

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse, Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-seventh day of May 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.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION

Vice-Chair Patrick Groseclose led the pledge, and Cameron Burton offered the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Patrick Groseclose called the May 27, 2025, Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

MAY 27, 2025, MEETING AGENDA AMENDED

*****MOTION to approve the May 27, 2025, meeting agenda as amended with the FY25 Blue Line appropriation was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Stephen Kelley. Motion carried unanimously.

MAY 27, 2025, CONSENT AGENDA/SOCIAL SERVICES/SCHOOLS APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the May 27, 2025, consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of the April 22, 2025, regular meeting and the minutes of the April 25, 2025 and the minutes of the May 2, 2025 continued meetings; payroll issued April 30, 2025 in the amount of \$154,654.31, payroll issued May 16, 2025 in the amount of \$139,128.92; bills for the month of April 2025 in the amount of \$133,851.96, bills for the month of May 2025 in the amount of \$478,538.23; reports from the Treasurer, Sheriff's Office, Animal Control, Building Official, Clerk's Office, and E911 Coordinator; appropriate the March 2025 Social Services' report in the amount of \$14,450.33 local allotment; appropriate the Bland County School Board's June 2025 requisition in the amount of \$1,141,146.10; and approve the minutes for the April 10, 2025, regular meeting; approve payroll and vendor payments for April 2025 was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Stephen Kelley.

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

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Joshua Neal, Youth Sports Coordinator, updated the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No speakers.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR LEASE OF FAIRGROUNDS TO BLAND COUNTY FAIR, INC.

Ms. Burton stated that this has been a longstanding lease with the Bland County Fair, Inc. changing to a 10-year lease instead of a 2-year lease.

Vice-Chair Groseclose opened the public hearing.

No speakers.

Vice-Chair Groseclose closed the public hearing.

*****MOTION to approve the lease of the fairgrounds to the Bland County Fair, Inc. and authorize the County Administrator to sign on behalf of the County of Bland was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Keith Costello. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kelley – yea; Mr. Costello – yea; and Mr. Groseclose – yea. Mr. Johnson – absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FY26 COUNTY AND SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET

Ms. Burton stated that the FY26 County and School Board Budget is a balanced budget in the amount of \$43,506,518.00

Vice-Chair Groseclose opened the public hearing.

No speakers.

Vice-Chair Groseclose closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE VDOT SECONDARY SIX-YEAR PLAN

Mr. James Schwartz, VDOT, reviewed the secondary six-year plan.

Mr. Randy Johnson arrived at the meeting at 5:24 p.m.

Chair Johnson opened the public hearing.

No speakers.

Chair Johnson closed the public hearing.

*****MOTION to approve the six-year plan as it is with no additions was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR TAX MAP NO. 119-A-28

Mr. Joel Cagle updated the board concerning a conditional use permit for Patrick Groseclose to operate a mini warehouse storage facility on Tax Map No. 119-A-28. The Planning Commission recommended approval with no conditions.

Chair Johnson opened the public hearing.

No Speakers.

Chair Johnson closed the public hearing.

*****MOTION to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Mr. Patrick Groseclose to operate a mini warehouse storage facility on Tax Map No. 119-A-28 was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Mr. Costello. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kelley – yea; Mr. Costello – yea; Mr. Johnson – yea. Mr. Groseclose – abstained. Motion carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S ITEMS

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR MR. DON THOMPSON OF TAX MAP NO. 'S 49-A-9,9A,9B AND 49-A-15

*****MOTION to approve the two-year extension of the Conditional use Permit for Mr. Don Thompson of Tax Map No. 's 49-A-9, 9A, 9B and 49-A-15 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.

FY25 BUDGET AMENDMENT – LIBRARY BUDGET

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate \$8,000 to the FY25 Library budget 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.

FY25 BUDGET AMENDMENT - TOURISM

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate a grant in the amount of \$10,000 from the Virginia Tourism Corporation to the FY25 Tourism budget 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.

FY25 CHILDREN'S SERVICES ACT(CSA) BUDGET

*****MOTION to appropriate the FY25 CSA Budget for CSA supplement: State amount of \$331,892.03 and the Local amount of \$67,704.29 for a total of \$399,596.32 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.

APPOINTMENT TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY(EDA)

*****MOTION to appoint Andy Davis to the EDA with a term date of December 31, 2027, was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS RECOMMENDATION

*****MOTION to recommend Mrs. Amy Havens to the Bland County Board of Zoning Appeals with a term that expires on December 31, 2027, was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Stephen Kelley. Motion carried unanimously.

FY25 BLUE LINE APPROPRIATIONS

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the FY25 Blue Line Revenue to the following: Bland Fire Department \$4,000; Rocky Gap Fire Department \$4,000; Hollybrook Fire Department \$4,000; Ceres Fire Department \$4,000; Grapefield Fire Department \$4,000; Shannakai Youth Mentor Program \$4,000; Ceres Alumni Association \$4,000; Bland Rescue

Squad \$4,000; Bland Tactical Team Equipment \$5,000; Rocky Gap Ruritan \$1,500; Mechanicsburg Ruritan \$1,500; Bland American Legion \$1,500 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.

FY25 BOS COMMUNITY FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS

*****MOTION to appropriate from the FY25 Board of Supervisors Community Funds: Mr. Kelley: Bland Fire Department \$1,200; Festival of Leaves \$250; Historical Society \$250; Beautification Committee \$200; Bland County Fair, Inc. \$100; and Tazewell Co. Career and Technical Center \$300.

Mr. Costello: Festival of Leaves \$1,000; Rocky Gap Fire Department \$1,000; and Tazewell Co. Career and Technical Center \$300.

Mr. Groseclose: Grapefield Fire Department \$700; Ceres Fire Department \$1,000; Lost Fantasy Animal Rescue \$300; Ceres Alumni Association \$500; and Tazewell Co. Career and Technical Center \$100.

Mr. Johnson: Hollybrook Fire Department \$1,000; Mechanicsburg Ruritan \$700; Hollybrook Community Center \$300; and Tazewell Co. Career and Technical Center \$300. 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.

RECESS

Chair Randy Johnson recessed the meeting until Friday, June 6, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

Randy Johnson
Randy Johnson, Chair

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

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