

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-fourth day of January 2006, 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

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

ABSENT: None

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Frank Phipps, Marty Holloway – VDOT; several citizens

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Henry Blessing called the regular meeting to order.

#### INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Vice-Chairman Jason Ramsey.

#### PLEDGE TO FLAG

Chairman Mr. Blessing led the pledge alliance to the flag.

#### JANUARY 24, 2006 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the January 24, 2006 meeting agenda with no changes was made by Jason Ramsey, seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

#### CONSENT AGENDA

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda which consist of the January 2006 bills in the amount of \$174,949.49, the December 16, 2005, December 29, 2005 and January 12, 2006 payrolls totaling \$210,011.97, reports from the Treasurer, Building Official, E-911 Program Manager, Public Works Director, Meals & Lodging and Recycling was made by Jason Ramsey, seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

#### VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Frank Phipps, resident engineer updated the board regarding the Rt. 644 bridge construction progress and advised that the request to move the stop sign from facing the intersection of Rt. 615 to the facing of Rt. 618 has been verbally approved.

Supervisor Karen Hodock inquired as to the possibility of closing Eagles Road during school hours only. Mr. Phipps advised that the road could not be closed but the board could abandon by authorizing and holding a public hearing. Mr. Phipps added that the county would be responsible for the maintenance of the road.

Supervisor Ramsey requested the Hollybrook Community sign be relocated approximately a mile upon Rt. 606. Mr. Phipps directed him to speak with Mike Cantrell.

Supervisor Blessing requested guardrail on Rt. 646 and Rt. 614 – 3D Ranch. Mr. Phipps directed him to speak with Doug Harless.

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to adopt a resolution to study the removal of the Yield sign at the split of State Rt. 42-52 and install a Stop sign was made by John Thompson 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.

### SOCIAL SERVICES REPORT APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the November 2005 Social Services report in the amount of \$59,835.80 with the local allotment of \$9,915.43 was made by John Thompson and seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

### RECYCLING CENTER APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to establish a recycling center at the Bastian Wastewater Treatment Plant property, Melvin Services to provide container at no cost and approve \$200 for the purchase of stone to develop a parking location for the container and residents as requested by the Director of Public Works was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by John Thompson.

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

### SCHOOLS REQUISTION APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the February 2006 school board's request of \$650,000.00, to approve for filing the meeting minutes of December 15, 2005 and of January 5, 2006 and check register of December 16, 2005 was made by Jason Ramsey, seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION authorizing the transfer and appropriation of \$1,270.50 to the School Board's 05/06 budget, from the Special Fund held in LGIP was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by John Thompson.

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

### TREASURER REPORTS

County Treasurer, Joann Shewey presented the 2005 tax year assessment and the account balance reports as of December 31, 2005.

### E911 PROGRAM MANAGER

E911 Program Manager, Katie Gamble spoke to the board regarding the requirement that jurisdictions implement the FY 2006 NIMS (National Incident Management System) as a condition of receiving federal preparedness funding assistance in FY 2007. Mrs. Gamble delineated on the training and exercise requirements identified in the NIMS compliance guidance.

### SMYTH-BLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Representative Harry Shupe reported on the latest statistics and activities of the Library.

### RECREATIONAL DEPARTMENT

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to make the Old Railroad Bridge in Rocky Gap into a small county park and insure the county's liability insurance premiums are paid up was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by John Thompson.

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

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

#### Wolf Creek Indian Village Museum

Denise Smith, Associate Director of the Wolf Creek Indian Village & Museum reported to the board on the activities and visitor statistics of the Indian Village and Museum. Mrs. Smith advised of the need to rebuild their village and requested financial support within the county's 2006-2007 budget. Information was offered on meetings for artisans.

#### Bland County Historical Society

Linda Bradshaw, appeared with the request to meet with the board regarding financial assistance on the needed commercial entrance into the Indian Village & Museum and requested help in keeping the driveway cleared during the winter months. Mrs. Bradshaw announced the development of the second volume of history of Bland County with a completion date of 2011.

#### RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE

Randy Moler, Chairman of Recreational Committee reported to the board of the work commencing on the Rocky Gap Park and requested security lights be installed at each community park.

#### BLAND MINISTRY CENTER'S WAIVER OF PERMIT APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to waive the building permit fee in the amount of \$366.30 as requested by the Bland Ministry Center for construction of a food warehouse was made by John Thompson and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

#### BLAND COUNTY SCHOOL'S WAIVER OF DEMOLITION PERMIT APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to waive the demolition permit fee in the amount of \$15.23 as requested by the Bland County Public Schools to raze the cabin on the old Carroll property was made by John Thompson and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

#### MT ROGERS ALCOHOL SAFETY ACTION PROGRAM DRIVER IMPROVEMENT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT RESOLUTION APPROVED (ASAP)

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to adopt the resolution to continue participating in the ASAP (Alcohol Safety Action Program) was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by John Thompson.

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

#### BLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE PROJECT CLOSED

The county administrator advised the board that the problems of the second floor flooring, the heating/cooling system and the window heads to be of warranty issues. \*\*\*\*\*MOTION to close the courthouse project and authorize the release of the final payment to Harris Contractors was made by John Thompson and seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

#### NOISE ORDINANCE

There was discussion on the contents of the Noise Ordinance. \*\*\*\*\*MOTION to get rid of the Noise Ordinance was made by John Thompson and seconded by Jason Ramsey. This motion was later withdrawn by Mr. Thompson.

PROSCH PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chairman Henry Blessing opened the public hearing. The hearing was being held to receive public comments on the application of Kenneth Prosch to operate a Bed & Breakfast operation within his home.

Kenneth Prosch appeared before the board describing his desire to operate a Bed & Breakfast from his home and outlined the specifics planned. He added that he would offer reduced rates to Bland County residents.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Mr. Blessing closed the public hearing to public comments.

PROSCH CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to grant a Conditional Use Permit to Kenneth Prosch to operate a Bed & Breakfast from their residence on 350 Valley View Lane, Bland, with the conditions that; 1)he abide by all local, state and federal laws applicable to a Bed & Breakfast operation; 2) establish and clearly display a set of House Rules that would include and effectively notify guests not to encroach upon the property owned by the Edwards; 3) If a legitimate complaint is received by Mr. Prosch or one is registered to the County or local law enforcement then he shall be required to install "No Trespassing Beyond This Point" signage along the Edwards' property boundary to further prevent guests from encroaching upon the property owned by the Edwards; 4) that the Bed & Breakfast would not exceed guest occupancy above the two bedrooms identified by the Prosch's during the presentation of this application, at one time, was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by John Thompson.

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

CONTINUED This meeting was continued until 5:30 p.m. on February 7, 2006 with the Department of Social Services.

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Henry M. Blessing, Chairman

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Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator