

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse, Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-second day of December 2015 at 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

PRESENT: Henry Blessing, Randy Johnson, Karen Hodock, Nick Asbury

ABSENT:

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Karen Hodock called the December 22, 2015 Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting to order.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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

DECEMBER 22, 2015 MEETING AGENDA AS AMENDED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the agenda as amended as follows: Recognition of Deputies; updated documentation for the Bland County Electoral Board; updated documentation for proclamation recognition; waiver of building permit fees; appropriation of \$200.00 for Toys for Joy Program; accept and appropriate Wireless Authority revenue and expenditure was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote passed unanimously.

DECEMBER 22, 2015 CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the December 22, 2015 Consent Agenda which consisted of the minutes of the November 24, 2015 regular meeting; payroll issued 11-30-2015 in the amount of \$97,486.47; payroll issued 12-16-2015 in the amount of \$102,663.51; bills for the month of November 2015 in the amount of \$199.45; bills for the month of December 2015 in the amount of \$151,136.78; reports from the Treasurer, E911, Project Manager, Animal Control, Building Official, Public Works Director, and Meals & Lodging was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Vote passed unanimously.

SOCIAL SERVICES OCTOBER 2015 REPORT APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the October 2015 Social Services' report in the amount of \$72,883.14 with the local allotment of \$9,477.65 was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote passed unanimously.

SCHOOL'S JANUARY 2016 REQUISITION

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve and appropriate the Bland County School Board's January 2016 requisition in the amount of \$608,351.38; regular meeting November 16, 2015; special meeting November 27, 2015; check registers/vendor payments submitted for November 2015 was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote passed unanimously.

BOARDS AND COMMISSION'S REPORTS

Plaques given to Sheriff and Deputies

Eric Workman presented the following people with plaques of recognition for their services to our community: Jerry Thompson, Matthew Harman, Jay Fred Hall Jr, and Jon Melvin.

Treasurer

John Goins, Treasurer updated the Board of Supervisors as follows: the office has been very busy with the collection of 2015 taxes; delinquent tax list was given to administration; DMV stop should be in place by the first of the year;

Randy Johnson asks how long a citizen has to be delinquent before a tax sale is done.

John Goins stated that he believed it was two years delinquent.

Eric Workman stated that we would need the assistance of counsel to do a tax sale.

Randy Johnson stated that on the first page of the delinquent list there were 12 accounts that were at least six years in arrears.

John Goins stated that he knew there needed to be a tax sale.

APPOINTMENTS

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to appoint Karen Hodock to the Mount Rogers Planning commission and Eric Workman as Alternate term expiring 12-31-2019 was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Henry blessing.

Vote passed unanimously.

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to appoint Charlie Sarver to the Zoning Appeals Board for a five year term to expire 1231-2020 was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Henry Blessing.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR REZONING APPLICATION

Joel Cagle gave an update as follows: On December 7, 2015, a public hearing was held to receive public comments on the application from Dorothy S. Kidd; requesting re-Zoning from agriculture to Commercial; located on the north side of South Scenic Hwy; Approximately 80 feet West of G. B Kegley Drive.

A motion was made and second provided to recommend rezoning the referenced property from agricultural to commercial.

The vote of the commission was unanimous.

Karen Hodock, Chairperson opened the public hearing.

Fulton Kegley spoke in opposing the application for rezoning with concerns of environment damage. He was also representing Ken Young with the same concerns that could not be at the meeting.

Karen Hodock, chairperson closed the public hearing.

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the application for tax map 91-A-2 to be rezoned from agriculture to commercial was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR NEW VOTING MACHINES

Voting machines were set up before the Board of Supervisors meeting to allow citizens to see the new machines. There was also another advertised day that citizens were allowed to see the new machines at the public library.

Karen Hodock, Chairperson opened the public hearing.

No Speakers.

Karen Hodock, chairperson closed the public hearing.

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve and appropriate \$121,798.00 for the Bland County Electoral Board to purchase new voting machines was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote passed unanimously.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS ITEMS  
PROCLAMATION OF RECOGNITION

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve a proclamation for Henry Blessing and Jerry Thompson for their outstanding service and dedication to the community was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Randy Johnson, yes; Nick Asbury, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; and Henry Blessing, abstain. The motion passed.

TRASH ADJUSTMENTS

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the trash adjustment for October through December 2015 in the amount of \$4,666.59 was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Randy Johnson.

Vote passed unanimously.

IRS MILEAGE RATE

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to adopt the new mileage rate of \$0.54 was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Vote passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION – EQUAL RIGHTS OF COUNTIES IN THE COMMONWEALTH

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve a resolution for equal rights of counties in the commonwealth requiring the Code of Virginia be amended to provide equal rights to counties especially regarding the power to levy taxation on cigarettes as prescribed in Section 58.1-3831 of the Code of Virginia was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Vote passed unanimously.

BUILDING PERMIT FEES WAIVER

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve waiver of building permit fees in the amount of \$91.80 for the Bland County Public Schools was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Randy Johnson.

Vote passed unanimously.

APPROPRIATION FOR TOY FOR JOY PROGRAM

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to appropriate \$200.00 (\$50.00 from each supervisor's special fund) was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Vote passed unanimously.

ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE DHCD GRANT

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to accept and appropriate a \$50,000 DHCD telecommunication grant to the wireless authority revenue and expenditure budget was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Vote passed unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Eric Workman updated the Board of Supervisors as follows: list of delinquent tax payers has been received from the Treasurer's office and will be publicized in the Bland County Messenger, training will be provided to the planning commission members, Board of Zoning Appeals will meet to discuss a Conditional Use Permit for a sign variance for the LOVE'S truck stop.

SUPERVISORS TIME

Nick Asbury thanked Mr. Blessing for his service to the community.

Nick Asbury asks if an employee could sell or earn or give any overtime or personal time to others.

Eric Workman stated that all personnel issues be brought to him.

Randy Johnson thanked Mr. Blessing for his service and welcomed Adam Kidd.

Henry Blessing extended condolences to Mr. Asbury in the death of his father.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

\*\*\*\*\*Move to go into an executive session to discuss a Business & Industry Development and Legal Consultation, pursuant to 2.2-3711-A, paragraph 4 & 6, of the Code of Virginia was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Randy Johnson.

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

\*\*\*\*\*Move to return to Regular Session, adopt the certification and waive the reading of the certification of a Executive Session but certify that only items announced by the Board were discussed was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

COUNTY/EDA AGREEMENT

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the County Economic Agreement with LOVE'S Travel Stop to locate in Bastian pending compliance with all state and local codes and ordinances was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Randy Johnson.

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

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It was a unanimous decision of the board of Supervisors to continue the meeting until December 29, 2015.

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Karen Hodock, Chairman

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Eric Workman, Clerk of the Board