

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse, Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-third day of December 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 December 23, 2025, Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 23, 2025, MEETING AGENDA AMENDED

*****MOTION to approve the December 23, 2025, meeting agenda with amendment of the request for relocations of Seddon and Rocky Gap precincts was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Motion carried unanimously.

DECEMBER 23, 2025, CONSENT AGENDA/SOCIAL SERVICES/SCHOOLS APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the December 23, 2025, consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of the November 25, 2025, regular meeting; payroll issued November 28, 2025 in the amount of \$157,911.55, payroll issued December 16, 2025 in the amount of \$171,297.05; bills for the month of November 2025 in the amount of \$124,127.25 and bills for the month of December 2025 in the amount of \$623,259.02; reports from the Treasurer's Office, Sheriff's Office, Building Official, Clerk's Office, E911 Coordinator, and Wolf Creek Indian Village; appropriate the October 2025 Social Services' report in the amount of \$14,615.46 local allotment; appropriate the Bland County School Board's January 2026 requisition in the amount of \$1,128,966.42; and approve the minutes for the November 13, 2025, regular meeting; approve payroll and vendor payments for November 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

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING CINDY U. WRIGHT

*****MOTION to approve the Proclamation of Recognition and Appreciation of Mrs. Cindy U. Wright for her years of service to Bland County in the Commissioner of the Revenue Office was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Patrick Groseclose.
Motion carried unanimously.

TRASH ADJUSTMENTS

*****MOTION to adopt the trash bill adjustments for September 2025 through December 2025 in the amount of \$10,081.59 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 – FY26 FIRE PROGRAM PPE GRANT

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the FY26 Virginia Department of Fire Programs Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Grant in the amount of \$99,930.00 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.

2026 PAYROLL AND HOLIDAY CALENDAR

*****MOTION to adopt the 2026 Payroll and Holiday Calendar as presented was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION – LITTER PREVENTION AND RECYCLING PROGRAM GRANT

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the Bland County Litter Prevention and Recycling Program Grant in the amount of \$9,953.46 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 – AEP FOUNDATION GRANT

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the AEP Foundation Grant in the amount of \$35,000.00 for the purchase of an emergency services vehicle for the Hollybrook Fire Dept. 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/ E911 FUND TRANSFER

*****MOTION to approve a transfer appropriation in the amount of \$17,500 from line item 035700-8213 Dispatch Center Equipment to 035700-1100 Salary and Wages 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 AUDIT EXTENSION

*****MOTION to approve the FY25 audit extension date to January 15, 2026, 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.

PRECINCT RELOCATION FOR SEDDON AND ROCKY GAP

*****MOTION to approve the County Attorney to precede with starting the process of the relocation of Seddon District to the Bland County Public Library and the Rocky Gap District to the Rocky Gap Volunteer Fire Dept. Building was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

*****MOTION to go into executive session to discuss legal matters: Regional Improvement Commission matters pursuant to the provisions of section 2.2-3711 subparagraph 7 of the Code of Virginia was made by Patrick Groseclose and seconded by Keith Costello. Motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION

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

CERTIFICATION

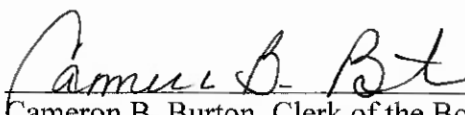
*****MOTION to adopt the certification of the executive session pursuant to the provisions for Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Costello – yea; Mr. Groseclose – yea; Mr. Kelley – yea; and Mr. Johnson – yea. Motion carried.

RECESS

Chair Randy Johnson recessed until January 2, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.



Randy Johnson, Chair



Cameron B. Burton, Clerk of the Board