

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse, Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-third day of September 2014 at 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

PRESENT: Henry Blessing, Randy Johnson, Karen Hodock, Nick Asbury

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Eric Workman, County Administrator; Sharon May, Deputy Clerk; Paul Cassell, County Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Randy Johnson called the September 23, 2014 Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting to order.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The invocation was offered by Eric Workman. Mr. Johnson, Chairman, led the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag.

SEPTEMBER 23, 2014 MEETING AGENDA PRESENTED

*****MOTION to approve the agenda with addition of the Festival of Leaves entertainment permit waiver; transient occupancy tax; community profile from Virginia Employment Commission was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote passed unanimously.

SEPTEMBER 23, 2014 CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the September 23, 2014 Consent Agenda which consisted of the minutes of the August 26, 2014 regular meeting; bills for the month of September 2014 in the amount of \$917,025.23; monthly payroll deductions in the amount of \$446.65; payroll issued 08-29-2014 in the amount of \$113,732.47; payroll issued 09-16-2014 in the amount of \$118,720.86; reports from the Treasurer, Building Official, E-911 Fund, Public Works Director, Meals & Lodging, Animal Control and Recycling was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Vote passed unanimously.

SOCIAL SERVICES JULY 2014 REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the July 2014 Social Services' report in the amount of \$25,216.40 with the local allotment of \$8,555.70, was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Nick Asbury, yes and Randy Johnson, yes. The motion passed.

SCHOOL'S OCTOBER 2014 REQUISITION

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the Bland County School Board's October 2014 requisition in the amount of \$800,000.00; and Board's Public Hearing on August 1, 2014; Board's special meeting on August 11, 2014 and August 12, 2014; Regular Board meeting minutes on August 18, 2014; check registers/vendor payments submitted for August 13, 2014, and August 15, 2014 was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; and Randy Johnson, yes. The motion passed.

BOARDS AND COMMISSION'S REPORTS

RC&D/BRTA

Steve Hermansen reported to the board of supervisors that he would be representing Bland County at the BRTA Conference October 15-16, 2014 at Smyth Mountain Lake. RC&D meeting will be Thursday, September 25, 2014.

Treasurer

John Goins, Treasurer reported the following: the state audit report was in compliance in regards to the state funds being collected; tax tickets should go out October 10, 2014; the last payment was made on the fire trucks; the treasurer is working on a delinquent taxpayers list to be published in the Bland Messenger; there will be a press release concerning the DMV stop, citizens will be allowed to set up payment plans to bring their accounts current.

*****MOTION to approve Eric Workman to publish the delinquent taxpayer's names in the Bland Messenger was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; and Randy Johnson, yes. The motion passed.

APPOINTMENT

*****MOTION to reappoint John Martin and Linda Townley to the Economic Development Authority, this is a four year term and will expire 09-30-2018 was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Vote passed unanimously.

*****MOTION to reappoint Keith Niday, Becky Bane and Michael Shelton (alternate) to the Board of Building Code of Appeals, this is a four year term that will expire 09-30-2018 was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Vote passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Elmer Chewing asks the board of supervisors to elect a supervisor to serve at large, that this would require the school board to add a new board member as well.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S ITEMS

Proclamation Recognizing Harold Andrews

*****MOTION to approve the proclamation to recognize Harold Andrews for his service to the citizens of the County of Bland as a member of the Economic Development Authority was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Vote passed unanimously.

Proclamation Recognizing Bastian as 100 Years Old

*****MOTION to approve the proclamation to recognize Bastian as 100 years old was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Vote passed unanimously.

Appropriate DMV Grant for Sheriff's Fuel Cost

*****MOTION to appropriate DMV grant for overtime and equipment in the amount of \$14,600.00 with local match of \$7,300.00 from in kind match (from the general fund) for the sheriff's fuel cost was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; and Randy Johnson, yes. The motion passed.

Tech Learning Center Building as Surplus

*****MOTION to declare the Tech Learning Center Building surplus with Paul Cassell helping to draft the restrictions was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Vote passed unanimously.

E-911 Equipment Surplus

*****MOTION to declare the E911 equipment list as surplus was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote passed unanimously.

Budget Cleanup FY13/14

*****MOTION to approve the budget cleanup for FY13/14 as presented was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Vote passed unanimously.

Minutes Cleanup FY13/14

*****MOTION to approve the minute's cleanup for FY13/14 as presented was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Vote passed unanimously.

Waiver of Building Permit

*****MOTION to approve waiving the miscellaneous permit fee for the Bland County School Board in the amount of \$30.60 was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Vote passed unanimously.

Trash Billing Adjustments

*****MOTION to approve the trash billing adjustments for June 2014 through September 2014 in the amount of \$861.54 was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote passed unanimously.

Festival of Leaves Permit Waiver

*****MOTION to approve the Festival of Leaves permit waiver was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Vote passed unanimously.

Informational Items

Eric Workman asks the board of supervisors to be aware that currently the county is limited to a 2% tax levy on transient occupancy tax on hotels, motels, boarding houses, travel campgrounds and other facilities offering guest rooms rented out for continuous occupancy for fewer than 30 consecutive days. There is a provision in the Code of Virginia (58.1-3819 that allows localities to levy a 5% transient occupancy tax. The requirement is that the additional funds obtained for the 3% increase have to be spent on tourism based initiatives. The current levy generates approximately \$3,100 annually. The General Assembly has to take action to add the county to the list of counties able to participate in the program.

Workman also presented the board with Community Profile from the Virginia Employment Commission.

SUPERVISORS TIME

Karen Hodock asked about the holiday schedule. Eric Workman told her he would have it ready for the October meeting.

Picnic Tables

*****MOTION to appropriate \$25.00 from each board members community development fund to buy five picnic tables for the schools was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Vote passed unanimously.

Bland Beautification Committee Appropriation

*****MOTION to appropriate \$250.00 from Nick Asbury's community development fund to the Bland Beautification Committee was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Vote passed unanimously.

Henry Blessing ask if there could be some consideration to putting street lights through the streets of Bastian like the ones from the football field to the Bastian Union Church.

Randy Johnson thanked everyone for the flowers that had been sent for his mother-in-laws' funeral. He also announced that there would be a scheduled lock down on Thursday, September 25, 2014 at the schools.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

*****"Move to go into an executive session to discuss a Personnel and Legal Consultation, pursuant to 2.2-3711-A, paragraph 1 & 6, of the Code of Virginia was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Nick Asbury, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes and Randy Johnson. The motion passed.

*****"Move to return to Regular Session, adopt the certification and waive the reading of the certification of a Executive Session but certify that only items announced by the Board were discussed was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Henry Blessing, yes; Nick Asbury, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; and Randy Johnson, yes. The motion passed.

EMPLOYEE SALARY INCREASES

*****MOTION to approve a \$2,000 annual raise each for Rodney Ratliff, Teresa Tolbert and Joel Cagle to be effective October 1, 2014 and to be prorated for the current fiscal year for extra job duties was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Henry Blessing, yes; Nick Asbury, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; and Randy Johnson, yes. The motion passed.

ADJOURNED

*****MOTION to adjourn was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Vote passed unanimously.

Randy Johnson, Chairman

Eric Workman, Clerk of the Board