

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

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Willie Howlett, County Administrator, Carol Hall, Deputy Administrator  
Paul Cassell, County Attorney

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Thompson called the December 29, 2009 monthly meeting to order.

#### INVOCATION

#### PLEDGE TO FLAG

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

#### DECEMBER 29, 2009 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED WITH CHANGES CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED

\*\*\*\*\* Motion to approve the December 29, 2009 meeting agenda as amended and approve the Consent Agenda which consents of the meeting minutes of October 27<sup>th</sup> and November 30, 2009, bills for the month of December 2009, in the amount of \$203,895.60, payrolls of December 1<sup>st</sup> and December 16, 2009 totaling \$182,155.51, 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.

#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Marty Halloway, Residency Administrator reported on the guardrail schedule to begin February 2010 as planned and waiting on the final numbers of the Six-Year Plan.

Mr. Halloway is to send the paperwork needed for road abandonment procedures.

#### SOCIAL SERVICES OCTOBER 2009 REPORT APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the October 2009, Social Services report in the amount of \$77,001.61 with the local allotment of \$9,085.42, 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.

#### SCHOOLS JANUARY 2009 REQUISITION APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve and appropriate the Bland County School Boards' January 2010 requisition in the amount of \$750,000.00, to approve the meeting minutes of November 16<sup>th</sup> and November 30, 2009, and approve all check registers submitted for the month of November, 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.

#### School Board requests Literary Fund application support

Tony Kennedy, School Board Chairman read a statement requesting the Board of Supervisors join the School Board in agreeing to apply for loans from the Literary Fund of Virginia to construct a K-12 facility.

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the School Board's request to apply for Literary Funds for a new K-12 facility, with no obligation of acceptance of any funds if applications are approved was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

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

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

John Goins, Treasurer reported an update on tax collection for the 2009 real estate and personal property.

#### ROUND THE MTN. REPORT

Steve Hermansen presented an update on the 2010 Artisan Trail maps.

#### BLDG/ZONING OFFICIAL

Joel Cagle, Official advised of the new manufactured home set-up requirements.

#### APPOINTMENTS

##### Bland County Wireless Authority

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to appoint Jason Ramsey to the Wireless Authority Board for a term to expire 12-31-2013 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, abstaining; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

##### Bland County Planning Commission

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to appoint David Taylor to the Planning Commission to complete the unexpired term to expire 12-31-2012 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.

##### Bland County Service Authority

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to appoint Nick Asbury to the Service Authority, replacing John Thompson for a term expiring 5-31-2013 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.

##### Mount Rogers Transportation Citizen Participation Committee

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to appoint Andrew Cassell to the Mt. Rogers Transportation Citizen Participation Committee for a 2 yr. term expiring 2-31-2011, 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.

#### 2009-2010 BUDGET TRANSFER APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to transfer \$31.89 from the Board of Supervisor's Dept. to Community Development Dept. for expenses related to a prayer breakfast 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.

#### 2009-2010 BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR RESCUE SQUAD EXPENSE

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to appropriate \$2,160.00 to Rescue Squad Expense, Office of Emergency Medical Services Grant revenue for surgical masks 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.

#### WVVA TELEVISION TAX REIMBURSEMENT UPDATE

The County Administrator advised that WVVA has agreed to a 50% return and a 50% credit to be applied onto the 2010 tax ticket for the \$56,576.67 owed to them for taxes billed in error.

#### 2009 EMERGENCY SHELTER FACILITY

The County Administrator advised that approximately 40 visitors were housed in the courthouse and the schools on December 18th and 19<sup>th</sup> due to the recent snow storm.

#### THOMPSON PROCLAMATION

A Proclamation was presented to Mr. John Thompson recognizing him for his service as Bland County Board of Supervisors.

#### USDA/RURAL DEV. PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Mr. Thompson opened the public hearing to receive comments on the application for funding through USDA/Rural Development for a proposed remodeling project, which consists of replacement for kitchen/cafeteria at both the Rocky Gap and Bland Schools, a grant requiring no matching funds, but appropriate to both the revenue and expenditure 2009-2010 budgets.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were offered.

#### PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

The public hearing was closed by Chairman Mr. Thompson.

#### SCHOOLS APPLICATION TO USDA/RURAL DEVELOPMENT PASSED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the application for funding through USDA/Rural Development for a proposed remodeling project, which consists of replacement of kitchen/cafeteria at both the Rocky Gap and Bland Schools as requested by the School Board, requiring no local match, 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.

#### ADJOURN

The meeting was continued until the Organizational Meeting set for 5:00 p.m., January 4, 2010 to the Bland Courthouse Main Courtroom.

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Willie Howlett, County Administrator