

VIRGINIA: At a Special Called Meeting of the Bland County Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County School Board Office, Bastian, Virginia on the thirteenth day of November 2003, the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent:

PRESENT: Frank W. Chandler - Chairman, Wade D. Blankenship, Robert O. Munsey and
ABSENT: Danny Kinder
ALSO PRESENT: Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator; Carol J. Hall, Secretary;
OTHERS PRESENT: A few citizens

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OPENED

Chairman Frank Chandler called the meeting to order stating the purpose of the meeting was to take care of a matter regarding the communications upgrade funding for the Sheriffs Office as so not to delay operations ahead and to proceed with the contract of a sale of property within the Industrial Park

SHERIFF'S DEPT COMMUNICATIONS UPGRAD APPROVED

E911 Coordinator Katie Gamble briefed the Board in regard to upgrading the sheriff's office to a high band radio frequency in order to have good communications with sheriff's deputies. Currently under low band there are isolated areas of the county to where there is no communications. Moving to high band would require the upgrading of two towers (Big Walker Mtn. & East River Mtn.) The County is currently under contract with Two Way Radio. Mrs. Gamble explained that legally if we stay under \$50,000 on an upgrade the county is not required to go out on bid. Total costs introduced to the Board was \$36,850 which includes upgrade of the towers, 2 portable radios w/backup batteries dedicated to Emergency Services, hardware and software, upgrade of the sheriffs eight vehicles, upgrade sheriffs office portable radios, spare batteries, and etc. Mrs. Gamble noted that a 1999 EOJ Grant of \$5343 could be used. The County Administrator advised that a line item within the current budget could cover the \$31,050.

*****MOTION to move forward on the communications upgrade using the 1999 DOJ grant in its entirety and deleting the eight spare batteries leaving a balance of \$31.050 to be paid from the loan line item was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Frank Chandler voting yes and Danny Kinder absent from meeting.

LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT OF CAD & GIS SYSTEM

The Agreement between the County and Government Capital Corporation for the purpose of procuring the Public Safety CAS & GIS System to cover the funding portion not covered by the wireless board was discussed. The Emergency Medical Dispatch included within the InterAct contract was discussed at length. With no action taken Mr. Chandler directed Mrs. Gamble and Mr. Sweet to work with the county attorney on recommendations regarding emergency medical dispatch and any changes to the InterAct contract and make available at the next meeting.

COUNTY ATTORNEY TERMINATED DEC 31, 2003

*****MOTION to terminate the services of legal counsel effective December 31, 2003 and immediately go out for solicitations or proposals from other attorneys and have available for the new Board members at the Organizational Meeting the first of January and allow them to select the attorneys that they want was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Frank Chandler voting yes and Danny Kinder absent from the meeting. Mr. Chandler clarified that this was to be done immediately so to prevent any lapse of coverage. Mr. Blankenship added that if the new Board members desire to go with the current attorney employed it would be their decision.

CLOSED SESSION

“Move to go into a closed session to discuss a contractual matter was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Frank Chandler voting yes and Danny Kinder absent from meeting.

“Move to return to Regular Session and waive the reading of the certification but certify that we only discussed those items for which we went into closed session was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Frank Chandler voting yes and Danny Kinder absent from the meeting.

BIG WALKER PROPERTIES LLC SALE OF REAL ESTATE

*****MOTION to void any previous agreements that the Board has adopted or any authority given to the Chairman to sign and that we adopt the agreement as presented with the modifications and authorize the Chairman to sign the Big Walker Properties LLC Sale of Real Estate with I-77 Industrial Park was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Frank Chandler voting yes and Danny Kinder absent from the meeting.

CERES AND HOLLYBROOK WALKING TRAILS UPDATE

*****MOTION to proceed with the paving of the Ceres walking trail at the cost of \$11,500 with the understanding that any monies remaining from the Mechanicsburg walking trail not spent by 12-31-03 be added to the Recreational CD for future recreational and those specified \$'s identified to be reinstated in the F/Y 04-05 budget and if Mechanicsburg does not complete their paving project this year due to weather conditions that Mechanicsburg get first priority in the spring 2004 and Hollybrook will look to be blacktopped in the new budget of July 1, 2004 was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Frank Chandler voting yes and Danny Kinder absent from the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Chandler adjourned this meeting until 4:00 p.m. on November 25, 2003.

Frank Chandler, Chandler, Chairman

Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator