

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-fifth day of July 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 July 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.

JULY 25, 2006 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED

*****IT WAS THE CONSENSUS of the Board to approve the July 25, 2006 meeting agenda with no changes.

CONSENT AGENDA

*****MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the July bills in the amount of \$242,656.42, additional bills for the month of June in the amount of \$109,165.94; the June 30, 2006 and July 17, 2006 payrolls totaling \$140,592.63; 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, VDOT representative appeared before the board with an update on county projects and activities.

SOCIAL SERVICES REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the May 2006, Social Services report in the amount of \$103,223.25 with the local allotment of \$18,292.94, subject to review by the county administrator or deputy administrator 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 AUGUST 2006 REQUISITION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the August 2006 school board's request in the amount of \$500,000.00 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 June 26, check registers of June 12th, Vendor Payments of June 14th, June 19th, and June 26, 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

Joann Shewey, Treasurer appeared before the board with an explanation of year to date closing reports. Ms. Shewey advised she is looking at options in outsourcing the 2006 tax tickets, noting a great savings in postage.

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH WYTHE COUNTY

*****MOTION to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement between the County of Bland and the County of Wythe was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by John Thompson.

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

SHERIFF REPORTS

*****MOTION to allow Sheriff, Jerry Thompson to spent Courtroom Security funds to purchase LiveScan fingerprint equipment in the amount of \$26,350.00 was made by John Thompson and seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

BENEVOLENT FUND EXPENSE APPROVED-SHUPE

IT WAS THE CONSENSUS of the board to send flowers and a card to Mr. Harry Shupe, library representative, recovering from a bicycle accident.

RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Randy Moler, Committee Designee, reported on the finishing items needed for the completion of the Rocky Gap Community Park.

APPOINTMENTS

Bland County Building Official

*****MOTION to reappoint N. Keith Niday as the Bland County Building Official, a three year term to expire July 25, 2009, was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

Blue Ridge Travel Association

*****MOTION to appoint Steve Hermensen to the Blue Ridge Travel Association, 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.

ROCKY GAP CHURCH OF CHRIST REQUEST OF ELECTRICAL PERMIT FEE

*****MOTION to approve the waiver request of the Rocky Gap Church of Christ for an electrical permit fee in the amount of \$30.53, 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.

RT 651 RELOCATION RESOLUTION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Rt. 651 Relocation Resolution 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.

CSA ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT

*****MOTION that the county administrator and Mrs. Hodock work with DSS in looking to keep the CSA Coordinator's position was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by John Thompson. An update on this matter would be sent by email to the board.

COUNTY SURPLUS DECLARED

*****MOTION to declare the 1988 Ford F-150 truck surplused as requested by Sheriff Thompson 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.

OFFICERS OF ELECTION CO-PAY REQUEST

*****MOTION to approve a \$10.00 copay to Officers of Election that attend the pre-election training session in lieu of mileage reimbursement, effective from this day forward, 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.

VOTING MACHINE CUSTODIAN PAY REQUEST

*****MOTION to approve the creation of a Voting Machine Custodian and authorize the advertisement for the position was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

VOTING MACHINE CUSTODIAN PAYMENT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the \$250.00 payment to Jerry Dunn for duties performed as Voting Machine Custodian for the June 06 primary, 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, abstain. Motion passed.

CDBG PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED

*****MOTION to schedule the CDBG public hearing regarding the \$700,000.00 funding for the Bland Clinic expansion for August 22, 2006 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.

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 John Thompson and 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 Jason Ramsey.

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

STREET SIGN BUILDING NUMBER ORDINANCE AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Mr. Blessing opened the public hearing to receive comment on the proposed Street Sign Building Number Ordinance Amendment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

STREET SIGN BUILDING # ORDINANCE AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Chairman Mr. Blessing closed the public hearing.

STREET SIGN BUILDING # ORDINANCE AMENDMENT APPROVED

*****MOTION to adopt the Amendment to the Bland County Street Sign Building Number Ordinance as presented was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by John Thompson.

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

JUNIOR VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER PROGRAM ORDINANC PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Henry Blessing opened the public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed ordinance establishing a Junior Volunteer Fire Fighter Program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

JUNIOR VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER PROGRAM PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Chairman Henry Blessing closed the public hearing.

JUNIOR VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER PROGRAM ORDINANCE PASSES

*****MOTION to establish the Junior Volunteer Fire Fighter Program for the County of Bland 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.

PUBLIC-PRIVATE EDUCATION FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE ACT GUIDELINES (PPEA) PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Blessing opened the public hearing to receive comment on the adoption of the PPEA.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

PPEA PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Mr. Blessing closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC-PRIVATE EDUCATION FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE ACT GUIDELINES (PPEA) PASSES

*****MOTION to adopt the PPEA guidelines including the fee structure of \$100 and with additional fees as \$200 was made by John Thompson and seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

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 John Thompson and 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 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 continued until 5:00 p.m., August 22, 2006.

Henry M. Blessing, Chairman

Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator