

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 November 2008, 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator, Carol Hall, Deputy Administrator,
Paul Cassell, County Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mr. Ramsey called the November 2008 regular meeting to order.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE TO FLAG

The invocation was offered and pledge to the flag was led by Supervisor Mr. Blessing.

NOVEMBER 25, 2008 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED WITH CHANGE

*****MOTION to approve the November 25, 2008 meeting agenda with no public comments was made by Henry Blessing 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.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED

*****MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the minutes of Oct. 28, 2008, bills for the month of November 2008, in the amount of \$212,558.70, payrolls of October 31, 2008 and November 17, 2008 totaling \$170,288.40, reports from the Treasurer, Building Official, Public Works Director, Meals & Lodging and Recycling were made by Karen Hodock and seconded by John Thompson.

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

VDOT

Chairman Mr. Ramsey advised of the VDOT report presented stating work continues on the Rt. 52 bridge approach solution and the Quarry intersection in the Rocky Gap area.

SOCIAL SERVICES SEPTEMBER 2008 REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to accept the September 2008, Social Services report in the amount of \$66,400.62, with the local allotment of \$8,666.76, 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, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

SCHOOLS DECEMBER 2008 REQUISITION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the Bland County School Boards' December 2008 requisition in the amount of \$900,000.00, to approve the meeting minutes of October 23rd and 27th and to approve all check registers submitted to the Board of Supervisors for the month of September 2008 and October 2008 was made by Henry Blessing with second made by John Thompson.

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

TREASURER REPORT

John Goins, Treasurer appeared with an update on the percentage of real estate and personal property taxes collected to date. Mr. Goins noted office hours would be extended December 3rd thru December 5 until 6:30 p.m. for the collection of taxes.

COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE

Cindy Wright, Commissioner appeared with the request to amend the ordinance allowing for the pick up of new construction upon the issuance of a certificate of occupancy and to amend the ordinance increasing the gross income limits for the age and disability credit.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED

*****MOTION to schedule a public hearing to pick up new construction during the year and schedule a public hearing to increase the gross income limits for the aged and disability credit was made by John Thompson and seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

SHERIFF REPORTS

Jerry Thompson, Sheriff spoke to the board in reference to state cuts which potentially affect schools and law enforcement.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORTS

Willie Howlett, Coordinator presented the Emergency Services monthly report and advised of the formula change which could result in the county losing more wireless dollars.

SMYTH-BLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY REPORT

Harry Shupe, representative reported the latest library statistics and expressed appreciation to the board for all the support provided to the library.

APPOINTMENT

Smyth-Bland Regional Library Board of Directors

*****MOTION to appoint Lois Shupe to the Smyth-Bland Regional Library Board, 4 yr. term to expire 12-31-12 was made by John Thompson and 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.

BUILDING/ZONING REPORT

Joel Cagle, official presented the monthly report of office work activities and included an update on the recent cell tower ground breakings.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Paul Cassell, Attorney reported membership to the local government attorney's association and advised the board excess to the local government handbook if desired or needed..

PEPPER'S FERRY REGIONAL WASTER WATER TREATMENT AUTHORITY MOU

*****MOTION to continue and approve the 2009 agreement between the County of Bland and the Pepper's Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority to accept septage treatment services from the County of Bland when and if the County has the need to use the facility was made by John Thompson and second made 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.

VRS RESOLUTION REAFFIRMED

*****MOTION to adopt the VRS resolution reaffirming the June 26, 2008 resolution demonstrating the formal authorization of the pick-up plan for member contributions was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by John Thompson..

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

2008 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The County Administrator advised that county offices would be closed for the holidays as reflected within the personnel policy with no action needed by the board.

BLAND COUNTY PRESCRIPTION DRUG CARD PROGRAM UPDATE

An update was provided on the usage and savings to county residents utilizing the County's Prescription Drug Card.

BLAND COUNTY FLAG PRESENTED

The County Administrator presented to the board the first Bland County Virginia County Flag.

CLOSED SESSION *****"Move to go into a closed session to discuss a personnel matter (applicants for candidates for Project Manager) pursuant to 2.2-3711-A, subparagraph 1 of the Code of Virginia was made by John Thompson and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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 Henry Blessing.

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

ADJOURNMENT This meeting was adjourned until 6:00 p.m. December 19, 2008.

Jason R. Ramsey, Chairman

Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator