

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Mechanicsburg Community Center, Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-second day of September 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 September 2009 monthly meeting to order.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE TO FLAG

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

WELCOME

Mr. Elmer Chewning, resident, welcomed the Board and all in attendance to the Mechanicsburg Community Center and expressed appreciation to the Board on all efforts made for the best benefit for the County.

SEPTEMBER 22, 2009 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED WITH CHANGES

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED

***** Motion to approve the September 22, 2009 meeting agenda as amended and approve the Consent Agenda which consents of the bills for the month of September 2009, in the amount of \$225,775.44, payrolls of September 1st and September 16, 2009 totaling \$181,971.93, reports from the Sheriff, Treasurer, Animal/Litter Control, Building Official, E-911, Public Works Director, Meals & Lodging and Recycling was made by Jason Ramsey 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 unanimously.

SOCIAL SERVICES JULY 2009 REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the July 2009, Social Services report in the amount of \$55,129.65 with the local allotment of \$6,582.51, 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 OCTOBER 2009 REQUISITION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the Bland County School Boards' October 2009 requisition in the amount of \$750,000.00, to approve the meeting minutes of August 24, 2009 and approve all check registers submitted for the months of July and August 2009 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

*****MOTION to approve the Treasurer to write-off \$1,260.07, which is a FY 09 yearly adjustment for the irreconcilable difference between the bank statement and the general ledger, as per the auditors' direction, 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

SMYTH-BLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY

Lois Shupe, representative appeared with the latest library program statistics.

BLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Brenda King inquired as to the status of maintenance of the courthouse grounds monuments and announced of the Historical Society's open house during the Festival of Leaves.

FESTIVAL OF LEAVES SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT APPLICATION APPROVED

***** MOTION to approve the Festival of Leaves Special Entertainment Permit Application for October 9 thru October 12, 2009 on the fairgrounds and waive any fees and bond 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.

ENGINEERING TERM CONTRACT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Engineering Term Contract as requested by the Director of Public Works 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.

911 CONSOLIDATED ISSUE UPDATE

*****MOTION that the County not proceed with the state's arrangement in accordance to the 911 regional consolidation 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, abstain; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed unanimously.

SHERIFF'S DEPT PATROL CARS GRANT

*****MOTION that \$40,950 for the purchase of the sheriff's four new vehicles be paid for out of reserves and the remainder of the local match grant requirement amount of \$4,050.00 be paid for out of the sheriff's 2009-2010 budget, with the stipulation that the Board have knowledge of any other grant application prior to the adoption of a new budget 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, abstain; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed unanimously.

LOCAL MATCHING GRANT DOLLARS

Chairman Mr. Thompson advised of the request that the County consider inserting funds, within new budgets, for a local match requirement of any grants received during a budget year.

FAIR ASSOCIATION REQUEST OF FUNDS UPDATE

The County Administrator recommended not to provide funding to the Fair Association as requested.

COMPENSATION BOARD'S NOTICE OF 2009-2010 BUDGET REDUCTION

The County Administrator briefed the Board of the notice from the Compensation Board regarding the 2009-2010 budget cuts.

NOVEMBER 2009 BOS MEETING DATE CHANGED

*****MOTION to change the November 24th, 2009 regular Board meeting date to Tuesday the 17th was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Karen Hodock.

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

EMBARQ PETITION TO UPGRADE CRANDON/MECHANICSBURG PHONE LINES

Supervisor Mr. Ramsey advised of the citizens request petitioning Embarq to upgrade the phone lines and provide high speed internet to the customers in the Crandon/Mechanicsburg area of Bland County.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY PROJECT PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Mr. Thompson opened the Public Hearing to receive public input on the Schools application to USDA, Rural Development for funding of a proposed instructional technology project to purchase and install interactive television equipment for advance instruction to take place simultaneously between Rocky Gap and Bland High schools.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were offered.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Mr. Thompson closed the public hearing.

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION APPROVED

*****MOTION to accept the Schools' Notice of Intent to apply for funding with USDA, Rural Development, for funding of an instructional technology project 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.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED FOR CREDIT CARDS

*****MOTION to authorize the County Administrator to obtain a Lowes and a VISTA card under the County's name was made by Karen Hodock 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.

CONTINUANCE

This meeting was continued until October 13, 2009 to the Bland County School Board Office in Bastian following the 5:30 p.m., Service Authority meeting.

John Thompson, Chairman

Willie Howlett, County Administrator