

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse, Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-seventh day of January 2026 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 January 27, 2026, Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

JANUARY 27, 2026, MEETING AGENDA AMENDED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the January 27, 2026 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.

JANUARY 27, 2026, CONSENT AGENDA/SOCIAL SERVICES/SCHOOLS APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the January 27, 2026, consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of the December 23, 2025, regular meeting and January 2, 2026, organizational meeting; payroll issued December 31, 2025, in the amount of \$155,767.41, payroll issued January 16, 2026, amount of \$145,329.73, and bills for the month of December 2025, in the amount of \$122,426.32, and bills for the month of January 2026 in the amount of \$371,535.80; reports from the Treasurer's Office, Sheriff's Office, Building Official, Clerk's Office, E911 Coordinator, Zoning, Youth Sports and Wolf Creek Indian Village was made by Patrick Groseclose and seconded by Keith Costello. Motion carried unanimously.

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to appropriate the November 2025 Social Services' report in the amount of \$15,638.51 local allotment 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.

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to appropriate the Bland County School Board's February 2026 requisition in the amount of \$1,128,966.42; and approve the minutes for the December 11, 2025, regular meeting; approve payroll and vendor payments for December 2025 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 unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. John Owens of Bland, Virginia expressed his concerns with the reassessment and other concerns with the county.

Ms. Debbie Looney stated that she has a real issue with the assessment regarding retired and disabled citizens. Also, she stated she would like to see something done about the school system.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S ITEMS

PERMIT FEES WAIVED FOR THE COUNTY OF BLAND

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to waive permit fees in the amount of \$30.60 for the County of Bland for a blanket permit to cover small projects Permit#1-2026 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.

APPOINTMENT TO THE SWVA EMS COUNCIL

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to appoint Jenna Dunn to the SWVA EMS Council for three-year term expiring on December 31, 2029, was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Keith Costello. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION FOR 2004 PIERCE INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL PUMPER

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to appropriate \$25,000 from the Hollybrook Fire Department and \$15,000 from the Community Development for the purchase of a 2004 Pierce International Commercial Pumper 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 unanimously.

FY27 BUDGET CALENDAR AMENDED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to amend the FY27 Budget Calendar with School Board's budget request due to the Board of Supervisors on March 20, 2026, was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION OF THE AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT(AFID) GRANT

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to appropriate the AFID Grant in the amount of \$23,000 for the Farmers Market front entrance utilizing reclaimed hardwood 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.

ADVERTISE PUBLIC HEARING FOR ROUTE 656 TABLED


\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to table the advertisement of public hearing for the closure/abandonment of Route 656 was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Motion carried unanimously.

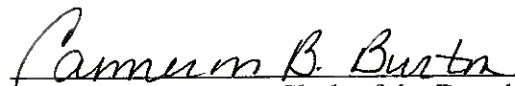
RESOLUTION FOR THE LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to adopt the resolution certifying the beginning of the local state of emergency for Winter Storm Fern on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. 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.

ADJOURNMENT

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

  
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Randy Johnson, Chair

  
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Cameron B. Burton, Clerk of the Board