

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-seventh day of June 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: Marty Holloway – VDOT; several citizens

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Henry Blessing called the June 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.

JUNE 27, 2006 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED

*****IT WAS THE CONSENSUS of the Board to approve the June 27, 2006 meeting agenda with no changes.

CONSENT AGENDA

*****MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the minutes of the May 23, 2006 regular meeting; continued meetings of May 31st, June 14th and June 20, 2006; bills in the amount of \$517,710.08; the May 29, 2006 and June 13, 2006 payrolls totaling \$138,608.55; 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

Brenda Walters, Intermin R.E. appeared before the board with an update on county projects and activities.

Supervisor Mr. Thompson requested a review for guardrail upon Rt. 608.

SOCIAL SERVICES REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the April 2006, Social Services report in the amount of \$80,999.56 with the local allotment of \$24,966.01, was made by Jason Ramsey 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.

CIRCUIT COURT CLERK REQ ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO 05-06 BUDGET

*****MOTION to approve the request of Rebecca I. Johnson, Circuit Court Clerk for additional appropriations to the 05-06 budgets: 1) Judge's budget in the amount of \$5,300.00 for unanticipated jury and witness expenses, to be reimbursed to the County by the Supreme Court; 2) \$23,745.00 to the Clerk of Circuit Court budget, for the balance due on upgrading the records management system in order to offer secure remote access to land records, also to be reimbursed to the County from the Compensation Board; and 3) \$575.00 appropriated to the Law Library budget for various subscriptions to legal information, transfer from fund balance, 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. Motion passed.

SCHOOLS JULY 2006 REQUISITION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the July 2006 school board's request in the amount of \$650,000.00 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

*****MOTION to approve the filing of the meeting minutes of May 22, May 16, 2006, check registers of May 16th, May 12th, and the request to transfer and appropriate \$31,411.29 to the School Board from the Special Fund held in LGIP, appropriate \$159,497.64 to the 05-06 school board budget for the amount of cafeteria payrolls, to authorize and approve the treasurer to transfer the construction/lottery funds remaining (\$292,000.00) in the 05-06 budget from the school operating fund to the funds held in the LGIP account 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.

STREET SIGN AND BUILDING NUMBER ORDINANCE AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED

*****MOTION to schedule a public hearing to amend the Street Sign and Building Number Ordinance Amendment for July 25, 2006, 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.

JUNIOR FIRE FIGHTERS ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED

*****MOTION to schedule a public hearing, July 25, 2006, to adopt a local ordinance establishing the Junior Volunteer Fire Fighter Program, but not allowing junior fire fighters to operate county fire apparatus, i.e. tanker or pumper trucks, 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. Motion passed.

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN BLAND COUNTY AND PULASKI COUNTY

*****MOTION to adopt the Resolution in Support of Mutual Aid Agreement between Bland County and Pulaski County, was made by Jason Ramsey, 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.

SMYTH-BLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY REPORT

Harry Shupe, Library representative appeared before the board with the latest library statistics.

RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Randy Moler, Committee Designee, reported the status of the Rocky Gap Community Park and status of the recreational 5 year plan.

APPOINTMENTS

Wytheville Community College Board

*****MOTION to reappoint Clinton Kegley, to the Wytheville Community College Board for a four year term to expire June 30, 2010, was made by John Thompson, and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

Social Services Board

*****MOTION to appoint Margaret Harless, to the Social Services Board, for a four year term to expire 6-30-2010, was made by Karen Hodock, and seconded by John Thompson.

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

DHCD INDOOR PLUMBING/REHABILITATION PROGRAM PROVIDER RENEWED

*****MOTION that Mount Rogers PDC continue to administer the DHCH Indoor Plumbing/Rehabilitation Program for Bland County was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by John Thompson.

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

PPEA PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED

*****MOTION to schedule a public hearing on the Public Private Education Act (PPEA) Guidelines for July 25, 2006 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.

RESOLUTION TO ADD RT. 606 TO SIX YEAR PLAN ADOPTED

*****MOTION to adopt the Resolution adding federal Rt. 606 to the VDOT Six-Year Plan was made by Jason Ramsey, 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.

05-06 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS/TRANSFERS APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the appropriations/transfers to the 05-06 budget as listed 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. Motion passed.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) REGULATIONS APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the CDBG regulations for the Bland Medical Clinic and authorize the county administrator to sign 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. Motion passed.

JULY 3, 2006 HOLIDAY APPROVED

IT WAS THE CONSENSUS of the Board to concur to the county's personnel policy in observing July 3, 2006 as an additional holiday for the calendar year 2006.

COUNTY'S FY 06-07 BUDGET APPROVED

06-07 TAX LEVIES SET

ESTABLISHMENT OF PPTRA PERCENTAGE OF RELIEF

*****MOTION to adopt the Bland County's 06-07 budget in the amount of \$15,158,637.00, with no increase to the tax levy was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Jason Ramsey. Real Estate tax levy to be \$.69 per \$100 assessed value, Tangible Personal Property to be \$2.29 per \$100 assessed value, Machinery/Tool tax levy to be \$.89 per \$100 assessed value, Merchants Capital at \$.73 per \$100 assessed value, and establish the PPTRA relief to be 41%.

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

CRAB ORCHARD SUBDIVISION ABANDONMENT REQUEST

*****MOTION to approve the vacating of the three lots within the Crab Orchard Subdivision as requested by Steve and Monica Mullins, subject to no objections from the joining property owners 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

BLAND COUNTY PRESCRIPTION DISCOUNT CARD UPDATE

The county administrator updated the board on the usage and benefits reaped by users of the county's Prescription Discount Card since its introduction.

ABB EXPANSION

The County Administrator advised that the County had been successful in obtaining \$75,000 in Governors Opportunity Monies and \$75,000.00 from Tobacco Original Opportunity Fund totaling \$150,000.00 to provide ABB funding to facilitate an expansion.

CLOSED SESSION

"Move to go into a closed session to discuss a Personnel matter pursuant to 2.2-3711-A, subparagraph 1 of the Code of Virginia was made by Jason Ramsey, seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

"Move to return to Regular Session, adopt the certification and waive the reading of the certification of a Closed Session but certify that only items announced by the Board were discussed in Closed Session was made by John Thompson, seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

STUART C.U.P. PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chairman Henry Blessing opened the public hearing announcing the purpose of the hearing was to receive public comment on the application of James & Cindy Stuart for a Conditional Use Permit for an Inn/Lodge upon their commercial zone property located 177 Jackson Street in Bland, parcel #91 A2-2-52.

SPEAKERS

Cindy Stuart, Owner expressed the desire to operate lodging within the currently commercial building purchased, targeting visitors to the downtown Bland.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

The public hearing was closed by Chairman Mr. Blessing.

STUART C.U.P APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Conditional Use Permit for James and Cindy Stuart for lodging upon Tax Parcel 91 A2-2-52 as presented with no conditions was made by John Thompson and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

ADJOURNMENT This meeting was adjourned until 5:00 p.m., July 25, 2006.

Henry M. Blessing, Chairman

Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator