

VIRGINIA: At the Continued Meeting of the Bland County Board of Supervisors and Bland County Public Service Authority in the Bland County Courthouse, Bland, Virginia, on the thirteenth day of June 2012 at 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

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

ABSENT: Sheila Milam

ALSO PRESENT: Eric Workman, County Administrator, Teresa Tolbert, Finance Manager, Sharon May, Personnel Manager/Deputy Clerk, Rodney Ratliff, Director of Public Works/ Deputy Administrator, Joel Cagle, Building and Zoning Official, Paul Cassell, County Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Nick Asbury called the joint meeting to order.

WATER/SEWER, TRASH, BUILDING PERMIT INCREASES & INCREASE IN REDUCTION FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR AGE AND DISABLED CREDIT FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICES

Eric Workman, County Administrator gave an overview of the proposed rate increases and reduction in minimum requirement to qualify for Age and Disabled Credit for Solid Waste Services. Rates are as follows: Water from \$14.75 to \$16.00 monthly, Sewer from \$15.00 to \$16.00 monthly, Trash from \$30.00 to \$36.00 quarterly, Age & Disabled Credit \$600 monthly/\$7,200 annually to \$800 monthly/\$9,600 annually. Building fees: per square ft from \$.12 to \$.16, Chimney from \$15.00 to \$30.00, HVAC from \$15.00 to \$30.00, Demolishing from \$15.00 to \$50.00, Plumbing from \$20.00 to \$30.00, Signs from \$25.00 to \$35.00, Electrical from \$30.00 to \$50.00, Misc. from \$15.00 to \$30.00 and no charge for re-inspection.

WATER & SEWER RATE INCREASE PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Asbury opened the Public Hearing to receive public input on the rate increase for Water and Sewer.

No public comments were offered.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

*****MOTION to approve the water rate increase from \$14.75 to \$16.00 monthly was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Roll vote: Randy Johnson, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Nick Asbury yes

Mr. Cassell, county attorney, announced for the record this is now a meeting of the Bland County Board of Supervisors with the Bland County Service Authority business completed.

SOLID WASTE RATE INCREASE, INCREASE IN REDUCTION REQUIREMENTS 7 FY 2012/13 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Asbury opened the Public Hearing to receive public input on the rate increase for Solid Waste Services

Mr. Goins addressed the board, thanking them for all their hard work on the budget, with concerns about the reduction of a deputy clerk in the Treasurer's office. He believed that the deputy would be a shared position in the Treasurer and Commissioner of Revenue offices. In looking at the current budget it looks as though it has been cut from the Treasurer's Budget. Mr. Goins is looking for clarification as to whether or not there would be a shared position.

Mr. Workman, County Administrator, assured Mr. Goins that this position would be equally shared between the two office budgets

Mr. Goins continued to share more concerns about the reduction of staff in his office stating that he had contacted other localities, compensation board and the auditors about the increase presence of fraud and is a conflict of interest. Mr. Goins stated that is neither ethical nor appropriate for one individual to be involved with the assessing and collection of taxes. Granted there will be many other functions in Treasurer's office that the shared employee will be able to perform. Beginning in July only Ms. Dye and Mr. Goins will be the only ones who can accept tax payments. Mr. Goins ask the board to reconsider the illumination of the deputy position in the Treasurer office.

Ms. Cindy Wright, Commissioner of Revenue, wanted to state that she agreed with Mr. Goins. Ms. Wright stated that she had also talked to other localities, compensation board, and at a district meeting she asks if anyone had ever shared a position and no other locality had done so. Cindy stated that she would never put anyone in that position to be questions.

Mr. Asbury, Chairman, ask for a written list of duties for the shared position.

Ms. Pam Hall, Brain Injury Service for Southwest Virginia, she stated that they offer services to victims of car accidents or illness. She thanked the board for their past support and asks the board to continue with their support. She gave an overview of services that they offer to their customers.

Ms. Hodock ask how many people were receiving services in Bland County?

Ms. Hall stated around 7 people is receiving services.

Mr. Ron Tacanet thanked the board for all their hard work on the budget. Mr. Tacanet asked the board to consider cutting the taxes and not to have any rate increases.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

RATE INCREASES

***** MOTION to increase solid waste rate from \$30.00 quarterly to \$36.00 quarterly was made by Henry Blessing seconded by Karen Hodock.

Roll vote: Henry Blessing, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Nick Asbury yes

*****MOTION to increase the reduction fee requirements for Tax and Disabled Credit from \$600 to \$800 monthly was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Randy Johnson.

Roll vote: Karen Hodock, yes; Randy Johnson, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Nick Asbury yes

*****MOTION to increase building permit rates as follows: per square foot from \$.12 to \$.16, Chimney from \$15.00 to \$30.00, Demolishing from \$15.00 to \$50.00, Plumbing from \$20.00 to \$30.00, Signs from \$25.00 to \$35.00, Electrical from \$30.00 to \$50.00, Misc. from \$15.00 to \$30.00 was made by Randy Johnson seconded by Henry Blessing.

Roll vote: Randy Johnson, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Nick Asbury yes

ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote passed unanimously.