

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 January 2009 at 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator, Carol Hall, Deputy Administrator,
Paul Cassell, County Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mr. Thompson called the January 2009 regular meeting to order.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE TO FLAG

The invocation was offered and pledge to the flag was led by Supervisor Mr. Ramsey.

JANUARY 27, 2009 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED AS AMENDED

*****MOVE to approve the January 27, 2009 meeting agenda with Lois Shupe as the Smyth-Bland Regional Library representative was made Jason Ramsey 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 unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED

*****MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the minutes of Dec. 19, 2008, bills for the month of January 2009, in the amount of \$212,673.20, payrolls of December 31, 2008 and January 15, 2009 totaling \$172,447.84, reports from the Treasurer, Building Official, Public Works Director, Meals & Lodging and Recycling were made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

VDOT

Supervisor Hodock inquired as to the receipt of a copy of an accident report needed for the State Rt. 61 and State Rt. 52 intersection.

Supervisor Thompson requested guardrail on E. Blue Grass Trl.

SOCIAL SERVICES NOVEMBER 2008 REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to accept the November 2008, Social Services report in the amount of \$60,021.76, with the local allotment of \$7,954.36, was made by Karen Hodock 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.

SCHOOLS FEBRUARY 2009 REQUISITION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the Bland County School Boards' February 2009 requisition in the amount of \$800,000.00, to approve the meeting minutes of December 16, 2008 and to approve all check registers submitted to the Board of Supervisors for the month of November and December 2008 was made by Henry Blessing with second made 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 unanimously.

TREASURER REPORT

John Goins, Treasurer reported 87% of the 2008 real estate and personal property taxes have been collected.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff Jerry Thompson advised because of printer problems the monthly department reports would be delayed. An update was given on Shelly, the 23-month-old Dutch Shepherd, as the county's first-ever K-9 unit.

E-9-1-1 COORDINATOR REPORTS

Willie Howlett, Coordinator commended the entire emergency response team on their efforts regarding the recent propane tank leak incident. There was discussion on Bland County participating in the Joint Regional 9-1-1 Center.

Joint Regional 9-1-1 Center Application

*****MOTION that the County of Bland join with Wythe and Wytheville on the application for funds for a Joint Regional 9-1-1 Center was made by Karen Hodock. Original motion died from lack of a second.

*****MOTION to listen to what Wythe and Wytheville have to say and report back at the February meeting, that we will not commit any money at all until we hear what the plan is, was made by Henry Blessing. This motion died from lack of a second.

*****MOTION that the County of Bland join with Wythe and Wytheville in the application process for a Regional 9-1-1 Center and reserve the right in the future to withdraw should it become inequitable to Bland County, was made by Karen Hodock with second made by Henry Blessing.

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

SMYTH-BLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY REPORT

Lois Shupe, representative, reported the December 2008 library statistics.

MOLER PROCLAMATION

A proclamation was read recognizing Mr. Randolph (Randy) Moler for this service and contribution to the County Parks and Recreation Committee.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Randy Moler, representative reported each community park to be in great shape and expressed appreciation to the board for work completed upon the parks.

BUILDING/ZONING OFFICIAL REPORTS

Joel Cagle, official recapped the permits and inspections of 2008.

ROUND THE MOUNTIAN REPORT

Steve Hermansen, designee appeared with an update of membership numbers and announced the ground breaking of the Heartwood.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS

County Attorney Paul Cassell reported work continues with various departments and constitutional officers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Frank Chandler, resident, inquired as to if the county attorney had familiarized himself with the state law provided to him and of his findings. Mr. Chandler advised that he had taken his

concern of Mr. Ramsey's' lack of filing of the required Statement of Economic Interests to the general assembly. He also stated that the appearance of impropriety is obvious to everyone and suggested that Mr. Ramsey resign from one of the two positions he holds and any other board member who could not act in the best interest of the county.

APPOINTMENTS

Bland County Department of Social Services Board

***** MOTION to appoint Karen Hodock to the Social Services Board, a 4 yr term to expire 06-30-2012 was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

Workforce Investment Board

*****MOTION to appoint Brenda Thompson, upon her acceptance, as the Private Sector to the Workforce Investment Board, a 3 year term to expire 2-29-2012 was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

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*****MOTION to approve the Local Government Investment Pool Applications of Jenna Lea Dunn for reimbursement of \$328.50 and another in the amount of \$500.00 was made by Karen Hodock with second made 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 unanimously...

WOLF CREEK INDIAN VILLAGE AND MUSEUM APPROPRIATION APPROVED

*****MOTION to establish a department and appropriate \$100,000.00 for the Wolf Creek Indian Village with the funds to be reimbursed by the EDA was made by Henry Blessing with the second made 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 unanimously.

WOLF CREEK INDIAN VILLAGE CONVEYING OF PROPERTY PUBLIC HEARING SET

*****MOTION to schedule the public hearing to convey the Wolf Creek Indian Village to the EDA and transfer the employees to the county's payroll was made by Jason Ramsey and second made 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 unanimously.

BUDGET TRANSFER & APPROPRIATE FROM BOS SPECIAL FUND FOR MECH SHELTER

*****MOTION to transfer and appropriate up to \$300.00 from the Board's Special Fund to the Parks and Recreation for the Mechanicsburg Community Shelter guttering was made by Jason Ramsey 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 unanimously.

BUDGET TRANSFER & APPROPRIATE FROM BOS SPECIAL FUND FOR SIGNATURE TRAIL SITE

*****MOTION to transfer and appropriate \$187.32 from the BOS Special Fund to the Community Development Dept. for the signature trail site was made by Henry Blessing 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 unanimously.

GRAPEFIELD ROAD RESOLUTION RESTRICTING CERTAIN LENGTH VEHICLE

*****MOTION to approve the Resolution restricting certain length vehicles on Grapefield Road 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 unanimously.

BUDGET TRANSFER & APPROPRIATE FROM BOS SPECIAL FUND FOR CERES ALUMNI HEAT EXPENSE

*****MOTION to transfer and appropriate \$1,000.00 from the BOS Special Fund to the Community Dev. Dept for expenses relating to the heating of the Ceres Gym, being used for the Little League Basketball practices. Ceres Alumni will forward heating invoices to the County for payment, this made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Jason Ramsey. \$500.00 for each Blessing and Ramsey's availability.

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

ADJOURNED This meeting was adjourned until 5:00 p.m. February 24. 2009.

John C. Thompson, Chairman

Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator