

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 April, 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 April 2008 regular meeting to order.

INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by County Administrator Jonathan Sweet.

PLEDGE TO FLAG

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

APRIL 22, 2008 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED

*****MOTION to approve the April 22, 2008 meeting agenda as presented was made by Henry Blessing, and seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Mary Halloway, Residency Engineer updated the Board on the Rt. 52 bridge construction with the completion date of June 30th, tunnel projects continuing, and maintenance upon Rt. 608.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED

*****MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 28, 2008, bills for the month of April 2008 in the amount of \$185,953.65, payrolls of March 31, 2008 and April 16, 2008 totaling \$160,917.60, reports from the Treasurer, Building Official, Public Works Director, Meals & Lodging and Recycling were made by Karen Hodock, seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

SOCIAL SERVICES FEBRUARY 2008 REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to accept the February 2008, Social Services report in the amount of \$60,615.77, with the local allotment of \$7,617.80 + non reimbursable of \$318.86, was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

SCHOOLS MAY 2008 REQUISITION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the May 2008 school board's request in the amount of \$750,000.00, approved the meeting minutes of March 17th and March 26th, 2008 and approve all check registers and vendor payments submitted for the months of March 2008 provided within the monthly packet was made by Henry Blessing, and seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

TREASURER REPORT

John Goins, Treasurer reported on the office work load and advised that the office would be closed on Thursday, April 24th to attend Treasurer's Association meeting.

SMYTH-BLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY STATISTICS

Harry Shupe, representative reported the latest statistics and announced the 10 yr anniversary celebration of the Library planned for May 17th.

ROUND THE MTN

Steve Hermansen appeared with a report on Round the Mtn.

BUILDING OFFICIAL

Joel Cagle, Building/Zoning Official advised of the monthly workload and the educational courses being pursued.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Frank Slavin, County Attorney reported on work activities.

APPOINTMENTS

Planning Commission

*****MOTION to reappoint Deborah Looney and Jerry Mercer to the Planning Commission, 4 yr term to expire 04-30-2012 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, no; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

*****MOTION to reappoint Henry Blessing to the Planning Commission, 4 yr term to expire 12-31-2011 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, abstaining; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

VDOT RURAL RUSTIC ROAD CONCEPT

*****MOTION to approve the Resolutions for Rt. 645, Rt. 615 and Rt. 612 for the Rural Rustic Concept 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, no; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

RELAY FOR LIFE ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT

*****MOTION to approve the Relay for Life Special Entertainment Permit for June 27th and waive all permit fees was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by John Thompson.

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

SHERIFF'S DEPT ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO 07-08 BUDGET APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve an additional appropriation both expenditure and revenue in the amount of \$667.00, applied to hours worked in the part time funding line item within the sheriff's 07-08 fiscal year budget, revenue approved and received from the compensation board was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by John Thompson.

FLOOD ZONE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED

It was the consensus of the Board to schedule the Flood Zone Ordinance Amendment Public Hearing be set for May 27, 2008.

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.

TIRE COLLECTION UPDATE

The County Administrator advised of the 2,351 tires collected during the recent Tire Collection Project held in April 2008.

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 Henry Blessing. Mrs. Lois Shupe and Carol Brunty were invited into the closed session.

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.

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

SIX-YEAR ROAD IMPROVEMENT PLAN PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chairman Mr. Ramsey opened the Public Hearing to receive public comment on the proposed Bland County Six-Year Road Improvement Plan presented by the Virginia Department of Transportation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Shirley Cox, Kimberling resident requested an update on where Rt. 612 was within the plan.

COMMENT

Marty Halloway, Residency Engineer advised of the shortage of funds being received for the county for road improvements and how the Rural Rustic Concept Program was planned in the county as listed in the 2009-2014 plan. Mr. Halloway read the required statement aloud.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Mr. Ramsey closed the public hearing.

SIX-YEAR ROAD IMPROVEMENT PLAN APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the 2008-2014 Road Plan as presented was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by John Thompson.

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

DELAY REZONE PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chairman Mr. Ramsey opened the Public Hearing to receive public comment on the application of James Delay to rezone property located on Little Creek Highway, Dublin, VA from agricultural to commercial for the purpose of operating a country store.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Penny Delay spoke with the desire to operate the country store and the benefits to the citizens in the area.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Chairman Mr. Ramsey closed the public hearing.

DELAY REZONE APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the application of James Delay to rezone property from agricultural to commercial and operate a county store at 12668 Little Creek Hwy, Dublin, Tax Map 97-A-17 was made by John Thompson and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

CONTINUANCE This meeting was continued until 5:30 p.m., May 7, 2008.

Jason R. Ramsey, Chairman

Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator