

VIRGINIA: At a Regular Meeting of the Bland County Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse located in Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-third day of January, 2007, 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

PRESENT: Karen H. Hodock, John C. Thompson, Jason R. Ramsey, Henry Blessing

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator, Carol Hall, Deputy Administrator,  
Frank Slavin, County Attorney

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Karen Hodock called the January 2007 regular meeting to order.

#### INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Supervisor Mr. Ramsey.

#### PLEDGE TO FLAG

Chairman Mrs. Hodock led the pledge alliance to the flag.

#### JANUARY 23, 2007 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the January 23, 2007 meeting agenda with the addition of a closed session was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the bills for the month of January 2007, the amount of \$180,386.14, the December 29, 2006 and January 16, 2007 payrolls totaling \$140,925.95, minutes of the Regular meeting of December 19, 2006, Organizational Meeting of January 3, 2007 and Continued Meeting of January 10, 2007, reports from the Treasurer, Building Official, Public Works Director, Meals & Lodging and Recycling was made by Jason Ramsey, seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, absent; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

#### VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Marty Halloway, VDOT Resident Engineer, appeared before the board and advised; 1) No weight limit on the new Rt. 622 bridge; 2) preliminary work has commenced on Rt. 52 bridge; 3) the request of removal of bank on Rt. 738 would be reviewed; 4) advised that hidden entrances are responsibility of the property owners; 5) presented letter of response to Mr. Thompson regarding the "watch for children" signs; and 6) advised of the availability of funds to construct the road into the industrial park.

Supervisor Ramsey requested gravel upon Trails End and the removal of large rocks.

#### SOCIAL SERVICES NOVEMBER 2006 REPORT APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to accept the October 2006, Social Services report in the amount of \$47,139.10, with the local allotment of \$10,238.75, was made by John Thompson and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

Director Linda Johnson extended an invitation for board members to meet with her department staff and board, during the month of March 2007.

### SCHOOLS FEBRUARY 2007 REQUISITION APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve and appropriate the February 2007 school board's request in the amount of \$750,000.00, approved the meeting minutes of December 14, 2006, January 8, 2007, approve all check registers and vendor payments dated 12-8-06, 12-12-06, 11-28-06, and 12-04-06 was made by Jason Ramsey, seconded by John Thompson.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

### ANIMAL/LITTER CONTROL OFFICER REPORTS

Animal Control Officer James Belcher presented the 2006 annual report and briefed the board of the progress of the Assign A-Highway Program.

### SMYTH-BLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY STATISTICS

Harry Shupe, representative reported the latest statistics and activities of library.

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Steve Hermansen, President of the Bland County Historical Society, advised of the changes to the gift shop and museum's new entrance.

### ROUND THE MOUNTAIN

Steve Hermansen, representative, reported the trail maps have been completed with the help of the Mt. Rogers Planning District Commission.

### COUNTY ATTORNEY

Frank Slavin, County Attorney advised of the delay on the wireless authority charter application and the completion of the Crab Orchard Subdivision, vacation of deed.

### APPOINTMENTS

#### Southwest Virginia Emergency Services Council

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to reappoint Lonny Gay to the Southwest Virginia Emergency Services Council, Inc., for a one year term to expire December 31, 2008, was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by John Thompson.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT EDUCATION POOL JOHNSON APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

County Administrator advised that Linda Johnson had withdrew her application to the Local Government Education Pool.

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT EDUCATION POOL BELCHER APPLICATION APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the three applications received from James Belcher for the Local Government Education Pool, at a total amount of reimbursement of \$344.91, contingent upon completion of a successful course grade, was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

### ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK RESOLUTION

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the Entrepreneurship Week Resolution, advancing and encouraging entrepreneurialism in the county, was made by John Thompson and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

MODR PROPERTIES LLC WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to waive the building permit fee of MODR Properties, LLC. was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY USE AND SECURITY POLICY APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the Information Technology Use and Security Policy, and include as part of the Personnel Policy, with a return signature receipt form, to be filed in the employee's personnel file, was made by John and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

INDUSTRIAL ROAD ACCESS FUND RESOLUTION APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the Industrial Road Access Fund Resolution for a new roadway to be constructed within the Commerce Park, requesting funding from the Industrial, Airport and Rail Access Fund was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by John Thompson.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

VIRGINIA INDEMNIFICATION AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the submission of a grant Application for the Bland County Commerce Park Project, through the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission, with the EDA to fund the \$50,000 required local match was made by John Thompson and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

FORMER SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT BUILDING BIDS UPDATE

The County Administrator advised of the status of bids received on the repairs to the former sheriff's department building.

NACO PRESCRIPTION DRUG CARD UPDATE

An update was provided on the usage and savings to county residents utilizing the NACo Prescription Drug Card.

ABANDON MOBILE VEHICLES REMOVAL PROGRAM UPDATE

The County Administrator advised the board of the number of mobile vehicles removed from within the county under the Abandon Mobile Vehicles Removal Program.

CLOSED SESSION

\*\*\*\*\*"Move to go into a closed session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 2.2-3711-A, subparagraph 1 of the Code of Virginia was made by John Thompson and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

“Move to return to Regular Session, adopt the certification and waive the reading of the certification of a Closed Session but certify that only items announced by the Board were discussed was made by John Thompson, seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; John Thompson, yes; Henry Blessing, yes.

EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Mrs. Hodock opened the public hearing to receive public comment on the amendment to the Bland County Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance.

Rodney Ratliff, Erosion and Sediment Program Administrator, briefed the board regarding the proposed changes to the current ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

E&S PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Mrs. Hodock closed the public hearing.

EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ORDINANCE AMENDED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the amendments to the Erosion and Sediment Control as presented, and to comply with state regulations was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by John Thompson.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; John Thompson, yes; Henry Blessing, yes.

ADJOURNMENT This meeting was continued until 5:00 p.m., February 27, 2007.

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Karen H. Hodock, Chairman

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Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator