

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse, Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-sixth day of January 2010, at 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

PRESENT: Henry Blessing, Jason R. Ramsey, Karen Hodock, Nick Asbury

ABSENT: None

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mr. Blessing called the January 26, 2010 monthly meeting to order.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE TO FLAG

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

JANUARY 26, 2010 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED AS AMENDED

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED

***** Motion to approve the January 26, 2010 meeting agenda as amended and approve the Consent Agenda which consents of the Board of Supervisor's meeting minutes of December 29, 2009 and the Organizational Meeting of January 4, 2010, the bills for the month of January 2010, in the amount of \$224,812.44, payrolls of December 30, 2009 and January 14, 2009 totaling \$175,743.54, 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 Nick Asbury.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen. Hodock, yes. The motion passed.

SENIOR 4-H PRESENTATION

Elizabeth Johnson, Cooperative Extension agent and Mandy Sparks, 4-H member appeared before the Board with a presentation of activities and 4-H programs offered.

SOCIAL SERVICES NOVEMBER 2009 REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the November 2009, Social Services report in the amount of \$69,286.77, with the local allotment of \$7,530.27, was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes. The motion passed.

SCHOOLS FEBRUARY 2010 REQUISTION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the Bland County School Boards' February 2010 requisition in the amount of \$800,000.00, to approve the meeting minutes of December 17, 2009, approve check registers of November 17, 2009, December 9th and December 15, 2009 was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

SMYTH-BLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY

Lois Shupe, representative reported the latest Library statistics.

MTN THE MOUNTAIN

Steve Hermansen reported work on the Artisan Trail.

APPOINTMENTS

Workforce Investment Area Consortium

*****MOTION to appoint Karen Hodock to the Workforce Investment Area Consortium, a three-year term to expire 01-31-2013, was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, abstain. The motion passed.

Chief Local Elected Consortium

*****MOTION to appoint Willie Howlett to the Chief Local Elected Consortium, to complete a term to expire 03-31-11 was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facility Authority

*****MOTION to appoint Nick Asbury to the Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facility Authority to complete the remainder of a term expiring 06-30-2012 was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, abstain; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes. The motion passed.

Virginia's First-- Alternate: *****MOTION to appoint Carol Hall as alternate to Mr. Blessing for the remainder of this term on Virginia's First from 01-01-2010 through 06-30-2010 was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes. The motion passed.

VIRGINIA REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES ACT UPDATE

The County Administrator informed the Board of the Bill introduced that would allow participants to withdraw from the Virginia Regional Industrial Facilities.

APPALACHIAN AGRICULTURAL EXPOSITION CENTER RESOLUTION PASSES

*****MOTION to support the Appalachian Agricultural Exposition Center project with Bland County having no financial obligation, with the caveat that their events do not interfere with any of the county's functions (horse show, Pow-Wow, Fair) and with our events being advertising at their functions, was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Motion passed.

AT-LARGE FIFTH BOARD MEMBER

No action was taken on this topic at this time.

NEW RIVER VALLEY COMMERCE PARK PROJECT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT SECOND AMENDMENT PASSES

*****MOTION to approve the Second Amendment to the New River Valley Commerce Park Participation Resolution relating to the process of refunding any monies was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes. The motion passed.

DIRECT DEPOSIT OF PAYROLL CHECKS

This topic was tabled until the February meeting.

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

Supervisor Mr. Asbury requested that Letters of Appreciation be sent to all county graduates of any college, and county residents who have completed basic military training and letters of appreciation be sent to Mr. Sears, and Mr. Cagle, the sheriffs dept., VDOT, the fire departments and the rescue squad for their service during the snow storm of Dec. 18-19th. Mr. Asbury also requested that staff review and update county policies and procedures.

CERES ALUMINI TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE TO HEATING BILLS

*****Propose that two board members (Mr. Blessing and Mr. Ramsey) use their Community Development Funds to pay January and February heating bills of the Ceres Alumni Association for the Ceres gym was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes. The motion passed.

SESQUICENTENNIAL EXPENSES APPROVED

*****MOTION to reimburse Mr. Blessing's lodging and mileage expenses related to the planning and implementation of The Sesquicentennial was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, abstain; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes;

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 Karen Hodock and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; 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 Nick Asbury.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Nick Asbury, yes;

MOREFIELD HOLDINGS, LLC PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chairman, Henry Blessing opened the Public Hearing to receive public comments on the application of Morefield Holdings, LLC, for a rezone and a conditional use permit in order to conduct a manufacturing operation.

Allen Morefield, owner requested a Re-Zone from Agricultural to Industrial, with a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Manufacturing Operation upon Tax Map #12-A-116, accessed off Enterprise Lane in the Rocky Gap area of Bland County. Plans for this metal fabrication for the coal mining industry would employ approximately 12 people. Mr. Morefield stated that it is his desire to open in 3-6 months.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joe Gills, adjoining resident, stated his support for the business but was concerned about the type of business being conducted and questioned if it would be heat treatment, smoke and/or fumes.

In response to Mr. Gills' concern, Mr. Morefield clarified there would be no heat treatment therefore no smoke and fumes in the area. He stated the grounds would be maintained and enhanced improvements made to the property. Wages would range from \$10.00- \$18.00.

Mr. Cagle, Zoning Official outlined the recommendation of the Planning Commission regarding Mr. Morefield's application, to approve the rezone and the Conditional Use Permit, with no unapproved outside storage exceeding 30 days.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Mr. Blessing closed the public hearing.

MOREFIELD HOLDINGS LLC RE-ZONE AND C.U.P. APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

*****MOTION to approve Morefield Holdings LLC rezone request from Agricultural to Industrial, to operate a Manufacturing Operation upon Tax Map #12-A-116, with a Conditional Use Permit of no unapproved outside storage exceeding 30 days, was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes: Karen Hodock, yes;

PUBLIC HEARING RESCINDING THE CHARTER CHIEF LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS AGREEMENT

Mr. Blessing opened the Public Hearing on the Ordinance rescinding the original CLEOS Agreement and enter into the new CLEOS Consortium.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments offered.

CLEOS CONSORTIUM APPROVED

*****MOTION to rescind the original CLEOS Agreement and enter into the new CLEOS Consortium was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes: Karen Hodock, yes;

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned until February 23, 2010, 5:00 p.m., at the Bland County Courthouse Main Courtroom upon the motion of Nick Asbury and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes: Karen Hodock, yes;

Henry M. Blessing, Chairman

Willie Howlett, County Administrator