

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse, Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-second day of July 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 July 22, 2025, Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

JULY 22, 2025, MEETING AGENDA AMENDED

*****MOTION to approve the July 22, 2025, meeting agenda as amended with the request for approval for application to the Wythe Bland Foundation was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Motion carried unanimously.

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

*****MOTION to approve the July 22, 2025, consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of the June 24, 2025, regular meeting; payroll issued June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$148,401.10, payroll issued July 16, 2025 in the amount of \$198,327.26; bills for the month of May 2025 in the amount of \$30,124.02, bills for the month of June 2025 in the amount of \$263,053.56, bills for the month of July 2025 in the amount of \$530,794.00; reports from the Sheriff's Office, Building Official, Clerk's Office, E911 Coordinator, and Zoning; appropriate the May 2025 Social Services' report in the amount of \$12,532.97 local allotment; appropriate the Bland County School Board's August 2025 requisition in the amount of \$1,141,146.10; and approve the minutes for the June 12, 2025, regular meeting; approve payroll and vendor payments for June 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S ITEMS

BLAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD BUILDING PERMIT #102-2025 FEES WAIVED

*****MOTION to waive the permit fees for the Bland County School Board for permit #102-2025 in the amount of \$250.68 was made by Patrick Groseclose and seconded by Keith Costello. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Groseclose – yea; Mr. Costello – yea; Mr. Kelley – yea; and Mr. Johnson – yea. Motion carried unanimously.

ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT FOR MOUNTAIN TOP HOLINESS CHURCH

*****MOTION to approve the entertainment permit for Mountain Top Holiness Church and waive all associated fees was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Motion carried unanimously.

FY26 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDING PLAN

*****MOTION to approve the FY26 Local Improvement Funding Plan for the County of Bland with 40% allocation to Education and 60% allocation to Public Safety 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 YEAR END TRANSFERS AND SUPPLEMENTS

*****MOTION to adopt the FY25 County Budget transfers and supplements in the amount of \$148,600.00 with associated appropriations and transfers to revenue and expenditure line items: Reassessment underbudgeted in the amount of \$43,600.00 and Selective Enforcement overspent in the amount of \$105,000.00 was made by Patrick Groseclose and seconded by Keith Costello.

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

FY26 BUDGET APPROPRIATION – UNITED WAY SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the FY26 Budget with \$2,556.00 in additional revenue from the United Way of Southwest Virginia and release those funds to the Bland Ministry Center 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.

OPIOID ABATEMENT PARTICIPATION

*****MOTION to authorize the County Administrator to sign the OPIOID abatement participation form 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.

ADVERTISEMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE OF BONUS

*****MOTION to approve the advertisement for a public hearing for the Ordinance to authorize the local employee bonus was made by Patrick Groseclose and seconded by Keith Costello. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Groseclose – yea; Mr. Costello – yea; Mr. Kelley – yea; and Mr. Johnson – yea. Motion carried unanimously.

APPLICATION TO THE WYTHE BLAND FOUNDATION

*****MOTION to approve applications to the Wythe Bland Foundation for grant funding was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

*****MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Motion carried unanimously.

Randy Johnson
Randy Johnson, Chair

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