

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse, Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-third day of June 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: None

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Karen Hodock called the June 23, 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.

JUNE 23, 2015 MEETING AGENDA PRESENTED

*****MOTION to approve the agenda was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Vote passed unanimously.

JUNE 23, 2015 CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the June 23, 2015 Consent Agenda which consisted of the minutes of the May 26, 2015 regular meeting; payroll issued 05-29-2015 in the amount of \$106,101.60; payroll issued 06-16-2015 in the amount of \$111,322.07; bills for the month of June, 2015 in the amount of \$387,298.21; reports from the Treasurer, E911, Animal Control, Project Manager, Building Official, , Public Works Director, and Meals & Lodging was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Randy Johnson.

Vote passed unanimously.

SOCIAL SERVICES APRIL 2015 REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the April 2015 Social Services' report in the amount of \$155,086.94 with the local allotment of \$77,567.40 was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Vote passed unanimously.

SCHOOL'S JULY 2015 REQUISITION

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the Bland County School Board's July 2015 requisition in the amount of \$800,000.00; regular Board meeting on May 28, 2015; Boards Staff Meeting May 27, 2015; check registers/vendor payments submitted for April 30, 2015, and May 15, 2015 and May 21, 2015 was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote passed unanimously.

BOARDS AND COMMISSION'S REPORTS

Parks & Recreation

Randy Moler updated the Board of Supervisors as follows: repairs and improvements during the spring for the children's safety to several parks, baby seat in Mechanicsburg and new chains to keep children safe, there has been a great deal of flooding in the Bland Park about 50% of the rubber mulch was displaced and a lot of bare spots, after talking to Eric Workman 50 tons of rubber mulch was ordered, one day he would like to see borders purchased for the area to contain the mulch, he hopes to getting some painting done in the parks in the near future, He will be resigning in the near future, due to his wife's illness, he thanked everyone.

Treasurer

John Goins, Treasurer updated the Board of Supervisors as follows: the treasurer office has completed the delinquent tax notices one month earlier than in the past, they have received \$75,000 from these notices and set up several payment plans, collection rate for the current year is 94% real estate and 90% personal property, the treasurer office hopes to start using DMV stop in July.

Karen Hodock asks if people were still confused about the decals ordinance change.

John Goins stated, yes a few. Before the tax tickets are mailed out he plans to run an advertisement in the newspaper concerning the charges on the tax ticket.

APPOINTMENTS

*****MOTION to appoint Charlie Fore to the Economic Development Authority, this is an unexpired term due to vacancy term expires September 30, 2016; reappoint Eric Workman to Crossroads Regional Industrial Facility Authority, the is a four year term and will expire June 30, 2019; reappoint Sheila Milam to the Service Authority, this is a four year term and will expire June 30, 2019; reappoint Lanny Lindamood to the Social Services Board this is a four year term and will expire June 30, 2019 was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Nick Asbury.

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS

PPTRA

*****MOTION to approve the Personal Property Tax Relief Act Rate for the FY16 at 39% was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

BUDGET CLEAN UP

*****MOTION to approve the transfer and appropriations in the amount of \$160,454 to appropriate revenue and expenditure line items as part of the FY15 budget cleanup was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Nick Asbury.

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

BUILDING PERMITS WAIVED

*****MOTION to approve the waiver of the follow building permit fees electrical permit for the Bland County Fair Association in the amount of \$51.00 and electrical permit fee for The Old Landmark church in the amount of \$51.00 was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Randy Johnson.

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

TRASH ADJUSTMENTS MARCH – JUNE 2015

*****MOTION to approve trash adjustments for March 2015 through June 2015 in the amount of \$1,448.26 was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

MT. ROGERS PDC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

*****MOTION to accept the Mt. Rogers PDC technical assistance grant in the amount of \$30,000 and appropriate the funds to the applicable revenue and expenditure line items was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Nick Asbury.

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

WYTHE BLAND FOUNDATION GRANT

*****MOTION to appropriate \$29,500 for the preliminary engineering services associated with the fairground project 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. The motion passed.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Eric Workman updated the Board of Supervisors as follows: Ribbon Cutting for the Sewer Project is scheduled for July 8th; pump station project at High Chaparral is underway; the project at WCIV should be completed in August; business appreciation will be in August in lieu of June; the county would like to have some repairs completed, creek banks and Bridge boards replaced, at the Fairgrounds before the Fair and Festival of Leaves;

Henry Blessing asks if anything could be done for the bland community Building to make it look better.

Eric Workman said he would check into painting, but the lease is in the Fire Departments name, and he would check with them.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TIME

Henry Blessing thanked Randy Moler for his work on the Parks and Recreation committee. All Board members were in agreement.

PUBIC HEARING TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY ORDINANCE

Eric Workman gave an overview how the transient occupancy tax would be raised from 2% to 5% with the excess over 2% having to be spent on tourism, travel and marketing new business in our community.

Karen Hodock, Chairperson opened the public hearing.

No speakers.

Karen Hodock, Chairperson closed the public hearing.

*****MOTION to approve the proposed amendment of the transient occupancy ordinance, Sec. 50-271 from two percent to 5 percent was made by Henry Blessing seconded by Nick Asbury.

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

ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned.

Karen Hodock, Chairman

Eric Workman, Clerk of the Board