

VIRGINIA: At a Regular Meeting of the Bland County Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County School Board Office, Bastian, Virginia on the twenty-second day of July 2003, the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator; Carol Hall, Secretary; James E. Cornwell – County Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT: Frank Phipps and Marty Holloway – VDOT; Wayne Quesenberry, The Bland Messesenger; several citizens

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Frank Chandler called the regular meeting to order.

#### INVOCATION

Supervisor Danny Kinder offered the invocation.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLIANCE

Chairman Frank Chandler led the pledge of alliance to the flag.

#### BOARD APPROVED AGENDA

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the July 22, 2003 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 June 24, 2003; 2) bills for the month of July 2003 in the amount of \$290,668.99; 3) payroll for June 30, 2003 and July 16, 2003 at a total amount of \$117,167.86 and 4) reports of the Treasurer, Sheriff, Commissioner of Revenue, Recycling Program, Building Official, Public Works and E-911 Coordinator.

#### VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Frank Phipps updated the Board in regard to the ongoing projects throughout the county to include; 1) Rt. 608 temporary fence is being installed; 2) Rt. #609 guardrail has been installed on bridge and plant mix from intersection of Rt. 677 to the bridge; 3) Rt. 609 surface treatment has been completed; 4) Rt. 52 concrete has been poured for the connector boxes; 5) Rt. 621 guardrail completed. Mr. Phipps advised that Rt. #605 has been completed under the Rustic Road Program with all other roads requested under this program are listed within the Six-Year Secondary Road Plan.

#### SOCIAL SERVICES

\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the Social Services May 2003 report in the amount of \$66,682.94 with the local match of \$11,345.74 was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Robert Munsey with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes. Ms. Johnson informed the Board of receipt of the Promoting Safe and Stable Family Grant in the amount of \$18,814. The 10% local match requirement is included within the 2003-2004 Social Services budget approved by the Board. A second grant received – Child Day Care Quality Initiative Grant in the amount of \$12,000.00 with no local match with the Bland Head Start Center receiving \$6,950 to purchase computer software learning programs, educational books and historic field trips for the children. The remainder of the grant would be dispersed to the two licensed day care providers interested in the grant. The providers would receive funding to purchase playground equipment, books, learning tools and other supplies that would serve to enhance the quality of the children's' daycare experience.

SMYTH-BLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY

Library Representative Harry Shupe reported the statistics and the summer programs offered at the Library. Mr. Shupe advised the Board of the fund raiser planned for September 5, 2003 to raise monies for the purchase of a flag pole.

SCHOOLS

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the school's August 2003 requisition in the amount of \$500,000.00 was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Danny Kinder with Robert Munsey and Frank Chandler voting yes.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Representative Randy Moler appeared before the Board with an update on the recreational equipment recently installed at the Hollybrook, Ceres and Bland Community Parks. \*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the list of items requested by the Recreational Committee to include volleyball nets, posts, swing seats, bases, landscaping cloth and concrete was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Danny Kinder with Frank Chandler and Robert Munsey voting yes. Supervisor Kinder recommended to table the award of any backtop until the specs are presented so that the Board can see what we are buying and what the contract is calling for. Mr. Chandler concurred and requested Mr. Moler to provide a copy of the blacktop specifications and any bids received to the board members. It was concluded that the Recreational Committee report recommendations regarding the naming/signage of the parks at the Board's August 2003 meeting.

COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE

Commissioner of Revenue Randolph Davis expressed his concern of a parcel of land listed within the delinquent tax sale and his desire that a surveyor be hired to locate the property.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS

County Attorney James Cornwell reported the status of the delinquent back tax parcels and the delinquent trash accounts with the judgments processed.

APPOINTMENTS

Road Viewers Committee appointment -- Tabled

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF VIRGINIA'S STUDENTS ADOPTED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to adopt the Resolution in Support of Virginia's Students for the purposes of making the State aware and accountable for the appropriate levels of funding needed toward the education of the students in Virginia was made by Danny Kinder, seconded by Robert Munsey with Wade Blankenship and Frank Chandler voting yes.

MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS LETTER OF SUPPORT APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve a letter of support as requested from the Mount Rogers Health District for a regional project to be funded by a federal grant program which would establish a community-base volunteer Medical Reserve Corp. unit to facilitate large scaled emergencies was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Robert Munsey with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES ACT FISCAL AGENT

\*\*\*\*\*MOVE that the Bland County Dept. of Social Services administer the County's CSA program and appoint Linda Johnson, Director of Bland County Social Services as the Fiscal Agent of the CSA program was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

INTO THE LIGHT COMMITTEE'S PROPERTY USAGE APPLICATION APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the Into The Light committee's property usage application request

September 11, 2003 was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Danny Kinder with Wade Blankenship and Frank Chandler voting yes.

#### CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH REQUEST WAIVER OF HVAC PERMIT FEE

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the request of Central Methodist Church on a waiver of a HVAC permit fee was made by Danny Kinder, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Frank Chandler voting yes and Robert Munsey abstaining.

#### COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

County Administrator Jonathan Sweet reported to the Board; 1) the Survey of the Rocky Gap Bridge has been completed and the survey would be provided to the Board members as it becomes available; 2) the Bland fairgrounds security "no trespassing signs" are being made; 3) Sheriff's department has been notified and has agreed to increase surveyance by way of patrols at the fairgrounds; 4) Interstate Contractors have agreed to service the Lions Park with trash removal at no additional cost; 5) a Law Enforcement Grant has been completed for the installation of the increased security lighting for the Lions Park and the fairgrounds; 6) the Litter Control Grant application has been completed and mailed to DEQ; 7) the County's Personnel Policy has been revised to reflect the change in the maximum accrual annual leave hours to be 240 and the maximum pay out limit of \$2000.00; 8) the Ridgeway Subdivision easements and paperwork drawings for the project have been completed with the waiting of signatures from the Altizers and the Yates; 9) AEP and Sprint are being informed regarding the moving of their service/transmission lines; 10) a schedule on the installation of the E911 signs has been received reflecting the start date of August 11, 2003 with a 2-3 weeks completion process beginning in the Rocky Gap area moving through Bastian, on to Mechanicsburg, then to Bland and ending with the Ceres area; and 11) the Rocky Gap bridge paint samples have been sent to A& L Environmental Inc. for analysis.

#### INSURANCE COVERAGE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT COMMUNITY CENTERS

Insurance coverage for property located at the County's community centers was discussed briefly. It was noted that only items purchased by the County is insured by the County and any items purchased or donated to the Centers would need to be insured by the Lesser of the Center.

#### FAMILY CEMETERIES

There was a brief discussion on family members being buried on private property. The county attorney advised that this topic was under the control of the State Dept. of Health. Mr. Blankenship requested Mr. Cornwell to check on the legal requirements and to submit to the Board in writing.

#### CERES RESIDENTS REQUEST USE OF CERES COMMUNITY CENTER

Resident Randy Moler appeared before the Board with the request that a small group of citizens use the Ceres Community Centers for quilting and inquired as to the liability insurance coverage. Mr. Moler was advised that the Ceres Ruritans could address his concern since the facility is leased by the Ruritans.

#### CLOSED SESSION

"Move to go into a closed session to discuss an industrial prospect, personnel and a contractual matter 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 Frank Chandler voting yes and Danny Kinder absent from the meeting.

#### 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 2.2-3711.A, subparagraph 1, 4 and 7 of the Code of Virginia and in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711A 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.

NABOR PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chairman Frank Chandler opened the public hearing announcing that the purpose of the hearing was to receive public comment on the application of Gary and Charlotte Nabor on the request for a Zoning Change upon the property off Rt. 52 at the Bland I-77 interchange for the purpose of a restaurant.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

Adjoining landowner Thomas Pauley expressed dissatisfaction of sharing his private driveway with the commercial traffic.

Gary Nabor informed the Board that he was willing to purchase additional property to correct the private driveway concern of Mr. Pauley.

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.

NABOR ZONING REQUEST APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the rezone request of Gary and Charlotte Nabor from agricultural to commercial on property off Rt. 52 near the I-77 interchange for the purpose of a Subway Restaurant was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Danny Kinder with Robert Munsey and Frank Chandler voting yes.

MELVIN ENTERPRISES TO PURCHASE I-77 INDUSTRIAL PARK PROPERTY

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to proceed and authorize the Chairman to sign contract with Melvin Enterprises for the purchase of property within the I-77 Industrial Park pending the additions to the conditions of the contract and approval by the County Attorney was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

RURAL DESIGNATION OF FEDERAL PROPERTIES NOT APPROVED

IT WAS THE CONSENSUS of the Board not to support the resolution from Congressman Boucher's office on the request to develop rural areas for tourist attractions.

ADJOURNMENT This meeting was adjourned until 4:00 a.m. on August 26, 2003 at the Bland County Schoolboard Office, Bastian, VA.

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Frank Chandler, Chairman

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Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator