

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Court House, Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-third day of August 2011 at 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Eric Workman, County Administrator, Carol J. Hall, Deputy Administrator,  
Paul Cassell, County Attorney

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mrs. Hodock called the August 23, 2011, Board of Supervisor's monthly meeting to order.

#### INVOCATION

#### PLEDGE TO FLAG

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

#### AUGUST 23, 2011 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the August 23, 2011 meeting agenda with additions, was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

#### AUGUST 23, 2011 CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the August 23, 2011 Consent Agenda which consists of the meeting minutes of June 28, 2011 and July 19, 2011, bills for August 2011 in the amount of \$183,422.70, payrolls for July 15, 2011 in the amount of \$94,832.27, August 1, 2011 in the amount of \$94,424.29 and August 16, 2011 in the amount of \$94,474.95, reports from the Sheriff, Treasurer, Animal/Litter Control, Building Official, E-911, Public Works Director, Meals & Lodging and Recycling reports, were made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

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

#### SOCIAL SERVICES JUNE 2011 REPORT APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the June 2011, Social Services' report in the amount of \$74,368.52 with the local allotment being \$9,758.44, was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

#### SCHOOLS AUGUST 2011 REQUISITION APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve and appropriate the Bland County School Boards' September 2011 requisition, in the amount of \$800,000.00, to approve the meeting minutes of July 19, 2011, check registers and Vendor payments for June 28, 2011, June 29, 2011, July 13, 2011, July 14, 2011 and July 19, 2011 were made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Nick Asbury.

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

#### PARKS AND RECREATION

Randy Moler, representative updated the board on the community parks.

#### SMYTH-BLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY

Lois Shupe, representative, presented the latest library statistics.

#### TREASURER REPORTS

John Goins, Treasurer reported on office activities and workload.

BLUE RIDGE TRAVEL ASSOCIATION

RC&D

Steve Hermansen, spoke on updates to tourism through the Blue Ridge Travel Association and the lack of success with the RC&D – USDA funding applications for Bland County producers. The Board requested the county administrator investigate as to how the USDA funding was awarded/distributed.

WOLF CREEK INDIAN VILLAGE/MUSEUM GENERAL MANAGER – SHERRI DILLOW HIRED

The County Administrator Eric Workman introduced Sherri Dillow, the newly employed Manager, to the Wolf Creek Indian Village and Museum.

APPOINTMENTS

Economic Development Authority

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to reappoint David Dillow, to the Economic Development Authority, a 4-yr term to expire 09/31/15, was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Nick Asbury.

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

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to reappoint Harold Andrews, to the Economic Development Authority, a 4-yr term to expire 09/30/2015 was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

Wythe-Bland Joint Public Service Authority

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to reappoint Henry Blessing to the Wythe-Bland Joint Public Service Authority, a 4-yr term to expire 09/30/2015, was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

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

Zoning Appeals Board

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to recommend the reappointment John Dodson to the Zoning Appeals Board, representing the Planning Commission, a 5-yr term to expire 09/11/2016, was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Nick Asbury.

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

Rd the Mtn: Southwest Virginia's Artisan Network

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to appoint Sherri Dillow to the Rd the Mtn., Southwest Virginia's Artisan Network, was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

Bland County Wireless Authority Board

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to appoint Nick Asbury to the Wireless Authority Board, to complete Mr. Ramsey's term expiring 12-31-2013, was made by Jason Ramsey, with second made by Henry Blessing.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kimberling Road Update

Shirley Cox, resident appeared with a status report on road improvements to State Rt. 612, Kimberling Road.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RESTORATION OF STATE FUNDING ADOPTED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to adopt the Resolution in Support of State Funding for Aid to Localities was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Nick Asbury.

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

STATE RT. 612 SPEED STUDY RESOLUTION ADOPTED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to adopt the Speed Study on State Route 612 – Kimberling Rd. was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

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

MOUNT ROGERS COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD 2012 PERFORMANCE CONTRACT

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the Mount Rogers Community Services' Board, 2012 Annual Performance Contract was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

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

MEMEL LANE – PRIVATE DRIVEWAY NAMED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the naming of a private road off State Rt. 614, Memel Lane, was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Nick Asbury.

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

DMV GRANT FOR SHERIFFS DEPT ACCEPTED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve and appropriate to the F/Y 2012 Sheriff's Transportation Safety Department (DMV Grants), expenditures of \$21,945.60 and revenue of \$18,288.00, with the local match of \$3,657.60 to be funded through the Sheriff's S/E budget, was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE SET

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to set the County's mileage reimbursement rate at \$.555, to be consistent with the rate set by the General Assembly, effective July 1, 2011, was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, no; Henry Blessing, yes.

FAIR ASSOCIATION FEE WAIVER REQUEST APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to waive the electrical permit fee in the amount of \$30.60 as requested by the Fair Association was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BONDS DENIED

After discussion, that new school construction is not financially in the best interest of the County at the present time, \*\*\*\*\*MOTION to deny the Qualified School Construction Bonds, and release action made to the media, was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

AT COMMUNITY APPLICATION UPDATE

The County Administrator, Mr. Workman presented an update on the AT Community Application, due October 1, 2011.

NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY RESOLUTION TO REALIGN JUDICIAL CIRCUITS AND DISTRICTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH

The County Administrator advised of the New River Valley Regional Jail Authority's Resolution passed which opposes the adoption of the Janice/Edwards Proposal and JBRS Proposal. The proposals would both change current judicial districts of the Authority such that the current members of the Authority would be split into different judicial districts.

BOS' CIVIC, DONATION TO FUND WCIV VISITS

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to pay for all 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders at both schools a visit to the Wolf Creek Indian Village and Museum and fund through the Board's Civic/Donation line (Blessing) was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chair Mrs. Hodock opened the public hearing on the adoption of the Bland County Comprehensive Plan.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN EXPLANATION AND PURPOSE

Building/Zoning Official Joel Cagle appeared before the Board with an explanation and purpose of the County's Comprehensive Plan, designed by the Code of Virginia and used as a tool to guide the county in their planning decisions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Hermansen inquired as if conservation easements, on large tracts of land, were included in the Comprehensive Plan.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Mrs. Hodock closed the public hearing.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADOPTED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to adopt the Comprehensive Plan as presented was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

"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.

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S CONTRACT RENEWED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to direct the county attorney to draw up the County Administrator's employment contract for Mr. Workman, with provisions discussed was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned until September 27, 2011, 5:00 p.m.

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Karen H. Hodock, Chairman

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Eric R. Workman, County Administrator