

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-seventh day of September 2005, 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

PRESENT: John C. Thompson, Karen H. Hodock, Jason R. Ramsey, Henry M. Blessing

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator, Carol Hall, Deputy Administrator, Frank Slavin, County Attorney; Justin Harmon, The Bland Messenger;

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman John Thompson called the regular monthly meeting of September 27, 2005 to order.

INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by County Administrator, Jonathan Sweet.

PLEDGE TO FLAG

Chairman Thompson led the pledge alliance to the flag.

SEPTEMBER 27, 2005 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED WITH CHANGE

*****MOTION to approve the September 27, 2005 meeting agenda with the addition that the October Board of Supervisors meeting be held on October 18, 2005 was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

*****MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which consist of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 23, 2005, Public Hearing of September 19, 2005, September 2005 bills in the amount of \$185,678.83, August 31, 2005 and September 16, 2005 payrolls totaling \$136,927.21, reports from the Sheriff, Animal Control, Building Official, Public Works, E-911 Coordinator, Meals/Lodging and Recycling 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 unanimously.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Resident Engineer, Frank Phipps updated the Board to include: Rt. 644 bridge work; traffic study upon Rt. 615; and the county's Secondary Road Six Year Plan.

*****MOTION to adopt a Resolution to post the speed limit in the Deerun Estates Subdivision based upon VDOT's regulations was made by Karen Hodock, 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 unanimously.

BLAND SENIOR 4-H

4-H leader, Elizabeth Johnson and several senior members addressed the board with a briefing of current 4-H activities. *****MOTION to approve the Proclamation declaring October 2 thru October 8, 2005 as National 4-H Week was made by Karen Hodock, 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 unanimously.

SOCIAL SERVICES REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the July 2005 Social Services report in the amount of \$36,264.47 with the local allotment of \$6,202.95 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.

AMERICAN GENERAL LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY

Cleveland Settle, Agent with American General Life and Accident Insurance Company appeared before the board with a presentation of an employee supplement insurance and requested permission to meet and explain the plan to county employees.

SCHOOLS REQUISITION AND REQUESTS APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the Bland County School Board's October 2005 Requisition in the amount of \$750,000.00; approve the August 22, 2005 Meeting Minutes; and to approve the Check Register(s) for the month of July and August 2005 was made by Henry Blessing, 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

County Treasurer JoAnn Shewey updated the board with office activities and advised of the plan to eliminate the PPTRA program.

SMYTH-BLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY

Harry Shupe, representative appeared with the latest library statistics and the extended hours schedule.

RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Representative Randy Moler reported on activities and the work continuing on the Crab Orchard Park. Mr. Moler advised that the specification sheets for bids on the Rocky Gap Park have been sent to potential contractors.

*****MOTION to approve the reimbursement of \$578.88 (lumber & tin) to Johnny Gibson for personal expenses incurred in the construction of the baseball field in Bastian, funds to be pulled from community development, was made by Karen Hodock, 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 unanimously.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney Frank Slavin advised that his office has been moved and the clearance to hold the special election in November 2005 for the position of Circuit Court Clerk.

APPOINTMENTS

Economic Development Authority (EDA)

*****MOTION to appoint David Berry, of P.O. Box 122, Bastian Va. to the Economic Development Authority for a 4- year term to expire 09/30/2009 and expressed appreciation to Randy Moler for this his service to the EDA, was made by Henry Blessing, 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 unanimously.

*****MOTION to reappoint Joseph Carr to the Economic Development Authority for a 4-year term to expire 09/30/2009 was made by Jason Ramsey, 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 unanimously.

BLAND FREE PENTACOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH REQUEST OF WAIVER APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Bland Free Pentacostal Holiness Church request of a waiver of a sign permit fee was made by Karen Hodock, 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 unanimously.

BLAND COUNTY FESTIVAL OF LEAVES SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT

*****MOTION to approve the Bland County Festival of Leaves Entertainment Permit application, waive the fee and authorize the chairman to sign was made by Jason Ramsey, 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 unanimously.

CERES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PROCLAMATION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Ceres Alumni Association Proclamation as presented was made by Henry Blessing, 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 unanimously.

SERVICE AUTHORITY/COUNTY INSURANCE AGREEMENT

*****MOTION to approve the Insurance Coverage Agreement between the Bland County Service Authority and the County of Bland was made by Karen Hodock, 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 unanimously.

STORAGE YARD – CONTRACTOR FAILS

*****MOTION to add Storage Yard, Contractor, with a Conditional Use Permit in the Agricultural District zone as read, was made by Henry Blessing, seconded by Karen Hodock.

Call vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, no; Jason Ramsey, no; John Thompson, yes. The motion failed.

NOISE ORDINANCE DISCUSSION

There was discussion on the drafting of a Noise Ordinance for the county.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT EDUCATION POOL

*****MOTION that the Board of Supervisors review and approve participants regarding the Local Government Education Pool was made by Henry Blessing, 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 unanimously.

COURTHOUSE OPEN HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT

*****MOTION to hold an Open House for the courthouse on October 9, 2005 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., 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, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed unanimously.

RANDY NEWBERRY RECOGNITION

Supervisor John Thompson requested a proclamation recognizing Randy Newberry for his gracious donation to the county.

RECORDS MANAGEMENT EXPENSES

Supervisor John Thompson requested that since the Records Management Grant was not received that all expenses to the system to put on hold and that the department provide in written format their plan to pay the bills received and any forth coming expenses for the Records Management system.

GROSECLOSE PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

The public hearing to receive public comment on the application of Mr. Patrick Groseclose for a change of zoning from agriculture to commercial to conduct a hardware, lawn and garden supply sales operation, located on State Route 42 in the Ceres area of the county was opened by Chairman Mr. Thompson.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Randy Moler, citizen spoke in favor of the rezone request adding that in his opinion it would be an asset to the community.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

The public hearing was closed.

GROSECLOSE REZONE APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the rezone request of Patrick Groseclose for Tax Map #119-A-28, from agricultural to commercial to conduct a hardware, lawn and garden supply sales operation, located on State Route 42 in the Ceres area of the county was made by Henry Blessing, 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 unanimously.

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 Jason Ramsey, seconded by Karen Hodock.

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 in Closed Session was made by Jason Ramsey, seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned until 5:00 p.m., October 18, 2005.

John C. Thompson, Chairman

Jonathan Sweet, County Administrator