

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse, Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-fourth day of February 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 February 24, 2026, Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

MEETING AGENDA AMENDED

*****MOTION to approve the meeting agenda with amendment of the resolution authorizing a grant application was made by Patrick Groseclose and seconded by Keith Costello. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA/SOCIAL SERVICES/SCHOOLS APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of the January 27, 2026; payroll issued January 30, 2026, in the amount of \$159,171.77, payroll issued February 13, 2026, amount of \$147,109.92, and bills for the month of February 2026, in the amount of \$401,384.98, and bills for the month of January 2026 in the amount of \$123,671.49; reports from the Treasurer's Office, Sheriff's Office, Animal Control, Building Official, Clerk's Office, E911 Coordinator, Zoning, and Wolf Creek Indian Village; appropriate the December 2025 Social Services' report in the amount of \$15,732.69 local allotment; appropriate the Bland County School Board's March 2026 requisition in the amount of \$1,128,966.42; and approve the minutes for the January 15, 2026, organizational/regular meeting, and approve the minutes for the February 9, 2026, regular meeting and approve the minutes for the February 12, 2026 budget work session; approve payroll and vendor payments for January 2026, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Dale Blankenship, Skydusky Rd, Bland, Virginia questioned the board concerning the plans for the paving of Skydusky Road.

Ms. Arleene Bridges, Suiter Rd, Bland, Virginia addressed the board with reassessment questions. Ms. Bridges stated that something needs to be done about the reassessment.

Mr. Todd Ingram, Jackson St., Bland, Virginia addressed the board stating the special election's early voting is illegal and in violation of Virginia's constitution. He asked the board, "Who is our champion in Bland County to protect us from being disenfranchised?"

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Corbin Stone presented the findings of the FY25 financial review.

Ms. Ashlyn Shrewsbury, Executive Director, Mount Rogers Regional Partnership presented the projects and businesses that Mount Rogers Regional Partnership have been involved in.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S ITEMS

PROCLAMATION: MRS. ELIZABETH JOHNSON

*****MOTION to adopt the proclamation of recognition and appreciation for Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Motion carried unanimously.

FY25 FINANCIAL REVIEW

*****MOTION to approve and accept the FY25 financial report as presented 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.

RESOLUTION ENDING THE LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

*****MOTION to adopt the resolution certifying the end of the local state of emergency on February 2, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. that was declared on January 21, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. 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.

ADDITIONAL SEASONAL POSITION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the addition of a grant funded seasonal position for expanded farmers market was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Motion carried unanimously.

PERMIT FEES WAIVED FOR BLAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

*****MOTION to waive the permit fees for the Bland County School Board for a building permit for the replacement of a 100-gallon hot water heater Permit #12-2026 in the amount of \$30.60 was made by Patrick Groseclose and seconded by Keith Costello. Motion carried unanimously.

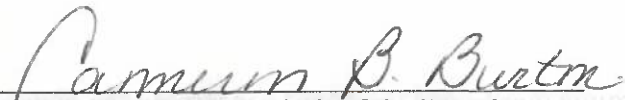
RESOLUTION FOR AN APPLICATION TO THE VIRGINIA TOBACCO REGIONAL REVITALIZATION COMMISSION

*****MOTION to adopt the resolution for an application to the Virginia Tobacco Regional Revitalization Commission for FY27 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.

ADJOURNMENT

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


Randy Johnson, Chair


Cameron B. Burton, Clerk of the Board