

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse, Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-six day of September 2017 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:

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Eric Workman, County Administrator; Paul Cassell, County Attorney; Joel Cagle, Planning Commission Secretary; and Linda Miller, Deputy Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Nick Asbury called the September 26, 2017 Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting to order.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The pledge of allegiance to the United States flag was led by Chairman Nick Asbury. The invocation was offered by Eric Workman.

SEPTEMBER 26, 2017 MEETING AGENDA WITH ADDITIONS

\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the agenda as presented with additions as follows: Wythe-Bland Grants after item fourteen and Executive Session Sub Section A7 Consultation with Legal Counsel was made by Adam Kidd and seconded by Randy Johnson.

Motion passed unanimously.

SEPTEMBER 26, 2017 CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the September 26, 2017 Consent Agenda which consisted of the minutes of the August 22, 2017 regular meeting; payroll issued 08-31-2017 in the amount of \$101,390.31; payroll issued 09-15-2017 in the amount of \$94,539.22; bills for the month of August 2017 in the amount of \$90,391.85; bills for the month of September 2017 in the amount of \$295,153.35; reports from the Treasurer, Project Manager, Building Official, Public Works Director, Sheriff, E911 and Meals & Lodging were made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Motion passed unanimously.

SOCIAL SERVICES JULY 2017 REPORT APPROVED

\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the July 2017 Social Service's report in the amount of \$79,356.98 with the local allotment of \$10,268.78 was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Adam Kidd.

Motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL'S OCTOBER 2017 REQUISITION

\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve and appropriate the Bland County School Board's October 2017 requisition in the amount of \$681,295.17 regular meeting minutes of August 17, 2017, and check register and vendor payment for August 29, 2017 was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Adam Kidd.

Motion passed unanimously.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Paul Cassell updated the Board of Supervisors on the sale of properties for delinquent taxes. Five additional properties to be published in paper soon.

LIBRARY

Cameron Burton stated all is well at the Library.

TREASURER

John Goins gave an update: Auditors are here this week to close out fiscal year '17; Tax tickets will be ready by the week of October 9<sup>th</sup>; Delinquents were published in the paper and put on website early September; some DMV stops have been placed – it is a time-consuming process. We won't see immediate results. This is only on delinquent personal property tax.

RC&D

Steve Hermansen informed the Board of Supervisors that the RC&D has appointed Douglas Benson as Program Director and Interim Director. He will be meeting with Jenna Dunn, ES Coordinator tomorrow to get the federally funded Fire Wise program up and running. This is to remove vegetation from around residential buildings to create a buffer from forest fires.

SCHOOL'S SUPERINTENDENT

Scott Meade, Superintendent for Bland County Schools reported that there are 734 students currently enrolled, that is down from 741 at the end of last year; new QUILL Board with three new members; In dual enrollment there are 130 students getting college credits; The new golf team has four golfers that are to play in the regional tournament. Stem-up grant was attained by Laura Radford; Ranked 28<sup>th</sup> in State for our test scores out of 137; Pleased with the maintenance services; Invite anyone that can come out on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:45am for the pep rally that WDBJ7 will be covering; Will start using Web based programs called chrome books for elementary students in the next couple of weeks.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Roseberry updated the Board of Supervisors on the Mutual Aid Agreement, we have only received one back; one new vehicle ordered should be in a couple weeks. Introduced Deputy J.P. Agee as just graduated and he will be training in the field with Mark Readnour for eight weeks. J.P. stated that he is thankful to a be part of the Bland County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff stated that a new deputy Cody Mutter will be starting October 16<sup>th</sup>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lakisha Carter commented that something needs to be done about bullying in the schools.

PUBLIC HEARING CUP APPLICATION

Chairman Nick Asbury opened the public hearing.

Joel Cagle, Planning Commission Secretary, stated that on September 5, 2017, a public hearing was held to receive public comments on the application from Jeremy Harless; requesting a Conditional Use Permit to operate a log yard on Tax Map No. 12-A-132; this property is located in the Rocky Gap District on the east side of 52, approximately 50' south of the intersection of 52 and Elm Drive. A motion was made to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to grant the above referenced property the conditional use permit with no conditions attached.

Speaker Steve Moses lives on Elm Drive and is opposed to the Planning Commission recommendation. Mr. Moses requested that the Board of Supervisors table recommendation and send it back to Planning Commission.

Speaker Terry Horne spoke in favor for her son and that he needs this location change to operate his business safely.

Speaker Pat White spoke that he owns property that will be affected and he supports the log yard.

Speaker Ray Starling stated that he can't see that a log yard will affect his family.

Chairman Nick Asbury closed the public hearing.

\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve as Planning Commission recommended was made by Adam Kidd and seconded by Randy Johnson.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Adam Kidd – Yes; Randy Johnson - Yes; Karen Hodock - Abstain; Nick Asbury – Yes.

Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND FY17 BUDGET

Chairman Nick Asbury opened public hearing.

No speakers.

Chairman Nick Asbury closed public hearing.

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to amend the FY17 budget with an increase of \$128,247 to the Revenue and Expenditures of the E911 Center & Emergency Services Budget was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Adam Kidd.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Randy Johnson – Yes; Adam Kidd – Yes; Karen Hodock – Yes; Nick Asbury – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Chairman Nick Asbury opened public hearing.

No speakers.

Chairman Nick Asbury closed public hearing.

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to adopt the amendment of Sec. 20.1 assessment to provide for courthouse and courtroom security of the Ordinances of the County of Bland was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Randy Johnson.

Vote on this motion was as follow: Karen Hodock – Yes; Randy Johnson – Yes; Adam Kidd – Yes; Nick Asbury – Yes.

Motion passed unanimously.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S ITEM  
PERMIT FEE WAIVER

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the waiver of the electrical permit fees for the Bland County Fair Association of \$51.00 was made by Adam Kidd and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Adam Kidd – Yes; Karen Hodock – Yes; Randy Johnson – Abstain; Nick Asbury – Yes.

Motion passed.

ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the Entertainment Permit for the Festival of Leaves and waive the entertainment permit fees was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Motion passed unanimously.

FY18 COMMUNITY SERVICES CONTRACT

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the FY18 Community Services Performance Contract with Mt. Rogers CSB was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Randy Johnson.

The motion passed.

EMPLOYEE TAX PAYMENT SALARY WITHHOLDING

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the adoption of the Employee Local Tax Withholding Policy was made by Adam Kidd and seconded by Randy Johnson.

Motion passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL MODIFICATIONS

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to add an additional part-time Assistant Registrar using the current funding as budgeted for FY18 and to approve the creation of the full-time Courthouse Security Deputy Sheriff and approve of the transition from a civilian Animal Control Officer to a sworn Deputy Sheriff position was made by Adam Kidd and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Motion passed unanimously.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS SEC. 54-1 PUBLIC HEARING

\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve scheduling a public hearing for amendments to Sec. 54-1 *State Laws Adopted by Reference* was made by Adam Kidd and seconded by Randy Johnson.

Motion passed unanimously.

TRASH ADJUSTMENTS

\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve trash adjustments from July through August 2017 in the amount of \$2,738.85 was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Adam Kidd.

Motion passed unanimously.

FAIR ASSOCIATION LEASE

\*\*\*\*MOTION to renew the Bland County Fair Incorporated Lease for an additional two years was made by Adam Kidd and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Adam Kidd – Yes; Karen Hodock – Yes; Randy Johnson – Abstain; Nick Asbury – Yes

Motion passed.

WYTHE-BLAND FOUNDATION GRANTS 2017

\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the following Wythe-Bland Foundation 2017 Grants and appropriate to the Expenditures and Revenues Budget of each department: Bland County Farmers Market Grant for \$4,000; Bland County Rescue Squad Grant for \$5,000; Bland County Parks and Recreation Grant for \$15,000 was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Adam Kidd.

Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Eric Workman updated the Board of Supervisors as follows: 2017 Property Book Values; Auditor of Public Accounts Financial Assessment Model Score; Labor Force Participation Rate; Bland County Community Profile; 2017 Executive Mansion Tree Ornament 3<sup>rd</sup> year will be done featuring Bland County Public Library; and American Evolution Digital Trail.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' TIME

Adam Kidd will hold a town hall meeting October 13<sup>th</sup> in Ceres.

Chairman Nick Asbury thanked everyone for coming out.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

\*\*\*\*Move to go into an executive session to discuss a Personnel and Legal Consultation, pursuant to 2.2-3711-A, paragraph 1 & 7, of the Code of Virginia was made by Adam Kidd and seconded by Randy Johnson.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Adam Kidd – Yes; Randy Johnson – Yes; Karen Hodock – Yes; Nick Asbury – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

\*\*\*\*Move to return to Regular Session, adopt the certification and read the reading of certification of an Executive Session to certify that only items announced by the Board were discussed was made by Adam Kidd and seconded by Randy Johnson

Vote on this motion was as follows: Adam Kidd – Yes; Randy Johnson – Yes; Karen Hodock – Yes; Nick Asbury – Yes.

Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

\*\*\*\*MOTION to adjourn was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Randy Johnson.



Motion passed unanimously.



Nick Asbury, Chairman



Eric Workman, Clerk of the Board