

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse, Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-fifth day of February 2025 at 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent:

PRESENT: Keith Costello, Patrick Groseclose, Randy Johnson, and Stephen Kelley

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Cameron Burton, County Administrator; Paul Cassell, County Attorney; and Linda Miller, Board Secretary

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION

Chair Randy Johnson led the pledge, and Cameron Burton offered the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Randy Johnson called the February 25, 2025, Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 25, 2025, MEETING AGENDA AMENDED

*****MOTION to approve the February 25, 2025, meeting agenda with amendments: striking item number 5, amending the appropriation request for the Sheriff's Office, and amending appointments from the January 28, 2025, meeting to have term dates was made by Patrick Groseclose and seconded by Keith Costello. Motion carried unanimously.

FEBRUARY 25, 2025, CONSENT AGENDA/SOCIAL SERVICES/SCHOOLS APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the February 25, 2025, consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of the January 28, 2025, regular meeting; payroll issued January 31, 2025 in the amount of \$144,048.97 payroll issued February 14, 2025 in the amount of \$139,439.82; bills for the month of October 2024 in the amount of \$12,022.03, bills for the month of December 2024 in the amount of \$163,709.92, bills for the month of January 2025 in the amount of \$144,048.97 and \$450,734.18, and bills for the month of February 2025 in the amount of \$326,854.02; reports from the Treasurer, Sheriff's Office, Building Official, Clerk's Office, and E911 Coordinator; appropriate the December 2024 Social Services' report in the amount of \$16,086.38 local allotment; appropriate the Bland County School Board's March 2025 requisition in the amount of \$1,141,146.10; and approve the minutes for the January 16, 2025, regular meeting; approve payroll and vendor payments for January 2025 was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Patrick Groseclose.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kelley – yea; Mr. Groseclose – yea; Mr. Costello – yea; and Mr. Johnson – yea. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Haley Painter, Library, updated the Board.

Sheriff Jason Ramsey updated the Board.

Adam Kidd, Treasurer, updated the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No speakers.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S ITEMS

PROCLAMATION: DAVID E. DILLOW

*****MOTION to approve the proclamation of recognition and appreciation to the family of David E. Dillow was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Keith Costello.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kelley – yea; Mr. Costello – yea; Mr. Groseclose – yea; and Mr. Johnson – yea. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION TO ZONING APPEALS BOARD

APPOINTMENTS TO OPEN DOOR COMMUNITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*****MOTION to recommend the appointment of Amie Harden to the Zoning Appeals Board and the appointments of Bradley Yoder and Sara King to the Open Door Community Board of Directors was made by Patrick Groseclose and seconded by Keith Costello. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT - GIGABEAM

*****MOTION to adopt the resolution of support and approve the letter of support for Gigabeam Networks BEAD application was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Costello – yea; Mr. Groseclose – yea; Mr. Kelley – yea; and Mr. Johnson – yea. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION TO FY25 SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET

*****MOTION to appropriate \$118,733.71 to the FY25 Sheriff's Office budget from the Blue Line revenue for two vehicles (\$87,465.38), drone equipment (\$27,268.33), and training (\$4,000) was made by Patrick Groseclose and seconded by Stephen Kelley. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Groseclose – yea; Mr. Kelley – yea; Mr. Costello – yea; and Mr. Johnson – yea. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

****MOTION to appoint

- Sharon Puckett and Keith Costello to the *Bland County Public Library Board of Trustees* for 4-year term to expire 12/31/2028
- Cameron Burton to the *Bristol Transportation District Regional Improvement Commission* with an open-ended term
- Randy Johnson and Patrick Groseclose to the *School Facilities Committee* for a 1-year term to expire 12/31/2025
- Wade Hall to the *Economic Development Authority* for a 4-year term to expire 12/31/2028
- C. Eric Brooks, John Melvin, Guy Boone, Becky Bane and Mike Shelton, alternate to the *Local Board of Building Code of Appeals* for 4-year term to expire 12/31/2028
- John Mustard to the *Mount Rogers Alcohol Safety Action Program* for a 4-year term to expire 12/31/2028
- Cameron Burton and Randy Johnson to the *New River Valley Criminal Justice Board* to a 4-year term to expire 12/31/2028
- Wade Hall to the *Pathway Regional Industrial Facility Authority* to a 4-year term to expire 12/31/2028
- Jenna Dunn to the *Southwest Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council* for a 3-year term to expire 12/31/2027
- Hailey Painter to the *Wytheville Community College Board of Directors* for a 4-year term to expire 12/31/2026
- Randy Johnson to the *District Three Governmental Cooperative Board of Commissioners* for a 2-year term to expire 12/31/2025

was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Costello – yea; Mr. Groseclose – yea; Mr. Kelley – yea; and Mr. Johnson – yea. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION TO AFTER PROM

*****MOTION to appropriate \$100 from each of the Supervisors' Community Funds for a total of \$400 to the After Prom was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Costello – yea; Mr. Groseclose – yea; Mr. Kelley – yea; and Mr. Johnson – yea. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

*****Move to go into an executive session to discuss personnel matters: personnel, pursuant to 2.2-3711-A paragraph 1 of the Code of Virginia was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kelley – yea; Mr. Groseclose – yea; Mr. Costello – yea; and Mr. Johnson – yea. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR SESSION

*****Move to return to regular session was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

*****Move to adopt the Certification of Executive Meeting pursuant to the provisions for Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia and the reading of certification of an executive session

to certify that only items announced by the board were discussed was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Keith Costello.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kelley – yea; Mr. Costello – yea; Mr. Groseclose – yea; and Mr. Johnson – yea. Motion carried unanimously.

RECESS

*****MOTION to recess until March 4, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Motion carried.

Randy Johnson

Randy Johnson, Chair

Cameron B. Burton

Cameron B. Burton, Clerk of the Board

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