

VIRGINIA: At a Regular Meeting of the Bland County Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County School Board Office, Bastian, Virginia on the seventeenth day of December 2002, the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

PRESENT: Frank W. Chandler – Chairman, Wade Blankenship, Robert O. Munsey,
Danny Kinder

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Ron Hachey - County Administrator, Carol Hall – Secretary, James E.
Cornwell, County Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT: Frank Phipps, Marty Holloway – VDOT; Wayne Quesenberry, The Bland Messenger; several citizens

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Frank Chandler called the regular meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Chairman Frank Chandler offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLIANCE

Supervisor Wade Blankenship led the pledge of alliance to the flag.

BOARD APPROVED AGENDA

*****MOTION to approve the December 17, 2002 agenda as presented was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Robert Munsey with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

CONSENT AGENDA

*****MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes. Items within the Consent Agenda included: 1) minutes of the regular meeting of November 26, 2002; 2) bills for the month of December 2002 in the amount of \$3,802.99; 3) payroll for the second half of November 2002 and the first half of December 2002 in the amount of \$119,188.56 and 5) reports of the Treasurer, Sheriff, Commissioner of Revenue, Recycling Program, Building Official, Public Works and E-911 Coordinator.

VDOT 2003-2009 BLAND COUNTY SIX-YEAR SECONDARY ROADS IMPROVEMENT PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Chandler opened the public hearing announcing the hearing was being held in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Transportation to solicit the public's input in the development of the 2003-2009 Secondary Roads Six-Year Improvement Plan and the reviewing of the Project's Priority Listing for improvements to be included in the 2003-2004 Secondary Budget.

Resident Engineer Frank Phipps read the proposed 2003-2009 Secondary Road Improvement

Plan and the 2003-2003 Priority List.

PUBLIC COMMENTS No public input was offered.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Supervisor Wade Blankenship closed the public hearing which was seconded by Robert Munsey with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

2003-2009 SECONDARY ROAD IMPROVEMENT PLAN RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Motion to adopt the Virginia Department of Transportation 2003-2009 Secondary Road Improvement Plan resolution as read and authorize the chairman to sign was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Danny Kinder with Wade Blankenship and Frank Chandler voting yes.

RUSTIC ROAD RESOLUTIONS APPROVED

Motion to adopt the resolutions listing road Route 605, Route 609, Route 612, Route 620, Route 622, Route 653 and Route 607 be designated as a Rural Rustic Road was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Frank Phipps advised that the work to correct the drainage problems on Route 613 would be started after the weather permits.

SOCIAL SERVICES

*****MOTION to approve the October 2002 Social Services financial report in the amount of \$39,478.60 with the local share being \$6,017.41 was made by Danny Kinder, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Robert Munsey and Frank Chandler voting yes.

SCHOOLS

*****MOTION to approve the Schools January 2003 requisition in the amount of \$625,000.00 was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Danny Kinder with Wade Blankenship and Frank Chandler voting yes.

Superintendent Dr. Alderman invited the board members to serve on a school board advisory committee reporting to a building committee who in turn reports to the school board members.

SMYTH-BLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY

Representative Harry Shupe reported the statistics of the library and advised that due to the budget cuts the service hours at the library would be cut by two hours per week effective December 1, 2002.

APPOINTMENTS

*****Motion to reappoint Randy Newberry, Jerry Mercer and Randy Johnson to the Parks and Recreation Committee, four year terms to expire December 31, 2006 was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

*****Motion to reappoint Foli Taylor to the Mount Rogers Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services Board a three year term to expire on December 31, 2005 was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Robert Munsey with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

VETEERAN'S MEMORIAL SIGNS UPDATE

This topic was tabled until the January 28th regular meeting.

2003 BOS REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING DATE SET

The 2003 Board of Supervisors Reorganizational meeting was set for 7:00 p.m. on January 7, 2003 at the Bland County School Board office.

NOISE ORDINANCE TABLED

*****MOTOIN to table the proposed Noise Ordinance was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Robert Munsey with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

INTERSTATE CONTRACTORS REQUESTS OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

This topic was tabled until the January 28, 2003 meeting.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

Bland resident Foli Taylor advised the Board of her opposition to the request of Interstate Contractor for a Conditional Use Permit noting reasons to be: 1) the noise; 2) the narrow road and 3) trucks coming and going onto the site all hours of the small residential area.

Resident Kay Hoge spoke to the board with information that four private wells were destroyed by the highways salt storage and expressed concern of the private wells in the area in danger of being contaminated by Interstate Contractors proposed salt storage facility.

CLOSED SESSION

“Move to go into a closed session to discuss personnel, legal and contractual matter by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

“Move to return to Regular Session and adopt the following certification of a closed session was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

CERTIFICATION OF A CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, the Bland County Board of Supervisors convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative-recorded vote and pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.1-344A, subparagraph 1 and 5 and 7 of the Code of Virginia and in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

WHEREAS, Section 2.1-344A of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Bland County Board of Supervisors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bland County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member’s knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting in which this Certification Resolution applies; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Bland County Board of Supervisors.

CONTINUANCE OF MEETING

This meeting was continued until the 2003 Reorganizational Meeting to be held January 7, 2003, 7:00 p.m.

Frank Chandler, Chairman

Ron Hachey, Clerk