

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- fourth day of June 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

ABSENT: Karen Hodock

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mr. Ramsey called the June 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.

JUNE 24, 2008 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED

*****MOTION to approve the June 24, 2008 meeting agenda as presented was made by John Thompson, and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, absent; 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 Board minutes of April 8, 2008, April 9, 2008, April 22, 2008, May 7, 2008 May 14, 2008, May 21, 2008, May 27, 2008 and June 11, 2008, bills for the month of June 2008 in the amount of \$170,956.22 and additional bills for the month of May in the amount of \$1,761.00, payrolls of May 30, 2008, June 2, 2008 and June 16, 2008 totaling \$157,398.40 reports from the Treasurer, Building Official, Public Works Director, Meals & Lodging and Recycling were made by Henry Blessing and seconded by John Thompson.

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

VDOT REPORTS

David Lamie, Assistant Residency Administrator updated the Board regarding the Rt. 52 project in place and tunnel projects to be completed in Nov. 2008. The Board was advised of Ms. Brenda Walters passing away.

.SOCIAL SERVICES APRIL 2008 REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to accept the April 2008, Social Services report in the amount of \$99,115.87, with the local allotment of \$32,178.03, was made by John Thompson and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

SCHOOLS JULY 2008 REQUISITION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the July 2008 school board's request in the amount of \$650,000.00, approve the meeting minutes of May 28, 2008, approve the check registers for payroll and vendor payments submitted for the month of May 2008, approve the appropriation of \$176,256.86 to the 07-08 school board budget for the amount of cafeteria payroll, processed throughout the school year, transfer \$188,533.14 of School construction/lottery Funds and

transfer and appropriate \$12,000.00 from the Special Fund held in BB&T to the school, board was made by Henry Blessing with second made by John Thompson.

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

TREASURER REPORT

John Goins, Treasurer reported on the office work load and activities.

COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE

Cindy Wright, Commissioner of Revenue appeared with an update on land use applications and expressed appreciation to the board on the elimination of the farm equipment, livestock and the household tax.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORTS

Willie Howlett, Coordinator presented the Emergency Services monthly report of activities.

SMYTH-BLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY

Harry Shupe, representative presented the latest statistics of the library and announced the 10th year anniversary celebration results.

BUILDING OFFICIAL

Joel Cagle, Building/Zoning Official presented a report to include the number of permits issued and inspections completed. Mr. Cagle advised that he had completed the building official certification program which brings the County into compliance.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Frank Slavin, County Attorney announced this meeting to be his 240th board of supervisors meeting and concluded this would be his last meeting with the board as county attorney.

Chairman Ramsey read a letter of appreciation for Mr. Slavin's service as county attorney to Bland County.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sarah Pauley, resident spoke to the board regarding a trash bill that she did not receive and requested the waiver of the \$3.00 penalty charged to her account. *****MOTION to waive the \$3.00 penalty charge was made by John Thompson and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

APPOINTMENTS

Mount Rogers Alcohol Safety Action Prevention (ASAP) Board

*****MOTION to appoint Bob Bruce to the Mount Rogers Alcohol Safety Action Prevention Board, a 4 yr. term to expire 6-30-2012 was made by John Thompson and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

Bland County Department of Social Services Board

*****MOTION to appoint Sonya Ramsey to the Department of Social Services Board, a 4 yr. term, effective July 1, 2008 to expire June 30, 2012 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.

Mount Rogers Criminal Justice Board

*****MOTION to reappoint Jason Ramsey to the Mount Rogers Criminal Justice Board with Jonathan Sweet as the alternate was made by Henry Blessing, seconded by John Thompson.

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

VDOT RESOLUTION PASSES

*****MOTION to approve the Resolution to the Virginia Department of Transportation for the Bland County Industrial Park Road (Progress Drive) requesting that VDOT enter the road into the secondary road system, was made by John Thompson and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

SCHOOLBOARD REQUEST WAIVER OF PERMIT FEE APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the waiver of the fees relating to the electrical, miscellaneous and a plumbing permit for the Mtn. Home Project as requested by the schoolboard was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by John Thompson.

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

RED OAK METHODIST CHURCH REQUEST WAIVER OF PERMIT FEE APPROVED

*****MOTION to waive the plumbing and electrical permit fees as requested by the Red Oak Methodist Church was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by John Thompson.

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

AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE WEEKEND PROCLAMATION READ

*****MOTION to approve the American Indian Heritage Weekend Proclamation for July 25 thru July 27, 2008 was made by John Thompson and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO 07-08 BUDGET APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the additional appropriations to the various 07-08 department budgets as a budget clean up was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by John Thompson.

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

2008-2009 COUNTY BUDGET APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the County's 2008-2009 budget in the amount of \$17,424,228.00 with the real estate tax levy of \$.55 per \$100 assessed value, tangible personal property rate of \$2.29 per \$100 assessed value, machinery and tools rate of \$. 89 per \$100 of assessed value and merchant capital rate to be \$.73 per \$100 assessed value, eliminate the household tax, the farm equipment tax and the livestock tax, and set the PPTRA relief rate to be 41% was made by John Thompson and seconded by Henry Blessing.

MOUNT ROGERS LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT 2008 AGREEMENT ACCEPTED

*****MOTION to approve the 08 fiscal year health department agreement was made by John Thompson and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

BASTIAN UNION CHURCH FIREWORKS PERMIT APPLICATION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Bastian Union Church Fireworks application, the special entertainment permit and waive the permit fees for their annual July 4th celebration was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by John Thompson.

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

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.

ABANDON MOBILE VEHICLES REMOVAL PROGRAM UPDATE

The County Administrator advised the board of the number of mobile vehicles removed from within the county under the Abandon Mobile 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 and invite Mr. John Goins to attend was made by John Thompson and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

HODGES & CAMPBELL LAW FIRM RETAINED AS COUNTY ATTORNEY

*****MOTION to retain the firm of Hodges and Campbell as the Bland County attorney effective July 1, 2008 was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by John Thompson.

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

CONTINUANCE This meeting was continued until 6:30 p.m. July 14, 2008.

Jason R. Ramsey, Board of Supervisors Chairman

Jonathan D. Sweet, Clerk of the Board