

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse, Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-eighth day of April, 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; Paul Cassell, County Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Karen Hodock called the April 28, 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.

APRIL 28, 2015 MEETING AGENDA PRESENTED

*****MOTION to approve the agenda with additions of a CUP permit application and two entertainment permit applications was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Randy Johnson.

Vote passed unanimously.

APRIL 28, 2015 CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the April 28, 2015 Consent Agenda which consisted of the minutes of the March 24, 2015 regular meeting; the continued March 24, 2015 budget meeting; the continued April 7, 2015; the continued April 15, 2015; payroll issued 03-30-2015 in the amount of \$109,041.35; payroll issued 04-16-2015 in the amount of \$109,842.25; bills for the month of April, 2015 in the amount of \$630,832.21; reports from the Treasurer, Animal Control, Project Manager, Building Official, , Public Works Director, and Meals & Lodging was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Vote passed unanimously.

SOCIAL SERVICES MARCH 2015 REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the March 2015 Social Services' report in the amount of \$87,368.37 with the local allotment of \$8,774.77 was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Vote passed unanimously.

SCHOOL'S MAY 2015 REQUISITION

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the Bland County School Board's May 2015 requisition in the amount of \$800,000.00; and Special Board meeting minutes on March 11, 2015; regular Board meeting on March 11, 2015 and March 26, 2015; check registers/vendor payments submitted for February 27, 2015, March 13, 2015 and March 24, 2015 was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote passed unanimously.

BOARDS AND COMMISSION'S REPORTS

Smyth/Bland Regional Library

Eric Workman announced that there had been a decrease of \$100,000.00 to the Smyth/Bland Regional Library budget, but this did not affect the Bland Library at this time.

Treasurer

John Goins, Treasurer updated the Board of Supervisors as follows: 87% of personal property taxes and 92 % real estate taxes for 2015 have been collected; his office is currently very busy working on sending out delinquent notices.

PUBLIC HEARING CUP KIM WRIGHT

Joel Cagle stated that on April 6, 2015, a public hearing was held to receive public comment on the application from Kim Wright; requesting a CUP to operate a service station within a commercial district; Tax Map NO. 77A3-10-21; located at the east intersection of State Hwy 42 and State Hwy 52 former site of the Blue Flash Marathon Service Station. A motion was made to recommend the conditional use permit to the Board of Supervisors with the following condition: business must be started within a 12 month period, time starts at the approval date of the Board of Supervisors; if at the end of that time frame, this business does not open, this and all preceding CUP(s) will become null and void with the tax map returning back to Commercial only, with no CUP attached. If applicant wishes, he may request a 6 month extension from the Board of Supervisors.

Karen Hodock, Chairperson opened the public hearing.

Bill Crabtree spoke supporting the CUP application for the service station. He stated that many farmers have to travel to Trent's Grocery or Wytheville to buy off road diesel and this would be an advantage for the farmers in our community. He also said the Mr. Wright is the Farm Bureau dealer and would stock tractor tires and service farmers well.

Kim Wright stated that he hoped to have the service station up and running in the one year time frame, that so far it had taken longer than he thought that the tanks had been inspected in September and he was still waiting to hear from the EPA.

Karen Hodock, Chairperson closed the public hearing.

*****MOTION to approve a conditional use permit from Kim Wright to operate a Service Station within a Commercial District; Tax Map No. 77A3-10-21 with the following condition: business must be started within a 12 month period, time starts at the approval date of the Board of Supervisors; if at the end of that time frame, this business does not open, this and all preceding CUP(s) will become null and void with the tax map returning back to Commercial only, with no CUP attached. If applicant wishes, he may request a 6 month extension from the Board of Supervisors 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.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S ITEMS

Resolution in opposition to the DEQ Wolf Creek Total Maximum Daily Load

*****MOTION to approve the resolution in opposition to the Department of Environmental Quality and their push for landowners/farmers along Wolf Creek corridor to fence the cattle out of the creek 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.

Resolution in opposition of the US Forest Service's Proposal to close existing Trail Network

*****MOTION to approve the resolution in opposition of the U. S. Forest service's proposal to close the existing trail network within the Mt. Rogers National recreation area and in support of the resolution of Grayson County dated April 1, 2015 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.

Bland County Budget FY16 / Bland County School Budget FY16

*****MOTION to approve the FY16 proposed school board budget of \$8,066,811 and the FY16 County budget of \$24,600,917 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.

VRS Member Contribution for School and County

*****MOTION to approve the resolutions for the Bland County Schools and Bland County member contribution by salary reduction 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.

Local Government Education Pool

*****MOTION to approve an application for Jenna Dunn, for Local Government Education Pool in the amount of \$2,500.00 and the application of Kristi Blevins for Local Government Education Pool in the amount \$276.32 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.

Schedule a public hearing on Transient Occupancy Tax

*****MOTION to approve to schedule a public hearing concerning the change to be made to the Ordinance of Bland County Sec. 50-271 Levy of tax; amount from two percent to five percent 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 Permit Fee Waiver

*****MOTION to approve the waiver of a miscellaneous permit fee of \$30.60 for Bland County School Board (Bland Elementary School) was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Randy Johnson.

Vote passed unanimously.

Entertainment Permits

*****MOTION to approve the following Entertainment Permits: Bland Ministry Center Bear Jam and Rock'n 4 A Cure Relay for Life Tour de Bland was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Randy Johnson.

Vote passed unanimously.

Informational Items

Eric Workman updated the Board of Supervisors as follows: Sewer Project almost completed should be up and running July 1, 2015; Fibrotic work is being done; WCIV project up and moving, this work will allow tour buses parking; front porch project is underway; there will be a meeting on June 12 with the Rocky Gap Ruritans concerning the Rocky Gap Greenway Project; there should be a list compiled from the schools next month with all the construction maintenance; Wythe/Bland Grants should be approved in a few days.

SUPERVISORS TIME

*****MOTION to appropriate \$925.00 from each Board of Supervisors special funds for the Bland Forensics team from Henry Blessing's special fund was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Vote passed unanimously.

Henry Blessing stated that next month we should have a proclamation for the Bland County Forensics' team and some boys from vocational.

It was announced that Bland County Caress is hosting a Suicide Awareness Workshop at the Bland High School at 6:00.

ADJOURNED

***** Motion to adjourn was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote passed unanimously.

Karen Hodock, Chairman

Eric Workman, Clerk of the Board