

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-third day of May 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,
Brenda Stultz, Secretary, Frank Slavin, County Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT: Marty Holloway – VDOT; several citizens

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Henry Blessing called the May 2006 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.

MAY 23, 2006 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED

*****IT WAS THE CONSENSUS of the Board to approve the May 23, 2006 meeting agenda with the addition of the Relay for Life Entertainment permit application.

CONSENT AGENDA

*****MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the minutes of the April 25, 2006 regular meeting; continued meetings of May 10th, May 16th and May 17, 2006; bills in the amount of \$162,938.04; the May 1, 2006 and May 16, 2006 payrolls totaling \$137,176.40; reports from the Treasurer, Building Official, E-911 Program Manager, Public Works Director, Meals & Lodging and Recycling was made by Jason Ramsey, 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.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Marty Holloway, Assistant R.E. appeared before the board with an update on county projects.

*****MOTION that State Rt. 651 be added to the end of the Six-Year Plan, under the Rural Rustic Concept when funds become available, 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. The motion passed.

SOCIAL SERVICES REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the March 2006, Social Services report in the amount of \$52, 275.28 with the local allotment of \$7,682.16, 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.

SCHOOLS JUNE 2006 REQUITION APPROVED

Superintendent Don Hodock advised that within the 2005-2006 school year, the ADM was reduced by 15 students, resulting in state funds being lost and requested the schools be allowed to spend the \$30,000+ in local monies budgeted on July 1, 2006, which would be over and above the required local match.

Supervisor John Thompson requested that the school system look into a PPEA option before any monies are spent on the design of a school.

With the understanding that the \$30,000 has been budgeted, and the school system will have to pick up the additional \$60,000 that the state is not going to send down, *****MOTION to approve and appropriate the June 2006 school board's request in the amount of \$2,122,071.00 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

*****MOTION to approve the filing of the meeting minutes of April 24th; check registers of April 5th, April 13th, and April 20th; and the request to transfer and appropriate \$4,179.56 to the School Board from the Special Fund held in LGIP was made by Jason Ramsey, 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'S REPORT

Joann Shewey, Treasurer appeared with an explanation of the monthly report.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION (STOP) PROGRAM APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the vehicle registration withholding (STOP) program, preventing a tax payer from renewing their vehicle registration until their personal property tax debt (or other taxes owed to the county), is satisfied, and appropriate the additional \$15.00 charge to an account, to be carried over from year to year and spent by the treasurer on expenses related to her office, with the stipulation that separate revenue and expenditure lines be set up, and with the understanding that if no revenue is received, then there would be no expenditures, 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.

RETURN (BAD) CHECK CHARGE

IT WAS THE CENSUS of the board not to change the procedure being followed on the \$25.00 "bad check" fee charge being collected and deposited into the general fund.

ACH DEBIT PROGRAM

The Treasurer advised of her plan to begin an ACH debit, receiving payments for water and trash billings, with the plan to add prepayments for taxes. This program would consist of one file, each month, being submitted through the cash manager's online product through BB&T, costing \$10.00 per file and \$.12 per item.

COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE REPORTS

Cindy Wright, Commissioner, advised of the local assessing being conducted measuring new construction sites.

SMYTH BLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY REPORT

Harry Shupe, Library representative reported the latest library statistics.

RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE DESIGNEE

Randy Moler, representative, summarized the 2006 recreational progress.

BLAND COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD EXEMPTION OF EMT

*****MOTION to pass a resolution in response to the request from the Bland County Volunteer Rescue Squad on the exemption to an EMT during Advance Life Support transport, was made by Jason Ramsey, and seconded by John Thompson.

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

APPOINTMENTS

Virginia's First Regional Industrial Development Authority

*****MOTION to reappoint Henry Blessing to Virginia's First Regional Industrial Development Authority, a four year term to expire June 30, 2010 was made by Jason Ramsey, and seconded by John Thompson.

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

PPEA GUIDELINES TO BE DRAFTED

The County Administrator was directed to draft PPEA guidelines for Bland County and present to the board at the June 2006 meeting.

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT DECLARED

*****MOTION to declare the inventoried list of equipment surplus, and dispose of following the county's protocol was made by Jason Ramsey, seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

RELAY FOR LIFE ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT APPLICATION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Relay for Life Entertainment Permit application for June 9, 2006, waive the fee and authorize the chairman to sign was made by John Thompson, seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

CONTINUANCE This meeting was continued until 5:30 p.m., May 31, 2006, to the executive conference room.

Henry M. Blessing, Chairman

Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator