

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Rocky Gap School Cafeteria, Rocky Gap, Virginia, on the twenty-seventh day of October 2009, at 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

PRESENT: John Thompson, Jason R. Ramsey, Henry Blessing

ABSENT: Karen Hodock

ALSO PRESENT: Willie Howlett, County Administrator, Carol Hall, Deputy Administrator
Paul Cassell, County Attorney

Chairman Mr. Thompson announced that the October 26, 2009 Continued Meeting was not held due to lack of a quorum and adjourned the Oct. 13th meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Thompson called the October 27, 2009 monthly meeting to order.

OCTOBER 27, 2009 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED WITH CHANGES CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED

***** Motion to approve the October 27, 2009 meeting agenda as amended and approve the Consent Agenda which consents of the September 22, 2009 and October 13, 2009 meeting meetings, bills for the month of October 2009, in the amount of \$228,063.37, payrolls of October 1st and October 16, 2009 totaling \$182,609.89, reports from the Sheriff, Treasurer, Animal/Litter Control, Building Official, E-911, Public Works Director, Meals & Lodging and Recycling was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

INVOCATION

PLEDGE TO FLAG

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

VDOT REPORTS

Marty Halloway, Residency Administrator advised of the new law regarding driveway entrances but stated VDOT has chosen not to implement.

SOCIAL SERVICES AUGUST 2009 REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the August 2009, Social Services report in the amount of \$55,647.55 with the local allotment of \$6,825.81, was made by Jason Ramsey 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 NOVEMBER 2009 REQUISTION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the Bland County School Boards' November 2009 requisition in the amount of \$750,000.00, to approve the meeting minutes of September 28, 2009 and approve all check registers submitted for the months of August 25, Sept. 11, and Sept. 21, 2009 was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

John Goins, Treasurer advised of work activities and informed that the 2009 tax tickets should be mailed to residents by the end of the month.

COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE

Cindy Wright, Commissioner of Revenue advised that land transfers have been completed January through September 2009.

ROUND THE MTN COMMITTEE

Steve Hermansen presented updates regarding the progression of the Artesian Center, the Artisan Trail and the Blue Ridge Travel conference scheduled for November in Roanoke.

2009-2010 BUDGET APPROPRIATION – RESCUE SQUAD GRANT

*****MOTION to approve an additional \$21,900.00 to the County's 2009-2010 both revenue and expenditure budgets by \$21,900.00 for the Rescue Squad's Grant received to purchase Tough Book computers was made by Jason Ramsey 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 unanimously.

COLLEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT REQUEST

*****MOTION the direct the county administrator to prepare a proclamation for the December 2009 meeting acknowledging Bob Colley for his work and efforts on the reunion held for present and former Bland County residents was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

VACO 2009 VOTING CREDENTIALS FORM APPROVED

*****MOTION that Henry Blessing cast the vote for Bland County at the VACo 2009 Annual Meeting was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by John Thompson.

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

JACKSON EDUCATIONAL POOL APPLICATION APPROVED
FORBES-HUBARD EDUCATIONAL POOL APPLICATION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Educational Pool applications of both Remona Jackson and Breanne Forbes-Hubbard contingent upon the guidelines of the Educational Pool program was made by Jason Ramsey 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.

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH WAIVER REQUEST APPROVED

*****MOTION to waive the miscellaneous permit fee of \$15.30 as requested by the St. Matthew's Lutheran Church was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

BLAND ELEMENTARY PTSO WAIVER REQUEST APPROVED

*****MOTION to waive the permit fee of \$15.00 as requested by the Bland elementary PTSO was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

EDA RESOLUTION/VA STEELE AND FABRICATION, INC APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the EDA Resolution supporting the transfer of certain property to VA Steele and Fabrication, Inc. was made by Jason Ramsey 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.

2009-2010 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR COMPENSATION BOARD REDUCTIONS APPROVED

*****DUE to the Compensation Board's reduction to constitutional officers 2009-2010 budgets --- MOTION to transfer \$1,500.00 from the Treasurer's 09-10 various line items budgeted: (012410-3165 \$100.00; 12410-3310 \$100.00; 12410-5230 \$100.00; 12410-5410 \$100.00; 12410-5500 \$200.00; 12410-5540 \$300.00; 12410-6001 \$300.00; 12410-6021 \$100.00; 12410-6025 \$100.00; 12410-8207 \$100.00), to the salary line item 12410-1100 and approve to fund the remainder \$1,220.00 from the current fiscal year budget surplus; approve \$3,005.00 of which the comp board approved for office supplies of the Circuit Court Clerk's office to be used for the shortfall in salaries and the clerk agrees to cut expenditures within other line items to help fund the remainder \$5,598.00 shortfall, then whatever remains is to be paid for from the 09-10 budget surplus: transfer \$2,000.00 from the Commissioner of Revenue's 09-10 EDP equipment line to the salary line 1100 and the County fund the shortfall remainder of \$2,067.00 from the current 2009-2010 budget surplus: move a total of \$500.00 from the Commonwealth Attorney's budget (line 5500, \$100.00, from 5540, \$150.00, from 6012, \$100.00, from 6001, \$150.00) to the salary line and fund the shortfall remainder of \$1,998 from the 2009-2010 budget surplus, the County funding this additional amount of \$10,883.00 until June 30, 2009 was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

Sheriff Thompson's request for a budget adjustment was tabled until the November board meeting.

AEP RESOLUTION

*****MOTION to adopt a Resolution opposing any rate increase to Appalachian Power and send to the State Corporation Commission and to legislators was made by Jason Ramsey 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.

PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND COUNTY'S 2009-2010 BUDGET

Chairman Mr. Thompson opened the public hearing announcing the purpose was to receive comment on amending the County's 2009-2010 budget and the School's budget due to the receipt of the School's \$154,000.00 Technology Grant.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were offered.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Mr. Thompson closed the public hearing.

COUNTY'S 2009-2010 BUDGET AMENDED

*****MOTION to amend the County's 2009-2010 budget and the School Board's 2009-2010 budget due to the receipt of the School's \$154,000.00 Technology Grant was made by Jason Ramsey 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.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is to be held November 30, 2009, 5:00 p.m. at the Bland County Courthouse Main Courtroom.

John C. Thompson, Chairman

Willie Howlett, County Administrator