

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-fifth day of March, 2008, 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

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

ABSENT: None

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

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Mr. Ramsey called the March 2008 regular meeting to order.

INVOCATION The invocation was offered by Mr. Joel Cagle.

PLEDGE TO FLAG Chairman Mr. Ramsey led the pledge alliance to the flag.

MARCH 25, 2008 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED *****MOTION to approve the March 25, 2008 meeting agenda as presented was made by John Thompson, 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 APPROVED *****MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the March 2008 bills in the amount of \$316,014.85, additional bills for the month of February in the amount of \$86,689.00, February 29th and March 17, 2008 payrolls totaling \$161,935.67, reports from the Treasurer, Building Official, Public Works Director, Meals & Lodging and Recycling were made by Henry Blessing, seconded by John Thompson.

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

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Harold Sargent VDOT representative reported on projects to include the Rt. 52 bridge construction on schedule to be completed June 30th, 2008, the tunnel projects continuing, Rt. 608 paving, abandonment of School house road completed, speed study on Rt. 671 showed too low of volume to restrict speed, and the Rt. 606 pavement to be done by Melvin Enterprises.

Jim Jones, VDOT representative described process of Six Year Secondary Road Plan with Board scheduling a work session for April 8, 2008 5:30 p.m.

SOCIAL SERVICES JANUARY 2008 REPORT APPROVED *****MOTION to accept the January 2007, Social Services report in the amount of \$51,777.19, with the local allotment of \$6,412.79, was made by John Thompson 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.

SCHOOLS APRIL 2008 REQUISITION APPROVED ****MOTION to approve and appropriate the April 2008 school board's request in the amount of \$750,000.00, approved the

meeting minutes of February 25, 2008, and approve all check registers and vendor payments submitted for the months of January 2008 and February 2008 provided within the monthly packet 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.

TREASURER REPORT John Goins, Treasurer advised 2008 county stickers are for sale and noted that April 12th the office will be open 9-12 for the public.

COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE Cindy Wright, Commissioner offered information regarding the Economic Stimulus payments, advised that the deadline for the age and disability credit is 4-30-08, and reported status of the equalization board scheduled meetings.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT Willie Howlett, Emergency Coordinator presented the monthly report of plans and activities.

BUILDING OFFICIAL Joel Cagle, Building/Zoning Official advised of his monthly workload and the educational courses being pursued.

COUNTY ATTORNEY Frank Slavin, County Attorney reported a quite month.

EDA ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO 07-08 BUDGET APPROVED ****MOTION to approve an additional appropriation to the Economic Development Department 07-08 revenue and expenditure budgets, \$40,000.00 for the MRPDC Commerce Park Design grant 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.

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT DECLARED *****MOTION to declare a HP Color Printer 810C printer from the Commonwealth Attorney's office surplus to a non profit organization was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

LOCAL CHOICE 08-09 EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM CONTINUES *****MOTION to continue the employee health insurance through The Local Choice Health Insurance Program for fiscal year 2008-2009, 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.

2008-2009 BUDGET CALENDAR ADOPTED *****MOTION to adopt the 2008-2009 Budget calendar as presented with the time set at 5:30 p.m. was made by Karen Hodock 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.

NACO PRESCRIPTION DRUG CARD PROGRAM UPDATE The county administrator advised the Board the usage and savings to county residents utilizing the NACo Prescription Drug Card.

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 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 was made by John Thompson, seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

FLOOD ZONE ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING OPENED Chairman Mr. Ramsey opened the public hearing to receive public comment on a proposal to update the Bland County Flood Zone Ordinance to current standards as set forth by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Virginia Department of Recreation and Conservation.

The county administrator and the building official/zoning official briefed the Board on the updates proposed in order to meet the current state standards to include the date of the flood maps.

PUBLIC COMMENT No public comments were offered.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED Mr. Ramsey closed the public hearing.

FLOOD ZONE ORDINANCE UPDATES APPROVED *****MOTION to adopt the amendments to the Flood Zone Ordinance meeting current standards 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.

CENTRAL ABSENTEE PRECINCT PUBLIC HEARING OPENED Chairman Ramsey opened the public hearing to receive public comment on the adoption of an ordinance to create a Central Absentee Precinct.

COMMENTS Stacy Grady, General Registrar of Voters appeared before the Board explaining that paper ballots have been eliminated and therefore the Central Absentee Precinct is needed for voting machine usage. Three Officers of Election would be needed for half of a day and a ballot card reader would be purchased.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED Chairman Ramsey closed the public hearing.

CENTRAL ABSENTEE PRECINCT ORDINANCE PASSES *****MOTION to adopt the Central Absentee Precinct Ordinance pursuant to Sec. 24.2-712 of the Code of Virginia was made by John Thompson and seconded by Henry Blessing. If established, the Central Absentee Precinct will be used for all countywide elections for the purpose of receiving, counting, and recording all absentee ballots. The Central Absentee Precinct will be located in the County Office Building located at 599 Main St. Bland, VA. Effective August 1, 2008.

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

CONTINUANCE This meeting was continued until 5:30 p.m., April 8, 2008.

Jason R. Ramsey, Chairman

Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator