

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held in the Bland County Courthouse, Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-first day of July, 2009 at 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Willie Howlett, County Administrator, Carol Hall, Deputy Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Thompson called the July 2009 monthly meeting to order.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE TO FLAG

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

JULY 21, 2009 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED WITH CHANGES

***** Motion to approve the July 21, 2009 meeting agenda as amended was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED

*****MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the bills for the month of July 2009, in the amount of \$236,254.39, additional bills for the month of June 2009 in the amount of \$220,960.90, payrolls of July 1, 2009 and July 16, 2009 totaling \$174,239.15, reports from the Sheriff, Treasurer, Animal/Litter Control, Building Official, E-911, Public Works Director, Meals & Lodging and Recycling was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

SOCIAL SERVICES MAY 2009 REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to accept the May 2009, Social Services report in the amount of \$77,413.41 with the local allotment of \$9,273.63, was made by 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.

SCHOOLS AUGUST 2009 REQUISITION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the Bland County School Boards' the August 2009 requisition in the amount of \$750,000.00, to approve the meeting minutes of June 9th, June 11th, and June 22, 2009 and to approve all check registers submitted to the Board of Supervisors for the month of May and June 2009 was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

John Goins, Treasurer, appeared with a monthly update of office activities.

COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE REPORT

Cindy Wright, Commissioner of Revenue reported that the State Compensation Board has approved the hiring to fill the vacancy of the Deputy's position, waiving the ninety day waiting period.

ROUND THE MTN COMMITTEE

Steve Hermansen reported an update on Round the Mtn. activities and goals set for the Artisan Center.

APPOINTMENTS

Mount Rogers Wrkfce, Investment Board, term to expire 09-30-2012

Tabled.

Regional Industrial Facility Authority (CRIFA), term to expire 6-30-2011

*****MOTION to appoint Jason Ramsey to the Regional Industrial Facility Authority (CRIFA), a term to expire 6-30-2011 was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Henry Blessing.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, abstain; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed 3-1.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Historical Society

Molly Thompson appeared with the requests that the board waive the building permit fees for the Historical Society, and eliminate one or two of the current parking spaces for a wider walk area at their new office. Mrs. Thompson also advised of the plans to publish Volume 2 of the Bland County History Book and inquired as to if the Board of Supervisors have plans of involvement to the Sesquicentennial.

*****MOTION to approve the waiver of any future building permit fees for work being done on the county's property, formerly known as the Sheriff's Office and leased to the Bland County Historical Society and reimburse the ones' paid, was made by Karen Hodock 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.

The Board directed the County Administrator and the Building Official to review the request of eliminating two parking spaces at the Historical Society's Office and provide the recommendation to the board.

Mechanicsburg Community Shelter

Randy Newberry expressed concern of the condition of the roof at the Mechanicsburg Community Shelter and the board's previous \$300.00 donation for guttering noting that there is nothing worthwhile to attach the guttering to. Costs of the new roof would be \$6,400.00. Elmer Chewning advised that the \$300.00 has not been spent and is in the Ruritan's treasury.

*****MOTION to approve \$2,000.00 from Hollybrooks's , Community Dev. Funds , \$1,000.00 from Rocky Gap's, \$500.00 from Seddon's and the remainder of the costs be paid out of the Parks & Recreational Line Item, plus waive the demolition and building permit fees 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.

Bland Fairgrounds Fencing

Randy Newberry expressed the desire of the recreational committee that the fence on the Bland Fairgrounds remain and not be taken down.

*****MOTION that the fence "stay up" at the Fairgrounds was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

The County Administrator was directed to inform the Fair Association of the board's desire that the fence remain.

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

APPOINTMENTS

*****MOTION to appoint Randy Moler to the Parks & Recreation Committee, as the Member-At-Large 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Valen Miller, Kimberling resident, requested status on State Rt. 612 Kimberling's road improvements. Mr. Blessing advised of the newspaper notice of \$400,000.00 stimulus funds approved for Kimberling. Audra Repass, Project Manager advised she would investigate.

APPOINTMENTS

*****MOTION to appoint Willie Howlett, County Administrator to the positions of:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Crossroads Regional Industrial Facility Authority

New River Valley Criminal Justice Board (alternate)

Set-Off Debt Collection Appeals Board

Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facility Authority (alternate)

Chief Local Elected Official (CLEOs) alternate

Southwest Regional Enterprise Center (SREC)

Ninth District Development Financing Committee

Virginia's aCorridor, 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.

VFW BUILDING PERMIT FEE WAIVER

*****MOTION to waive the \$15.30 building permit fee requested by the VFW 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.

2009-2010 ADDITIONAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate \$802.88 to the General District Court's 2009-2010 budget for copier contract which was erroneously left out of the budget when the budget was approved 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, yes. The motion passed unanimously.

BB&T BANK SIGNATURE RESOLUTION

*****MOTION to approve the BB&T Signature Resolution authorizing the correct signatures for the county's account was made by Karen Hodock 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.

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 Jason Ramsey 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 unanimously.

"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 Jason Ramsey, seconded by Karen Hodock.

RAMSEY'S 2008 ECONOMIC INTEREST FILING

Supervisor Jason Ramsey stated that as a member of the Bland County Board of Supervisors, he has an obligation under the law to file a statement of Economic Interest each year by January 15th. For the report due January 15, 2008, he failed to file the report on time. When it was pointed out to him that he had not filed the report, he put off the filing until November of that year. Mr. Ramsey admitted he was wrong and apologized to the citizens of Bland County for his negligence in timely filing of the report. He pledged to file all required reports on a timely basis in the future and again apologized for not having that report filed until November of that year.

LAW LIBRARY ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING.

Chairman Mr. Thompson opened the public hearing to receive public comment regarding the amendment to the Law Library Ordinance, Sec. 38.88, imposed to increase an assessed sum from \$2.00 to \$4.00 to each civil action instituted in the County.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were offered.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

With no other comments *****MOTION to approve the Law Library Ordinance amendment increasing the assessed sum of \$2.00 to \$4.00 for each civil action instituted in the County was made by Karen Hodock 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 unanimously.

ADJOURNED This meeting was adjourned until 5:00 p.m. August 25, 2009 at the Little Creek Community Center.

John C. Thompson, Chairman

Willie Howlett, County Administrator