

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse, Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-eighth day of October 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 October 28, 2025, Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 28, 2025, MEETING AGENDA AMENDED

*****MOTION to approve the October 28, 2025, meeting agenda with amendment of the Entertainment Permit for Rocky Gap Grill was made by Patrick Groseclose and seconded by Keith Costello. Motion carried unanimously.

OCTOBER 28, 2025, CONSENT AGENDA/SOCIAL SERVICES/SCHOOLS APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the October 28, 2025, consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of the September 23, 2025, regular meeting; payroll issued September 30, 2025 in the amount of \$179,100.60, payroll issued October 16, 2025 in the amount of \$154,420.12; bills for the month of September 2025 in the amount of \$128,206.33 and bills for the month of October 2025 in the amount of \$315,740.77; reports from the Treasurer's Office, Sheriff's Office, Building Official, Clerk's Office, E911 Coordinator, Wolf Creek Indian Village and Zoning; appropriate the August 2025 Social Services' report in the amount of \$18,597.40 local allotment; appropriate the Bland County School Board's November 2025 requisition in the amount of \$1,128,966.42; and approve the minutes for the September 9, 2025, regular meeting; approve payroll and vendor payments for September 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

Ms. Debra Cline of Wythe County requested the Board to provide funding to the Community Cats Rescue Network (CCRN) in their humane solution to feral cat overpopulation using Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR).

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S ITEMS

APPROPRIATION - SKEWS FAMILY FOUNDATION GRANT

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the Skews Family Foundation Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Youth Sports was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Stephen Kelley. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Costello – yea; Mr. Kelley – yea; and Mr. Groseclose – yea; and Mr. Johnson – yea. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION - WYTHE-BLAND FOUNDATION GRANT

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate Wythe-Bland Foundation grants in the amount of \$28,000.00 (Bland County Farmers' Market \$18,000 and Parks and Recreation \$10,000) 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.

APPROPRIATION - FUNDS FOR THE CERES FIRE TRUCK

*****MOTION to appropriate \$5,000.00 from Ceres Fire Department for the purchase of a fire truck 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.

APPROPRIATION - MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM(MCAP)

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate \$2,324.01 from Mountain Community Action Program to the Commissioner of the Revenue budget was made by Keith Costello and seconded

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

COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE TEMPORARY PART-TIME POSITION

*****MOTION to approve the creation of a temporary part-time position in the Commissioner of the Revenue office 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.

APPROPRIATION - COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate a payment of \$315,711.43 from the general fund for repayment of the Commonwealth Transportation Board grant 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.

ADVERTISEMENT OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR TRASH ORDINANCE

*****MOTION to approve the advertisement of a public hearing for trash bills to be included on the yearly tax ticket 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.

APPROPRIATION - SHERIFF'S OFFICE

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate \$7,036.00 from the Sheriff's Office Seized Assets for the purchase of a storage building 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.

APPROPRIATION - FEMA FUNDING FOR BLAND COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate FEMA funding of \$8,810.94 to Bland County Public Schools for labor and materials during Hurricane Helene 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.

APPROPRIATION REVISION (MARCH 2025) - FEMA

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate \$15,000.00 from the general fund to Bland County Public Schools for meals served to adults during Hurricane Helene 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.

APPROPRIATION - VDEM 911 GRANT

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate VDEM 911 grant in the amount of \$186,851.00 for the purchase of computer-aided dispatch system 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.

SURPLUS ITEMS DECLARED

*****MOTION to declare various equipment (old dispatch center furniture) as surplus items was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Keith Costello. Motion carried.

ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT

*****MOTION to approve the Entertainment Permit for the Rocky Gap Grill and waive all associated fees with the following exceptions: no discharge of fireworks within 1,000 ft of the premises and no use of stage for the event on November 8, 2025, was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Stephen Kelley. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION - BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL FUNDS

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate BOS Special Funds of Keith Costello to the Community Cats Rescue Network in the amount of \$150.00 was made by Patrick Groseclose and seconded by Stephen Kelley. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

*****MOTION to go into executive session to discuss a Personnel and Business and Industry matters pursuant to the provisions of section 2.2-3711 subparagraph 1 of the Code of Virginia was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION

*****MOTION to return to regular session was made by Patrick Groseclose and seconded by Stephen Kelley. Motion carried.

CERTIFICATION

*****MOTION to adopt the certification of the executive session pursuant to the provisions for Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia 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.

RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE

*****MOTION to approve the Health Insurance Retirement Benefit Plan Agreement for 18 months for retiree was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Keith Costello. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

*****MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made by Patrick Groseclose and seconded by Keith Costello. Motion carried.

Randy Johnson
Randy Johnson, Chair

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

