

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse, Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-fourth day of March 2026 at 5:00 p.m. The following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent:

PRESENT: Keith Costello, Patrick Groseclose, and Randy Johnson

ABSENT: Stephen Kelley

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 March 24, 2026, Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

MEETING AGENDA

*****MOTION to approve the meeting agenda as presented was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA/SOCIAL SERVICES/SCHOOLS APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of the February 24, 2026; payroll issued February 27, 2026, in the amount of \$156,743.72, payroll issued March 16, 2026, amount of \$148,886.93, and bills for the month of February 2026, in the amount of \$123,706.17, and bills for the month of March 2026 in the amount of \$537,518.99; reports from the Treasurer's Office, Sheriff's Office, Building Official, Clerk's Office, E911 Coordinator, Zoning, and Wolf Creek Indian Village was made by Patrick Groseclose and seconded by Keith Costello. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Groseclose – yea; Mr. Costello – yea and Mr. Johnson – yea. Motion carried.

*****MOTION to appropriate the January 2026 Social Services' report in the amount of \$15,711.76 local allotment was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Costello – yea; Mr. Groseclose – yea; and Mr. Johnson – yea. Motion carried.

*****MOTION to appropriate the Bland County School Board's April 2026 requisition in the amount of \$1,128,966.42; and approve the minutes for the February 17, 2026, regular meeting, and approve the minutes for the March 12, 2026, public hearing/budget work session; approve payroll and vendor payments for February 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

Ms. Arleene Bridges, Suiter Rd, Bland, Virginia addressed the board stating that she is still talking about the reassessment. Ms. Bridges asked about the elderly and the ones that did not request appointments regarding their assessments and requested a FOIA on the Board's wages for FY26.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S ITEMS

FY27 BUDGET CALENDAR AMENDED

*****MOTION to amend the FY27 Budget Calendar with the Budget Work session scheduled for Friday, April 10th at 4:00 p.m. to be moved to Friday, April 17th at 3:00 p.m. was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Motion carried unanimously.

TLC HEALTH INSURANCE PROVIDER AND FY27 RATES

*****MOTION to stay with The Local Choice as the health insurance provider and to adopt the health insurance rates for FY27 with the same plans as offered in FY26 was made by Patrick Groseclose and seconded by Keith Costello. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Groseclose – yea; Mr. Costello – yea; and Mr. Johnson – yea. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION FOR THE ANIMAL CONTROL FY26 BUDGET

*****MOTION to appropriate \$9,200 in the FY26 budget from Community Development (81100-3843) to Animal Control (35100-6009) was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Costello – yea; Mr. Groseclose – yea; and Mr. Johnson – yea. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OPPOSING MANDATORY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING LEGISLATION

*****MOTION to adopt the resolution opposing mandatory collective bargaining legislation was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Costello – yea; Mr. Groseclose – yea; and Mr. Johnson – yea. Motion carried unanimously.

TRASH ADJUSTMENTS

*****MOTION to approve the trash adjustments from January 2026 through March 2026 for \$4,817.07 was made by Patrick Groseclose and seconded by Keith Costello. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Groseclose – yea; Mr. Costello – yea; and Mr. Johnson – yea. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

*****MOTION to enter executive session to discuss a Personnel: Tourism and Community Development matter pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.2-3711A Subparagraph 1 of the Code of Virginia made by Patrick Groseclose and seconded by Keith Costello. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Groseclose – yea; Mr. Costello – yea; and Mr. Johnson – yea. Motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION

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

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

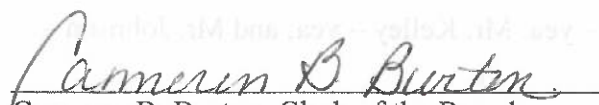
*****MOTION to adopt the Certification of Executive Session pursuant to the provisions for Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Costello – yea; Mr. Groseclose – yea; and Mr. Johnson – yea. Motion carried.

RECESS

Chair Randy Johnson recessed the meeting until Friday, March 27, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. for a FY27 Budget forum.



Randy Johnson, Chair



Cameron B. Burton, Clerk of the Board