

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- sixth of August 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 August 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.

AUG 26, 2008 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED

*****MOTION to approve the August 26, 2008 meeting agenda with the addition of the IRS mileage rate 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.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED

*****MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the Board minutes of June 12, 2008, June 14, 2008, and July 22, 2008 bills for the month of August 2008 in the amount of \$176,515.75, payrolls of July 16, 2008, Aug. 1, 2008 and Aug. 15, 2008 in the amount of \$249,582.31 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, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

VDOT UPDATE

David Lamie, Assistant Residency Administrator presented an update to include the abandonment of Eagles Road, Commerce Park awarded to Draper Aden, tunnel projects nearing completion, interstate work, stop sign at intersection of Rt. 52 and Rt. 61, bridge on the quarry road and the bad approaches to the new Rt. 52 bridge were discussed.

*****MOTION to approve a speed study and a safety study upon Villa Heights Dr., approximately _ mile in length was made by Karen Hodock, and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

SOCIAL SERVICES JUNE 2008 REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to accept the June 2008, Social Services report in the amount of \$52,412.77, with the local allotment of \$7,638.95, 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 SEPTEMBER 2008 REQUISITION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the September 2008 school board's request in the amount of \$750,000.00, approve the July 22, 2008 regular meeting and the check registers for

payroll and vendor payments for the month of June and July 2008 were 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.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

Marty Holliday, Program Planner and Susan Seymour appeared before the Board with information on the Adult Education and GED programs offered. Ms. Holliday requested that the county approve the proclamation declaring Oct. 15, 2008 as GED Day and proclaim that Oct. 12 thru Oct. 18, 2008 as Adult Education Week.

TREASURER REPORT

John Goins appeared with the monthly treasurer's office report.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORTS

Willie Howlett, Coordinator presented the Emergency Services monthly report of work activities to include working with Afton regarding the wireless internet.

SMYTH-BLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY

Harry Shupe, representative presented an update to the library's circulation.

PARKS AND RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE

*****MOTION to approve the expense of concrete flooring for the Mechanicsburg Community Park shelter not to exceed \$3200.00 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.

ROUND THE MTN COMMITTEE

Steve Hermansen offered information regarding the Heartwood Southwest Virginia's Artisan Gateway. Mr. Hermansen advised that the \$17 million project when completed would be debt free.

APPOINTMENTS

Bland County Planning Commission

No action taken.

Bland County Board of Zoning Appeals

*****Recommend Colene Pauley be reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals 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.

WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMITS APPROVED

Bland Methodist Church

Clearfork Baptist Church

*****MOTION to waive the electrical permit fee for the parsonage located at 94 N. Scenic Hwy, as requested by the Bland Methodist Church in the amount of \$30.53, waive the building permit fee for a 20x29 fellowship hall extension and new youth room for the Clearfork Baptist Church in the amount of \$141.04 as requested 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.

MT. ROGERS COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD ANNUAL CONTRACT

*****MOTION to accept the Mt. Rogers Community Services Board annual contract was made by Karen Hodock 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.

MTN HOME PROJECT RESOLUTION

*****MOTION to approve the Mtn Home Project Resolution demonstrating the support of the Board of Supervisors and authorize the County Administrator to execute on behalf of the County of Bland, was made by John Thompson and seconded was made 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.

DMV HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM GRANT APPROVED

*****MOTION to accept the \$10,000 DMV Highway Safety Program Grant with the local match being taken from the 08-09 sheriffs' selective enforcement budget, appropriate to the revenue and expenditure to the 08-09 budgets and authorize the county administrator to sign was made by Karen Hodock, 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.

IRS MILEAGE RATE INCREASED

*****MOTION that the county follow the \$.585 IRS mileage reimbursement rate to be effective September 1, 2008 was made by Henry Blessing 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.

GED DAY APPROVED

ADULT EDUCATION WEEK APPROVED

*****MOTION to designate October 15, 2008 as GED Day, and Oct. 12 thru Oct. 18, 2008 as Adult Education Week as requested was made by Henry Blessing 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.

ABANDON MOTOR VEHICLE UPDATE.

The County Administrator advised of the number of motor vehicles removed from within the county under the Abandon Motor Vehicles Removal Program.

CONGRESSMAN BOUCHER TO PRESENT MONIES FOR BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT

The County Administrator advised that Congressman Boucher's would present monies to fund Phase III of the county's broadband deployment on Sept.2, 2008, 11:00 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall.

TICKLE PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chairman Mr. Ramsey opened the public hearing to receive public comment on the application of Leslie Tickle for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Commercial Stable upon tax parcel #69-A-58 in the Mechanicsburg area

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were offered.

Lesley Tickle, applicant described the proposed 285x50 sq. ft building, proposed to operate a commercial stable within the county.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Chairman Mr. Ramsey closed the public hearing.

TICKLE C.U.P APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Conditional Use Permit as requested by Leslie Tickle to operate a commercial stable, with no conditions, in the Mechanicsburg District, Tax Map #69-A-58, located off Rt. 42, _ mile east of Rt. 738 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.

ADJOURNMENT This meeting was adjourned until 5:00 p.m., September 23, 2008.

Jason R. Ramsey, Chairman

Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator