

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse, Bland, Virginia, on the thirtieth day of November 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, Karen Hodock

ABSENT: None

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

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Thompson called the November 30, 2009 monthly meeting to order.

#### INVOCATION

#### PLEDGE TO FLAG

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

#### NOVEMBER 30, 2009 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED WITH CHANGES CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED

\*\*\*\*\* Motion to approve the November 30, 2009 meeting agenda as amended and approve the Consent Agenda which consents of the bills for the month of November 2009, in the amount of \$305,273.69, payrolls of November 2<sup>nd</sup> and November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 totaling \$182,442.35, reports from the Sheriff, Treasurer, Animal/Litter Control, Building Official, E-911, Public Works Director, Meals & Lodging and Recycling was made by Jason Ramsey 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 SEPTEMBER 2009 REPORT APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the September 2009, Social Services report in the amount of \$75, 585.70 with the local allotment of \$9,478.05, 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, yes. The motion passed.

#### SCHOOLS DECEMBER 2009 REQUISITION APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve and appropriate the Bland County School Boards' December 2009 requisition in the amount of \$700,000.00, to approve the meeting minutes of October 20, 2009, October 26, 2009 and approve all check registers submitted for the months of October, 2009 was made by Jason Ramsey 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.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

John Goins, Treasurer advised of the extended hours scheduled to accommodate tax payers.

#### PROJECT MANAGER REPORTS

Audra Repass, Project Manager briefed the Board in regards to the Census Grant received to purchase shirts.

#### SHERIFF THOMPSON REPORTS ON CAR PURCHASE

Sheriff Thompson informed the Board of the status of the new vehicles.

#### SMYTH-BLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY

Lois Shupe, representative reported the latest library statistics and advised of the Library Christmas Party scheduled for December 5, 2009.

BLUE RIDGE TRAVEL ASSOC.  
ROUND THE MTN.

Steve Hermansen reported on the Blue Ridge Travel Association and updates to the artisans map.

APPOINTMENTS

District III Governmental Cooperative

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to appoint Nick Asbury to District III Governmental Cooperative for a 1 year term to expire 12-31-2010 and appoint Karen Hodock as alternate to Mr. Asbury, was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

Bland County Emergency Services

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to appoint Willie Howlett as Director to the Bland County Emergency Services and Carol Hall as Assistant Director for a 1 year term to expire 12-31-2010 was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

Southwest Virginia Emergency Medical Services Board

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to reappoint Lonny Gay to the Southwest Virginia Emergency Medical Services' Board for a 1 year term to expire 12-31-2010 was made by Jason Ramsey 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.

BUDGET TRANSFER FOR WCIV STUDENT TOURS APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to transfer \$625.00 from the Board of Supervisors' department to Community Development Department for 125 Bland County students to tour the Wolf Creek Indian Village 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, yes. The motion passed.

MECHANICSBURG COMMUNITY CENTER FEE WAIVER APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the fee waiver request of the Mechanicsburg Community Center (picnic shelter) in the amount of \$73.44 was made by Jason Ramsey 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.

PEPPER'S FERRY REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT AUTHORITY AGREEMENT

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the 2010 Memorandum of Understanding with Pepper's Ferry regarding Bland County waste water was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

CSA SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve \$24,706.67, the required local match to fund the CSA supplemental funding and to fund this amount from reserves was made by Jason Ramsey 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.

REIMBURSEMENT OF TAXES BILLED TO WVVA TELEVISION IN ERROR DISCUSSED

The request of the Commissioner of Revenue to reimburse \$56,576.67 to WVVA Television, for personal property tax charged in error was discussed. This topic has been tabled until next month.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO HIRE PART-TIME DISPATCHERS

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the hiring of 3-5 part-time dispatchers for the sheriffs department due to the staffing problems was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

2009 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the closing of county offices as per Judge Showalters' Order dated November 9, 2009 was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

DECEMBER 2009 BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGED

\*\*\*\*\*IT WAS THE CONSENSUS of the Board that the December monthly meeting be held December 29, 2009, 5:00 p.m. at the Bland Courthouse.

CLOSED SESSION \*\*\*\*\*"Move to go into a closed session to discuss a real estate property issue pursuant to 2.2-3711-A, subparagraph 2 of the Code of Virginia and invite Mr. Asbury and the school board members was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

"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 Jason Ramsey 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.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned until December 29, 2009, 5:00 p.m. at the Bland County Courthouse Main Courtroom.

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John C. Thompson, Chairman

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Willie Howlett, County Administrator