

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse, Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-second day of April 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; Dena Monroe; 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 April 22, 2025, Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

APRIL 22, 2025, MEETING AGENDA AMENDED

*****MOTION to approve the April 22, 2025, meeting agenda as amended with approval for public hearing for fairground lease and appropriation to Ceres Alumni Association was made by Patrick Groseclose and seconded by Keith Costello. Motion carried unanimously.

APRIL 22, 2025, CONSENT AGENDA/SOCIAL SERVICES/SCHOOLS APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the April 22, 2025, consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of the March 25, 2025, regular meeting and the minutes of the April 9, 2025 continued meeting; payroll issued March 31, 2025 in the amount of \$145,248.68, payroll issued April 16, 2025 in the amount of \$137,449.58; bills for the month of March 2025 in the amount of \$107,062.88, bills for the month of April 2025 in the amount of \$354,144.69; reports from the Treasurer, Sheriff's Office, Animal Control, Building Official, Clerk's Office, Youth Sports, and E911 Coordinator; appropriate the February 2025 Social Services' report in the amount of \$15,731.62 local allotment; appropriate the Bland County School Board's May 2025 requisition in the amount of \$1,141,146.10; and approve the minutes for the March 13, 2025, regular meeting; approve payroll and vendor payments for March 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

Cindy Wright, Commissioner of the Revenue, updated the Board.

Adam Kidd, Treasurer, updated the Board.

Joshua Neal, Youth Sports Coordinator, updated the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No speakers.

PUBLIC HEARING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR TWIN STATES TOWING & FLEET SERVICES (TAX MAP 77A2-A-7)

Mr. Joel Cagle, Planning Commission Secretary, stated the Planning Commission's recommendations to approve Conditional Use Permit for Tax Map 77A2-A-7 with the conditions of 1.) an approved entrance permit shall be obtained through VDOT; 2.) Aesthetics shall be maintained with existing tree screening and outside storage limited to 30 days; 3.) if dust becomes an issue, it shall be addressed at the time through the Commission and Board of Supervisors.

Chair Randy Johnson opened the public hearing.

Mr. Crockett, Subway, stated that he believed the VDOT permitting will take care of any entrance issues.

Kevin Chang, Twin States Towing and Fleet Services, answered Randy Johnson's question stating that the business would not be visible from I-77.

Chair Randy Johnson closed the public hearing.

*****MOTION to approve the Planning Commission's recommendations to approve Conditional Use Permit for Tax Map 77A2-A-7 with the conditions of 1.) an approved entrance permit shall be obtained through VDOT; 2.) Aesthetics shall be maintained with existing tree screening and outside storage limited to 30 days; 3.) if dust becomes an issue, it shall be addressed at the time through the Commission and Board of Supervisors 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.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S ITEMS

RESOLUTION FOR WATER SUPPLY APPLICATION FY25

*****MOTION to adopt the resolution for Local & Regional Water Supply Planning and 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.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE LEASE OF THE FAIRGROUNDS

*****MOTION to approve the advertisement for a public hearing for the lease of the fairgrounds to Bland Fair Association was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Keith Costello. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION TO CERES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

*****MOTION to appropriate \$2,697.56 from the General Fund to reimburse the Ceres Alumni Association for the cost incurred at the Ceres School 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.

RESOLUTION – FAIR HOUSING AND APPOINTMENT

*****MOTION to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution and appoint Cicely Dunford as the Fair Housing Officer was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Keith Costello. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT BETWEEN BLAND COUNTY AND THE SERVICE AUTHORITY

*****MOTION to approve the Support Agreement Resolution between the County and the Service Authority was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Motion carried unanimously.

SUPPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN BLAND COUNTY AND THE SERVICE AUTHORITY

*****MOTION to approve the Support Agreement between the County and the Service Authority was made by Patrick Groseclose and seconded by Keith Costello. Motion carried unanimously.

FY26 VDEM GRANT APPLICATIONS

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate VDEM 911 Grants in the amount of \$12,000 was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Costello – yea; Mr. Groseclose – yea; Mr. Kelly – yea and Mr. Johnson – yea. Motion carried unanimously.

RECESS

Chair Randy Johnson recessed the meeting to Friday, April 25, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

Randy Johnson
Randy Johnson, Chair

Cameron B. Burton
Cameron B. Burton, Clerk of the Board