

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse, Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-second day of March, 2016 at 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

PRESENT: Adam Kidd, Randy Johnson, Karen Hodock, Nick Asbury

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Eric Workman, County Administrator; Sharon May, Deputy Clerk; Paul Cassell, County Attorney; Linda Miller

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Karen Hodock called the March 22, 2016 Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting to order.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The invocation was offered by Eric Workman. Karen Hodock, Chairperson led the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag.

MARCH 22, 2016 MEETING AGENDA AS AMENDED

*****MOTION to approve the agenda with additions as follows: sheriff's vehicle and budget work session change was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Adam Kidd.

Vote passed unanimously.

MARCH 22, 2016 CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the March 22, 2016 Consent Agenda which consisted of the minutes of the February 23, 2016 regular meeting; payroll issued 02-29-2016 in the amount of \$96,943.33; payroll issued 03-16-2016 in the amount of \$92,093.25; bills for the month of March 2016 in the amount of \$337,980.98; reports from the Treasurer, E911, Sheriff, Project Manager, Animal Control, Building Official, Public Works Director, and Meals & Lodging was made by Adam Kidd and seconded by Randy Johnson.

Vote passed unanimously.

SOCIAL SERVICES JANUARY 2016 REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the January 2016 Social Services' report in the amount of \$72,435.21 with the local allotment of \$9,582.83 was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Vote passed unanimously.

SCHOOL'S APRIL 2016 REQUISITION

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the Bland County School Board's March 2016 requisition in the amount of \$608,351.38; minutes of special meetings February 8 and 18, 2016; regular meeting minutes February 25, 2016; check registers/vendor payments submitted for February 11, 12 and 19, 2016 was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Adam Kidd.

Vote passed unanimously.

ROBISON FARMER COX ASSOCIATES FY'15

Gordon Jones made a presentation for the FY'15 financial overview.

Randy Johnson asked about refinancing the rural development debt into one loan, as was done with the courthouse, for a lower interest rate.

Gordon Jones replied that yes this could be done.

Eric Workman commented that there would be a meeting held with some of the financial advisors for recommendations on how to get this accomplished.

Randy Johnson asked about a percentage increase in delinquent taxes in the past 10 years?

Gordon Jones stated that there had been a steady increase in delinquent tax accounts, from 7.8% to 18%.

BOARDS AND COMMISSION'S REPORTS

Treasurer

John Goins, Treasurer updated the Board of Supervisors as follows: the office has been very busy with the collection of utilities and tax payments; the first tax sale for delinquent tax letters were mailed on March 7, 2016 – only heard from 6 of the recipients (2 set up payment plans, one said to sell); a second letter will be sent out with stronger wording; after two weeks the process to sell will begin; neighbors of some the delinquent tax properties have shown interest in buying the property; Michele Willard is the new part time employee in the treasurer office

Randy Johnson asked about the progress with the DMV Stop?

John Goins stated that there had been some issues with the logon to the DMV, but that they were resolved today.

EXTENSION OFFICE

Jeannie Dudding gave an update as follows: Multi-floral Rose program continue to grow with 42 participants; Producers will also be spraying Autumn Olives with the same spray; New River Valley are combining cattle to make full loads to sell to receive larger premium on truck loads; well water testing will be \$20.00 in mid-May.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sandra Kidd spoke in support of the efforts to clear up the delinquent property tax problem and abandoned properties.

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE CHANGES

Karen Hodock, Chairperson opened the public hearing.

No public speakers.

Karen Hodock, chairperson closed the public hearing.

*****MOTION to amend Bland County Code Sec 2-77 Industrial Development Authority Name designation was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Randy Johnson.

Vote passed unanimously.

*****MOTION to amend Bland County Code Sec 2-98 Planning Commission removal of members, vacancy of office was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Adam Kidd.

Vote passed unanimously.

PROCLAMATION – MARCH 2016 SOCIAL WORK & APRIL 2016 AUTISM AWARENESS WEEK

*****MOTION to approve the following proclamations: March 2016 as Social Work Month and April 2016 as Autism Awareness Month was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Vote passed unanimously.

BUILDING PERMIT FEES WAIVER

*****MOTION to approve waiver of building permit fees in the amount of \$30.60 for the Bland County Elementary School was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Randy Johnson.

Vote passed unanimously.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT EDUCATION POOL

*****MOTION to approve the application for a local government education pool internship was made by Adam Kidd and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Vote passed unanimously.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT BODY CAMERAS

*****MOTION to appropriate an additional \$400.00 from the National Forest Patrol Fund to the police supply line for the purchase of body cameras for the sheriff's department was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Adam Kidd.

Vote passed unanimously.

ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT – RELAY FOR LIFE

*****MOTION to approve the entertainment permit for the Relay for Life event scheduled for May 26, 2016 and all associated county fees be waived was made Randy Johnson and seconded by Adam Kidd.

Vote passed unanimously.

TRASH ADJUSTMENTS

*****MOTION to approve the trash adjustments from January 2016 – February 2016 in the amount of \$864.56 was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Adam Kidd.

Vote passed unanimously.

SHERIFF'S VEHICLE

*****MOTION to appropriate an additional \$10,000.00 from Fund 165 to purchase a new sheriff's vehicle was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Adam Kidd.

Vote passed unanimously.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS ITEMS

Eric Workman updated the Board of Supervisors as follows: Wolf Creek Indian Village 5K is scheduled for April 2, 2016; bids for parks to have their walks resealed have gone out; budget meeting April 6, 2016 at 4:30; Farmer's Market will open soon; Pam Gibson is the new Victim Witness Coordinator; VDOT is working on the bridge at the tunnel where the concrete is falling off – Jenna Dunn has been there on the scene.

SUPERVISORS TIME

Nick Asbury thanked everyone for attending.

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Continuation until April 6, 2016 at 4:30 pm in Room 200.

Karen Hodock, Chairman

Eric Workman, Clerk of the Board