

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-sixth day of July 2005, 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator, Carol Hall, Deputy Administrator, Frank Slavin, County Attorney; Bill Archer, Bluefield Daily Telegraph;

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman John Thompson called the regular meeting to order.

#### INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Supervisor, Jason Ramsey.

#### PLEDGE TO FLAG

Chairman Thompson led the pledge alliance to the flag.

#### July 26, 2005 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the July 26, 2005 meeting agenda with changes (Cynthia Schiffer of Jefferson National Forestry) was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

#### CONSENT AGENDA

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which consist of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 28, 2005, additional June 2005 bills in the amount of \$298,056.55, July 2005 bills in the amount of \$326,593.56, July 1, 2005 and July 15, 2005 payrolls totaling \$133,991.38, reports from the Sheriff, Animal Control, Building Official, Public Works, E-911 Coordinator, Meals/Lodging and Recycling 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 unanimously.

#### VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Resident Engineer, Frank Phipps briefed the Board on; 1) the work underway on Rt. 644; and 2) two hidden driveway signs have been erected on Rt. 52.

Kimberling resident, Shirley Cox appeared before the board with the concern that improvements have not been done upon the west side of Rt. 612 Kimberling Road after numerous neighborhood attempts stretching over a 20 plus year period.

Kimberling resident, Albert Miller requested copies of any work done on Rt. 612 and any applications sent to Richmond by VDOT for funding of Rt. 612.

#### JEFFERSON NATIONAL FOREST

Forest District Ranger, Cynthia Schiffer advised that if road improvements are made to Rt. 612 utilizing the existing thirty feet, her department would need to review the project for approval. She noted a simplified easement would need to be made for recording purposes that would include the wording of no disturbances are to be made.

The county administrator was directed to gather the costs to do road improvements on Rt. 612 under the Rustic Road Concept and the costs to do road improvements doing the full concept of 40 feet right-away and such.

### LYNN CAMP ROAD CLOSURE

Ms. Schiffer advised in order to correct unacceptable resource damage, to improve water quality and to protect Lynn Camp Trail---Lynn Camp Road is proposed to be closed in the fall of 2005. The road would remain open to public use, but only non-motorized use.

### EMS HELICOPTER LANDING ZONE APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to support the EMS's request for a helicopter landing zone (Poor Valley area) was made by Karen Hodock, 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 unanimously.

### WYTHEVILLE FOREST SERVICE PROPOSAL TO CLOSE

Ms. Schiffer advised that it has been introduced to close the Wytheville Forest Service office and to provide public service through the Wytheville Visitors Center.

### ROCKY GAP WELCOME CENTER PRESENTATION

Randall Rose, Tourism Relations Manager, appeared before the Board with a presentation on the Virginia Tourism Corporation specifically the Rocky Gap Welcome Center, and the services and information offered.

### SOCIAL SERVICES REPORT APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the May 2005 Social Services report in the amount of \$78,093.01 with the local allotment of \$12,741.14 was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

### SOCIAL SERVICES ADDITION TO 05-06 BUDGET APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to pull \$10,000.00 from the Industrial Development line item within the 05-06 budget and add to the Social Services Department's 05-06 budget for the local match to pull down state monies was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes; Henry Blessing, no. The motion passed.

### SCHOOLS REQUISITION AND REQUESTS APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the August 2005 school board's request of \$500,000.00 was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve and appropriate \$4,680.78 – federal monies received - to the schools 05-06 budget for the two Sliver grants in the amount of \$4,456.86 and \$223.92 for Drug-Free School was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve and appropriate \$3,145.00 to the schools 05-06 budget to reflect actual revenue received for VRS and FICA fringe benefits was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

The request to transfer and appropriate \$82,949.15 from the construction/lottery funds held in LGIP to the schools 2005-2006 school board budget was tabled until Thursday's meeting with the school board.

#### SMYTH BLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY

Representative Harry Shupe appeared with the latest statistics of the library.

#### RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE APPROVES PROPOSAL FOR ROCKY GAP PARK

Representative Randy Moler advised that he is in receipt of the proposal for the Rocky Gap Community Park and would be taking it before the recreational committee for approval.

#### COUNTY ATTORNEY

Frank Slavin, County Attorney advised the Board on the result of the Thompson condemnation trial of July 25, 2005.

#### BLAND COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION REQUESTS WAIVER APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the Bland County Fair Association's request of waiver of an electrical and plumbing permit fees for the American Legion building was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

#### PRE-DISASTER HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN RESOLUTION APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to adopt the Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution with a correction to Mr. Thompson's middle initial was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

#### FRANKLIN READY MIX CONCRETE INC PROCLAMATION

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the Franklin Ready Mix Concrete Inc Proclamation and present to Franklin Ready Mix at a ribbon cutting ceremony on July 29, 2005 was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

#### HOLLYBROOK/MECHANICSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE TRUCK ARRIVES

The County Administrator advised that the Hollybrook/Mechanicsburg Volunteer Fire Department is in receipt of the replacement truck.

#### ROCKY GAP COMMUNITY PARK PROPOSAL APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the development of the Rocky Gap Community Park upon the schools property staying within the budget constraints allotted for the project was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

#### CONTRACTORS STORAGE YARD

In response to an inquiry of adding Contractors Storage Yard to the Zoning Ordinance, the County Administrator stated that adding to the ordinance would allow and regulate storage yards in the county with a Conditional Use Permit.

LYNN CAMP ROAD (Rt. 632) CLOSURE OPPOSITION

Chairman, John Thompson stated his opposition to the closing of Rt. 632 (Lynn Camp Road).

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JOHNNY GIBSON

Supervisor Henry Blessing requested a proclamation recognizing Johnny Gibson and his friends on the construction of the youth baseball field(s) in Bastian.

ABANDONED MOBILE HOME ORDINANCE VIOLATION – LITTLE CREEK SECTION

Little Creek resident, Miller Meadows inquired as to what has been done with the uninhabitable trailers in the Little Creek section since the adoption of the ordinance.

Chairman John Thompson advised Mr. Meadows to provide in writing the information to the County Administrator.

CLOSED SESSION

“Move to go into a closed session to discuss a Legal matter pursuant to 2.2-3711-A, subparagraph 6 of the Code of Virginia was made by Jason Ramsey, seconded by Karen Hodock.

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 in Closed Session was made by Jason Ramsey, 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.

CONTINUANCE

This meeting was continued to the Jack King’s residence - 6:30 p.m., July 28, 2005.

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John C. Thompson, Chairman

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Jonathan Sweet, County Administrator