

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Little Creek Fire Department, Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-fifth day of August 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
Paul Cassell, County Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Thompson called the August 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.

AUGUST 25, 2009 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED WITH CHANGES

***** Motion to approve the August 25, 2009 meeting agenda with additions was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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 August 2009, in the amount of \$287,600.73, payrolls of July 31, 2009 and August 17, 2009 totaling \$185,645.28, 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 Jason Ramsey.

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

VDOT REPORTS

Marty Halloway and David Lamie representatives of the Department of Transportation appeared before the Board with an update on county projects to include Rt. 52 new asphalt, correcting the problem at the Rt. 52 Bastian bridge and advised of more state funding cuts. Mr. Halloway reported stimulus money received for approaches to three bridges, Rt. 612 bridge, one in Poor Valley and one in Ceres.

SOCIAL SERVICES JUNE 2009 REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the June 2009, Social Services report in the amount of \$53,649.95 with the local allotment of \$6,480.16, 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 SEPTEMBER 2009 REQUISITION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the Bland County School Boards' September 2009 requisition in the amount of \$750,000.00, to approve the meeting minutes of June 16, 2009 and approve all check registers submitted for the months of June and July 2009 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE REPORT

Cindy Wright, Commissioner of Revenue reported on the recent hire of Rachel Reed in the position as Deputy Commissioner.

SHERIFF REPORTS

Jerry Thompson, Sheriff reported 139 concealed weapon permits have been issued since July 1, 2009, resulting in \$3,470.00 of funds collected.

SMYTH-BLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY

Lois Shupe, representative reported the latest library statistics and activities.

BLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Brenda King advised the Historical Society's quarterly meeting to be held Sept. 19th instead of the 12th as previously announcement. Mrs. King requested that the repairs to the monuments on the courthouse grounds be repaired professionally.

ROUND THE MTN COMMITTEE

Steve Hermansen reported an update on Round the Mtn. activities and the Blue Ridge Travel Association and expressed appreciation to the Board on the recent budget funds allocated.

BUILDING/ZONING OFFICIAL

Joel Cagle, official appeared with an update of office activities and inspections.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS

Paul Cassell reported on work duties and monthly assignments.

APPOINTMENTS

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

Economic Development Authority (EDA)

*****MOTION to reappoint James Starks to the EDA, a 4 yr term to expire 09-30-2013 was made by Henry Blessing and 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.

Economic Development Authority (EDA)

*****MOTION to reappoint Joseph Carr to the EDA, a 4 yr. term to expire 09-30-2013 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.

Board of Zoning Appeals

*****MOTION to recommend the appointment of Mike Sutphin to the Board of Zoning Appeals, to finish the 5 yr. term left vacant by the resignation of Wilma Owens expiring 09-11-2012 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.

Board of Zoning Appeals

*****MOTION to recommend the reappointment of James Myers to the Board of Zoning Appeals, a 5 yr term to expire 9-11-2014, 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.

Mount Rogers Indoor Plumbing Rehabilitation Program

*****MOTION to confirm the appointment of Karen Hodock and appoint Willie Howlett as the alternate to the Mount Rogers Indoor Plumbing Rehabilitation Program, a 4 yr. term to expire 12-31-2011, was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Elaine Dillow, representative of the Fair Association appeared before the Board with the request for funding to assist the association in the expenses of the 2009 fair. No action was taken.

FAIR ASSOCIATION REQUEST ELECTRICAL PERMIT FEE WAIVE

*****MOTION to waive the \$30.60 electrical permit fee requested by the Fair Association 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

ELECTRICAL PERMIT FEE OF COUNTY WAIVED

*****MOTION to waive the two electrical permit fees at a total of \$61.20 to co-locate to the Bernard's Verizon tower and the Munsey's Verizon tower, expanding the wireless internet, was made by Henry Blessing and 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.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S LEASE AGREEMENT OF FORMER SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUILDING

No action taken.

WCIV SURPLUS APPROVED

*****MOTION to surplus two computers and two monitors as requested by the Wolf Creek Indian Village as per policy 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.

MOUNT ROGERS COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD'S PERFORMANCE CONTRACT

*****MOTION to accept the Mount Rogers Community Service Boards 2010 Performance Contract 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.

DMV GRANT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the DMV Grant for the Sheriff's Dept. for both revenue and expenditures to the 2009-2010 budget in the amount of \$16,463.00, 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, abstaining; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed 3-1.

SCHOOLS REQUEST OF PUBLIC HEARING APPROVED

*****MOTION to schedule a public hearing for September 22, 2009, to increase the Schools 2009-2010 budget for a Technology grant (\$154,000.00) received by the County but not posted to the School Board revenue was made by Henry Blessing and 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.

SCHOOLS 2009-2010 BUDGET INCREASE APPROVED

*****MOTION to increase the School Board's 2009-2010 budget, \$6,580.74 for sales tax received by the County but not posted to the School Board's revenue in 2008-2009, bringing the 2009-2010 Schools budget figure to \$9,556,581.74 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 unanimously.

SCHOOL BOARD'S PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED

*****MOTION to schedule a public hearing on September 22, 2009 for the School Board's Instructional Technology Grant (approx. \$20,000) received from USDA, Rural Development 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.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned until September 22, 2009 at the Mechanicsburg Community Center.

John Thompson, Chairman

Willie Howlett, County Administrator