

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-second day of May, 2007, 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

PRESENT: Karen H. Hodock, John C. Thompson, Jason R. Ramsey, Henry Blessing

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator; Carol Hall, Deputy Administrator;
Frank Slavin, County Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Karen Hodock called the May 2007, regular meeting to order.

INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Supervisor Mr. Blessing.

PLEDGE TO FLAG

Chairman Mrs. Hodock led the pledge alliance to the flag.

MAY 22, 2007 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED WITH ADDITION

*****MOTION to approve the May, 2007 meeting agenda with the addition of an additional budget appropriation request from the Circuit Court Clerk 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

*****MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the bills for the month of May, 2007, in the amount of \$173,148.51; May 1st and May 16th payrolls totaling \$145,188.84; and reports as presented 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.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Marty Hallaway, VDOT Resident Engineer, appeared before the board and advised updates to include; 1) the Rt. 622 bridge work is complete; 2) Rt. 615 bridge work progress; 3) Rt. 52 bridge work to start in June; 4) Rt. 608 - waiting on environmental clearance; and 5) Rt. 607 forms to be changed and resubmitted.

SOCIAL SERVICES MARCH, 2007 REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to accept the March, 2007 Social Services report in the amount of \$94,377.45 with the local allotment of \$29,056.59, was made by John Thompson and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, no; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

CIRCUIT COURT CLERK REQUEST ADDITIONAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION

*****MOTION to approve an additional revenue and expenditure appropriation to the Clerk of Circuit Court's 2006-2007 budget in the amount of \$872.00. A grant received from the Virginia State Library to restore the Marriage Register I, requiring no local funds, was made by Henry Blessing, and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, no; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

*****MOTION to approve an additional revenue and expenditure appropriation to the Law Library's 2006-2007 budget, in the amount of \$260.71, for various subscriptions to legal information, was made by John Thompson and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, no; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

SCHOOLS JUNE, 2007 REQUISITION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the June, 2007 school board's request in the amount of \$2,104,683.79; approve the meeting minutes of April 23, 2007; approve the check registers and vendor payments submitted the month of April, 2007; and to approve the additional appropriation to the 2006-2007 budget in the amount of \$87,076.00 based upon the actual ADM, was made by Jason Ramsey; seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

EXTENSION AGENT

Elizabeth Johnson, Agent, introduced Melissa Chase as Bland County's new Extension Agent.

SHERIFF REPORTS

Sheriff Thompson advised of a USDA grant application submitted for an SUV, receipt to be 55%.

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORTS

Animal Control Officer, James Belcher presented the AC activity and Litter Control activity reports.

E-911 REPORT

Willie Howlett, E-911 Coordinator and Emergency Services Coordinator, presented the May 2007, E-911 monthly report of activities.

BLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Steve Hermansen appeared before the board with an update on the activities of the Bland County Historical Society and the Round the Mountain.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Frank Slavin, Attorney, appeared with an update of activities

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeff Pauley, resident, expressed concern regarding the reassessment being conducted throughout the county and the anticipated increase to land values.

APPOINTMENTS

*****MOTION to reappoint Eddie Sutphin to the Bland County Service Authority, a 4 year term to expire 5-31-2011, was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by John Thompson.

RELAY OF LIFE ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Relay for Life Entertainment Permit and waive the permit fee as requested, was made by John Thompson and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS RECEIVED

*****MOTION to approve the revenue and expenditure appropriation to the Emergency Services 2006-2007 budget from Homeland Security Grants received in the amount of \$5,889.00 and \$20,985.00, to be used for training.

NACO DRUG CARD UPDATE

An update was provided by the County Administrator on the usage and savings to county residents utilizing the NACo Prescription Drug Card, by the County Administrator.

ABANDONED CAR REMOVAL UPDATE

The County Administrator reported an update on the vehicles removed from the county under the Abandoned Motor Vehicles Removal Program.

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 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.

NEW PEOPLES BANK, INC PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Supervisor Karen Hodock opened the public hearing to receive comment on the application of New Peoples Bank, Inc., to rezone from Agricultural to Commercial in order to construct and operate a bank, upon 400 Main Street, Bland.

COMMENTS

Charles Paschall, representative of New Peoples Bank appeared before the board explaining his desire to rezone and operate a bank in Bland.

NEW PEOPLES BANK, INC. PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Chairman Karen Hodock closed the public hearing.

NEW PEOPLES BANK REZONE APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the request of New Peoples Bank to rezone the property located at 400 East Main from agricultural to commercial to construct and operate a bank, was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

COUNTY CODE AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chairman Mrs. Hodock opened the public hearing to receive comment to amend Chapter 50 of the Bland County Code, enacting an Ordinance to collect additional fees in traffic and criminal cases tried in the Bland County Court System.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Chairman Mrs. Hodock closed the public hearing.

BLAND COUNTY CODE AMENDMENT APPROVED

*****MOTION to amend Chapter 50 of the Bland County Code increasing the current traffic and criminal fee amount of \$5.00 to \$10.00 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.

CONTRACTOR STORAGE YARD DEFINITION ADDED TO ZONING PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Mrs. Hodock opened the public hearing to receive public comment to add contractor storage yard as a definition and a permitted use within the Zoning Ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Chairman Mrs. Hodock closed the public hearing.

CONTRACTORS STORAGE ADDED TO ZONING ORDINANCE

*****MOTION to add Contractors Storage Yard definition and add as a permitted use in both the Industrial and Commercial zones with a Conditional Use Permit was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by John Thompson.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, no; Karen Hodock, yes; John Thompson, yes; Henry Blessing, yes.

GREENBRIER ALLEGHENY PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chairman Karen Hodock opened the Greenbrier Allegheny Public Hearing to receive public comments on the application to operate a public garage upon property located 12704 North Scenic Hwy.

COMMENTS

Jack Whittaker appeared before the board describing the plans to operate a public garage upon the property (formerly C.J.'s), to assist the Jo's Pre-owned Auto, LLC., with auto servicing and maintenance as well as for the Rocky Gap community.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Chairman Karen Hodock closed the public hearing.

GREENBRIER ALLEGHENY CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Conditional Use Permit as requested by Greenbrier Allegheny to operate a public garage with the conditions that: 1) the business is to comply with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations; 2) legal and proper disposal of all materials considered hazardous; 3) all overnight and car repair parking/storage to take place in the rear of the facility; 4) non-obtrusive, directional lighting to be used to illuminate the facility and its grounds; 5) no outside storage in the front or sides of the building. Any outside storage is to be placed in an approved outside storage facility in the rear of the building, was made by John Thompson, seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

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This meeting was continued until 6:00 p.m. on May 30, 2007 for a budget debriefing.

Karen H. Hodock, Chairman

Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator