

VIRGINIA: At the Continued Meeting of the Bland County Board of Supervisors held in the Executive Conference Room located at the Bland County Courthouse, Bland, Virginia on the nineteenth day of April 2006, 5:30 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

PRESENT: Henry M. Blessing, Jason Ramsey, Henry M. Blessing, Karen Hodock

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator; Carol Hall, Deputy Administrator;  
Teresa Tolbert, Finance Manager

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mr. Blessing called the continued meeting to order.

#### 2006-2007 EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE FUNDING

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to fund the 2006-2007 health insurance premiums for employees at the same percent as in the past was made by John Thompson, seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

#### DIRECTOR PUBLIC WORKS/ANIMAL CONTROL

Rodney Ratliff, Director of Public Works offered information regarding an Assign-A-Highway Program and the desire that the board consider adopting a resolution to implement the plan utilizing probationers to pick up trash along secondary roads. Mr. Ratliff proposed that the part time animal control officer's position be made full time to incorporate this duty, since the program is required to be administered by a Litter Control Officer.

James Belcher, Animal Control officer expressed his desire that the county put into operation this Assign-A-Highway and his willingness to contribute to the operation of the program.

Mr. Ratliff requested his part time secretary be increased to full time status, by combining the part time funds budgeted within the public works department and part time funds budgeted within the county administration department.

Supervisor Mr. Blessing exited the meeting to attend the Joint Service Authority meeting in Wytheville.

#### HUTCHINS WAIVER OF SOLID WASTE ADJUSTMENT APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the Hutchins solid waste adjustment as discussed was made by John Thompson and seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

#### VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Elizabeth Johnson, Extension Agent, appeared with the request of 06-07 funds for a Multiflora Rose Program and travel expenses for the 4-H program.

#### SOCIAL SERVICES

Linda Johnson, Director and Lois Smith, Office Manager appeared with an explanation of the 06-07 budget request from the Department of Social Services.

#### FIRE ASSOCIATION

Mary Justus, President of the Association, requested additional funds for each of the six fire departments, to be used for heating fuel costs and vehicle fuel costs.

WOLF CREEK INDIAN VILLAGE

Linda Bradshaw, Executive Director of the Indian Village and Molly Thompson, representative of the Historical Society spoke to the board with the request of funds to rebuild the village, and for operational costs of the Wolf Creek Indian Village.

4-H PROGRAM

Junior Stowers appeared before the board with the request of funds to support the 4-H Educational Center.

TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Chris Sutphin, Informational Technician spoke to the board with an explanation of the 06-07 IT department request.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned until the regular meeting of April 25, 2006.

---

Henry Blessing, Chairman

---

Jonathan Sweet, County Administrator