

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 January, 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 H. Hodock

ABSENT: None

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Supervisor Mr. Blessing.

PLEDGE TO FLAG

Chairman Mr. Ramsey led the pledge alliance to the flag.

JANUARY 22, 2008 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED WITH NO CHANGES CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED

*****MOTION to approve the January 22, 2008 meeting agenda with no changes, along with the Consent Agenda as presented which consists of the January 2008 bills in the amount of \$215,817.55, additional bills for the month of December 2007 in the amount of \$25,150.42, the December 17, 2007, December 28, 2007 and the January 16, 2008 payrolls totaling \$239,885.21, meeting minutes of December 18, 2007 and Organizational Meeting of January 2, 2008, reports from the Treasurer, Building Official, Public Works Director, Meals & Lodging and Recycling were made by Henry Blessing, 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.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The County Administrator was directed to contact VDOT regarding the request of signs to reduce speed near the Bland Community Church.

SOCIAL SERVICES NOVEMBER 2007 REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to accept the November 2007, Social Services report in the amount of \$63,208.78, with the local allotment of \$8,084.17, 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 FEBRUARY 2008 REQUISITION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the February 2008 school board's request in the amount of \$725,000.00, approved the meeting minutes of December 13, 2007 and approve all check registers and vendor payments submitted for the months of November and December 2007 was made by Henry Blessing, 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.

Elizabeth Johnson, 4-H Club Director and three 4-H members briefed the board on the acknowledgements and activities of the local 4-H club this past year.

FESTIVAL OF LEAVES REQUEST PAVILLION

Sarah Brackens, Treasurer appeared with the request of a building being constructed upon the fairgrounds to serve as a pavilion.

Randy Newberry, representative outlined the dimensions of the proposed building along with the estimated costs.

Supervisor Mr. Ramsey advised the board would review during the budget process.

BLAND COUNTY 2007 AUDITS REPORT

Corbin Stone, Auditor reported on the results of the county's 2007 audit.

Juan Garcia, of Hicok, Brown & Garcia, reported on the turn-over audit recently completed.

TREASURER REPORT

John Goins, reported on the activities and workload of the Treasurer's Office.

COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE

Cindy Wright, Commissioner of Revenue along with Matt Hickey of Blue Ridge Appraisal Company updated the board on the assessed property values and the results of hearings process.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

Willie Howlett, Coordinator presented the January 2008 Emergency Services' monthly report.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Frank Slavin, County Attorney advised of the monthly workload.

APPOINTMENTS

Southwest Virginia Emergency Services Council

*****MOTION to reappoint Lonny Gay to the Southwest Virginia Emergency Services Council, Inc., for a one year term to expire December 31, 2008, was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

Smyth-Bland Regional Library

Tabled.

New River Regional Jail Authority Board

*****MOTION to reappoint Wade Blankenship to the New River Regional Jail Authority, and Jason Ramsey, as the alternate, for a 4 year term to expire 12-31-2011 was made by Karen Hodock 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.

Bland County Planning Commission

*****MOTION to reappoint Elmer Chewning, a 4 yr. term to expire 1-31-2012, reappoint Stephen Kelley, a 4 yr term to expire 12-31-2011, reappoint Guy Boone, a 4 yr term to expire 12-31-2011, reappoint Robert Trobaugh, a 4 yr term to expire 12-31-2011 and appoint Meagan Bradshaw, for a term to expire 9-30-2011, to the Planning Commission, was made by John Thompson and seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

Southwest Regional Enterprise Center Board

*****MOTION to reappoint David Dillow to the Southwest Regional Enterprise Center Board, a 4 yr term to expire 9-30-2011, was made Karen Hodock and seconded by John Thompson.

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

Southwest Development Financing Authority Board

*****MOTION to reappoint Jonathan Sweet to the Southwest Development Financing Authority Board, a 4 yr term to expire 12-31-2011 was made by Karen Hodock and seconded made 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.

Board of Equalization

No action taken.

BLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE CONTRACT BID OPENING TABLED

The Bland County Solid Waste Contract bid opening was tabled.

SOUTHERN RIVERS WATERSHED ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FUNDING APPLICATION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Southern Rivers Watershed Enhancement Program Funding Application for the Bland Wastewater System Project was made by Karen Hodock 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.

CIRCUIT COURT ADDITIONAL 07-08 BUDGET APPROPRIATION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the additional appropriation to the Circuit Court's 07-08 revenue and expense budgets in the amount of \$ 4,487.00, for two grants received from the Virginia State Library, was made by John Thompson and seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

RAMSEY LOCAL GOVERNMENT EDUCATION POOL APPLICATION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Ramsey Local Government Education Pool application in the amount of \$500.00, contingent upon successful completion of the course was made by John Thompson and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

SURPLUS VEHICLES DECLARED

*****MOTION to declare the 1996 Lumina, a 1998 Ford Crown Vic and a 1996 Chevrolet S-10 pickup surplus and offer for sale, with no minimum bid was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

OLD JAIL/OLD SHERIFF'S OFFICE CONCEPT

IT WAS THE CONCENSUS of the Board to consider the Old Jail/Old Sheriff's Office concept during the budget preparation period.

NACO PRESCRIPTION DRUG CARD UPDATE

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

FAIR ASSOCIATION BARN NEED OF REWIRING

Elaine Richardson, spokesperson advised of the need to rewire the large barn located upon the fairgrounds.

CLOSED SESSION

*****"Move to go into a closed session to discuss a contractual matter pursuant to 2.2-3711A, subparagraph 13 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 Karen Hodock.

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

MOUNTAIN HOME PROJECT FUNDING PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chairman Mr. Ramsey opened the public hearing to receive public comment on the application with USDA and Rural Development for the funding of the Mountain Home Project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

The public hearing was closed by Chairman Mr. Ramsey.

MOUNTIAN HOME PROJECT APPLICATION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the funding application for the Mountain Home Project was made by Karen Hodock 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.

ADJOURNMENT This meeting was adjourned until 5:00 p.m., February 26, 2008.

Jason R. Ramsey, Chairman

Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator