

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-seventh day of November, 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 November 27, 2007, regular meeting to order.

INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Supervisor Mr. Blessing.

PLEDGE TO FLAG

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

NOVEMBER 27, 2007 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the November 27, 2007 meeting agenda was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by John Thompson.

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

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the consent agenda to include the amended minutes of October 23, 2007; payrolls of November 1, and November 16th totaling \$157,962.51, November 2007 bills in the amount of \$244,540.23, and reports as presented was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by John Thompson.

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

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Marty Hallaway, VDOT Residency Administrator, provided updates on county projects to include: 1) paving schedule for the county has been completed for 2007, 2) bridge work at South Gap and Rt. 612 overpasses are completed, 3) Rt. 52 bridge work is continuing, 4) tunnel projects are continuing, 5) Rt. 608 work has begun, 6) Rt. 628 signed resolution is needed, 7) requested a signed Rt. 671 Speed Study Resolution for filing, 8) and advised that the outdoor Welcome signs located off Rt. 52 at Bland intersection needs to be moved off state ROW.

Mr.Halloway expressed the desire that VDOT's representatives attend meetings every other month unless otherwise needed and advised that the public hearing for the Six Year Plan would be held after the final figures come down.

BOS DECEMBER 2007 MEETING DATE CHANGED

*****MOTION to change the December regular meeting date from December 25th to December 18th was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by John Thompson.

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

SOCIAL SERVICES SEPTEMBER 2007, REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Social Services September 2007 report in the amount of \$63,946.31 with the local of \$9,086.88 was made by John Thompson, and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes; and

SCHOOLS DECEMBER 2007 REQUISITION APPROVED

*****MOVE to approve and appropriate the Schools December 2007 requisition in the amount of \$750,000.00; approve the filing of the meeting minutes of October 25, 2007 & October 29, 2007; and approve all check registers submitted for the month of September 2007, and October 2007 was made by Jason Ramsey, and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

REASSESSMENT UPDATE

Matt Hickey representative of Blue Ridge Appraisal briefed the board as to the status of the county's reassessment and advised notices would be mailed to land owners on December 7th.

LAND USE APPLICATIONS

Cindy Wright, Commissioner of Revenue informed the board that land use applications are being made available to the land owners.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

Willie Howlett, Coordinator presented the November 2007 Emergency Services monthly report of activities.

RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Randy Moler, representative of the Recreational Committee, advised of the concrete flooring underway at the Hollybrook Community Center picnic shelter. *****MOVE that the county allow the Veterans Memorial Committee to make any improvements they see fit on the Freeborn Community Park land, with no county funding, was made by Henry Blessing, 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.

RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE GRANT APPLICATION

It was concluded that more information on the recreational grant be provided to the county.

SHERIFF'S ADDITIONAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION APPROVED

*****MOTION to move \$5,000.00 from the Courthouse Security Budget to the sheriff's uniform line item to be an additional appropriation to the revenue and expenditure 07-08 budget was made by John Thompson and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

BLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Steve Hermansen, representative of the Bland County Historical Society briefed the board on the activities at the Wolf Creek Indian Village.

ROUND THE MOUNTAIN COMMITTEE UPDATE

Steve Hermansen, representative of the Round the Mountain committee advised of the membership numbers and activities of the artisans.

BUILDING OFFICIAL REPORTS

Joel Cagle, Building Official appeared with a monthly report of office activities.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS

Frank Slavin, Attorney reported an update of work activities.

Jerry Farlow, Hollybrook – Mechanicsburg Volunteer Fire Chief appeared with the request that the firetruck pump be overhauled. An expense estimated at \$6,000.00.

APPOINTMENTS

Mount Rogers Community Services Board

*****MOTION to appoint Sue Ellen Tate to the Mount Rogers Community Services Board, a one year term to expire 12-31-2008 was made by John Thompson and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

Board of Equalization

Tabled till the December 2007 meeting.

2008 SEPTAGE MOU APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the 2008 Pepper's Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Memorandum of Understanding was made by John Thompson and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

COUNTY FIRE BAN CONTINUES

It was concluded that the County review the Fire Ban at the December 2007 meeting.

PERSONNEL POLICY'S PROPOSED CHANGES TABLED

The Personnel Policy changes were tabled until the December, 2007 meeting.

NACO DRUG CARD UPDATE

The County Administrator provided an update on the usage and savings to county residents utilizing the NACo Prescription Drug Card.

ABANDONED CAR REMOVAL UPDATE

The County Administrator reported an update on the vehicles removed from the county under the Abandoned Motor Vehicles Removal Program.

EMPLOYEES GRANTED PAID DAY OFF

*****MOTION to approve December 26, 2007 as a paid day off for county employees, was made by Jason Ramsey and 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.

LOONEY PROCLAMATION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve a proclamation recognizing Paul Looney on his sixteen years of service as a Bland County School Board member serving District I was made by Jason Ramsey and 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.

MEETING CONTINUED

This meeting was continued till 6:00 p.m. December 4, 2007 to the Bland County School Board Office.

Karen H. Hodock, Chairman

Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator