

VIRGINIA: At a Regular Meeting of the Bland County Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County School Board Office, Bastian, Virginia on the twenty-third day of September 2003, the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

PRESENT: Frank W. Chandler, Wade Blankenship, Robert O. Munsey, Danny Kinder

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator; Carol Hall, Secretary; James E. Cornwell, County Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT: Frank Phipps and Marty Holloway – VDOT; several citizens

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Frank Chandler called the regular meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Supervisor Danny Kinder offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLIANCE

Chairman Frank Chandler led the pledge of alliance to the flag.

BOARD APPROVED AGENDA

*****MOTION to approve the September 23, 2003 agenda as presented was made by Robert Munsey seconded by Wade Blankenship with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

CONSENT AGENDA

*****MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Danny Kinder with Wade Blankenship and Frank Chandler voting yes. Items within the Consent Agenda included: 1) minutes of the regular meeting of August 26, 2003; 2) bills for the month of September 2003 in the amount of \$399,299.49; 3) payroll for August 29, 2003 and September 16, 2003 at a total amount of \$119,943.74 and 4) reports of the Treasurer, Sheriff, Commissioner of Revenue, Recycling Program, Building Official, Animal Control, Public Works and E-911 Coordinator.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

*****MOTION to rescind the VDOT Resolution dated 8-26-03 and request that VDOT survey and plat the 50' additional ROW upon Rt. 615 and present to the Board at the October 2003 meeting a recommendation of the footage of right away needed to correct and maintain drainage by VDOT and any remaining property within the railroad ROW revert back to the original landowners was made by Danny Kinder, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Robert Munsey and Frank Chandler voting yes.

Frank Phipps updated the Board in regard to the ongoing projects throughout the county to include; 1) Rt. 608 –grading and culvert installation; 2) Rt. #52 paving; 3) Ridgeway Subdivision; 4) and Six Year Secondary Road Plan public hearing to be November 2003.

ARBOR E & T

Program Director Tony Hill appeared before the Board describing a proposal to provide youth services in Bland County. Mr. Hill noted that Arbor has assumed the Mt. Cap contract which serves the County.

SCHOOLS

*****MOTION to approve the school's, October 2003 requisition in the amount of \$700,000.00 was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

SOCIAL SERVICES

****MOTION to approve the Social Services, July 2003 report in the amount of \$39,675.88 with the local share of \$5,972.57 was made by Danny Kinder, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Robert Munsey and Frank Chandler voting yes. Director Linda Johnson reported increases in case loads to include youth protection, fuel assistance and adult protective services.

The County Attorney because of personal reasons left the meeting.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

Albert Evans, resident of the Dry Fork area appeared before the Board requesting the replacement of gravels upon the washed out road within the subdivision known as Laurel Valley Estates and safety guardrail needed on Rt. 613. Mr. Chandler advised that the county could not assist with gravels upon a private road but would request VDOT to look into the need for a guardrail three miles up Rt. 613. The County Administrator was instructed to check with state forces on assistance to flood victims for damages to private roads.

APPOINTMENTS

Road Viewers Committee -- Tabled until the October, 2003 meeting.

Bland Industrial Development Authority

*****MOTION to reappoint David Dillow to the Industrial Development Authority for a four year term to expire September 30, 2007 was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

Bland Industrial Development Authority

The appointment to Harold Andrew's position was tabled.

Bland County Planning Commission

*****MOTION to reappoint Allan Newberry to the Planning Commission for a four year term to expire September 30, 2007 was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Robert Munsey with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

Bland County Planning Commission

No action was taken on the appointment to James Atwell's position per Mr. Chandler's comment to stabilize the number of members.

Zoning Appeals Board

*****MOTION to recommend Colene Pauley's appointment to the Zoning Appeals Board for a 5 year term to expire September 11, 2008 contingent upon her acceptance was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Danny Kinder with Wade Blankenship and Frank Chandler voting yes.

Joint Public Service Authority – Wythe & Bland Counties

*****MOTION to reappoint Frank Chandler to the Joint Public Service Authority – Wythe & Bland County for a 4 year term to expire September 30, 2007 was made by Danny Kinder, seconded by Robert Munsey with Wade Blankenship voting yes and Frank Chandler abstaining.

BLAND COUNTY IDA MARKETING PLAN APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Bland County Industrial Development's Marketing Plan was made by Danny Kinder, seconded by Robert Munsey with Wade Blankenship and Frank Chandler voting yes. Copy of plan is filed with the Board's monthly packet.

VDOT PROJECT RECONVEYED

*****MOTION to reconvey to VDOT the counties projects for the Six Year Road Improvements Plan to include; 1) the widening of Rt. 42; 2) Rt. 61 elimination of curves; 3) Rt.

52 improvement to curves; 4) install rock fence or other barrier on Rt. 52 was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Danny Kinder with Wade Blankenship and Frank Chandler voting yes.

RT. 614 SPEED STUDY RESOLUTION DISTRIBUTED

Copies of the Rt. 614 Speed Study Resolution approved August 26, 2003 were distributed to Board members.

SOUTHEAST RURAL COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROJECT GRANT RECEIVED

The County Administrator advised the Board of the SERCA project grant received to provide assistance to eleven LMI homes in the Bastian area with sewer connections. Mr. Sweet commended the Director of Public Works for the efforts put forth in obtaining the needed funds.

JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

The County Administrator reminded the Board and audience of the Joint PSA's collection of hazardous materials scheduled for September 27, 2003 at the Transfer Station in Wytheville.

CLOSED SESSION

"Move to go into a closed session to discuss an industrial prospect, personnel and a contractual matter was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Robert Munsey with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

"Move to return to Regular Session and waive the reading of the certification of a Closed Session but certify that only items announced by the Board were discussed in Closed Session was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

ROBERT EATON ZONING CHANGE WITH C.U.P PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Mr. Chandler opened the public hearing to receive public input on the application of Robert Eaton requesting a Zoning change from agricultural to commercial with a Conditional Use Permit to construct and operate a garage on a 2.4 acre located on Rt. 717 and identified on the Bland County Tax maps as 126-A-9A.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were offered.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

The public hearing was closed upon the motion made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Danny Kinder with Robert Munsey and Frank Chandler voting yes.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON EATON REZONE & C.U.P APPLICATION

IT WAS THE CONSENSUS of the Board that no action be taken on the Eaton application because only private vehicles owned by Mr. Eaton would be parked and serviced at this garage.

ENTERPRISE ZONE APPLICATION PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chairman Frank Chandler opened the public hearing announcing that the purpose of the hearing was to receive public comment on the Enterprise Zone designation for potential industrial and commercial development areas in Bland and Bastian, Virginia.

COMMENTS

The County Administrator offered information regarding the designation of an Enterprise Zone and described state and local incentives which might be offered to businesses desiring to come into the Enterprise Zone.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were offered.

ENTERPRISE ZONE PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

The Enterprise Zone Public Hearing was closed upon the motion made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Robert Munsey with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

ENTERPRISE ZONE DESIGNATION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Enterprise Zone Designation and authorize the chairman to sign was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

COMCAST CABLEVISION ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

Mr. Chandler opened the public hearing advising that the public hearing was being held to receive public input on the adoption of an ordinance to renew the Franchise Agreement with Comcast Cablevision of the South to continue to conduct business in Bland County.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gene Leedy, Rocky Gap resident expressed his desire that the population density requirement of Comcast be lifted so any household would have an option of subscribing.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

*****MOTION to close the public hearing was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Danny Kinder with Robert Munsey and Frank Chandler voting yes.

COMCAST CABLE ORDINANCE ADOPTED

*****MOTION to adopt the Comcast Cable Ordinance as presented and authorize the Chairman to sign was made by Danny Kinder, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Robert Munsey and Frank Chandler voting yes.

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E911 SOFTWARE CONTRACT AWARDED

*****MOTION to approve the lease option contract with InterAct for the County's E911 software was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Danny Kinder with Robert Munsey and Frank Chandler voting yes.

CROSSROADS REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL AUTHORITY PROJECT APPROVED

*****MOVE to correct the Boards' motion made August 26, 2003 to approve the county's participation of the Crossroads Regional Industrial Facility Authority project # at the cost of \$40,000.00 to be paid from the 2003-04 Economic Development budget was made by Danny Kinder, seconded by Robert Munsey with Wade Blankenship and Frank Chandler voting yes.

SICK LEAVE SHARING PROGRAM APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the County's Sick Leave Sharing Program was made by Danny Kinder, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Robert Munsey and Frank Chandler voting yes.

PAM COFFMAN SICK LEAVE HOURS REQUEST APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the request of Pam Coffman for forty hours of additional sick leave contingent upon the 40 hours being donated was made by Danny Kinder, seconded by Robert Munsey with Wade Blankenship and Frank Chandler voting yes.

COUNTY/SHERIFF ANIMAL CONTROL MOU RESCINDED

*****MOTION to rescind the Memorandum of Understanding between the County and the Sheriff regarding the Animal Control Officer defaulting all back to the County was made by Danny Kinder, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Robert Munsey and Frank Chandler voting yes.

RECREATIONAL COMM BIDS ON HCC AND MECHANICSBURG WALKING TRAILS

*****MOTION to table the bids received for the Hollybrook Community and the Mechanicsburg Community centers' walking trails until the recreational committee can provide justification as to why the lowest bidder did not get the bid was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Robert Munsey with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

ADJOURNMENT This meeting was adjourned until 4:00 a.m. on October 28, 2003 at the Bland County Schoolboard Office, Bastian, VA.

Frank Chandler, Chairman

Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator