

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

PRESENT: Keith Costello, Patrick Groseclose, Stephen Kelley, and Randy Johnson

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 April 28, 2026, Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

#### MEETING AGENDA AMENDED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the meeting agenda as amended with appropriations for Library and Rescue Squad, approval of advertisement of the Board of Equalization hearing dates and approval of advertisement of ordinances for age and disability tax credit and ordinance for bonuses 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 regular March 24, 2026 meeting; continued meeting minutes of March 27, 2026 and April 17, 2026; payroll issued March 31, 2026, in the amount of \$158,693.60, payroll issued April 16, 2026, amount of \$150,537.44, and bills for the month of March 2026, in the amount of \$123,731.17, and bills for the month of April 2026 in the amount of \$460,952.28; reports from the Treasurer's Office, Sheriff's Office, Building Official, Clerk's Office, E911 Coordinator, Youth Sports, and Wolf Creek Indian Village; appropriate the February 2026 Social Services' report in the amount of \$15,265.75 local allotment; appropriate the Bland County School Board's May 2026 requisition in the amount of \$1,128,966.42; and approve the minutes for the March 17, 2026, regular meeting; approve payroll and vendor payments for March 2026, 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

Mr. John Owens addressed the board with his concerns about lies, County spending, grant funding, auditor's conclusions, and the housing development.

Mr. Robert Haynes stated that the last time he spoke to the board was concerning the waiver fee for all citizens for a concealed carrying permit. He is still waiting for an answer. Also, he addressed the board regarding the Second Amendment Sanctuary Resolution that the County adopted in the past and the action to be taken tonight.

#### PRESENTATION

Mr. James Schwartz, VDOT Residency Advisor, presented the Secondary Six-year Plan to the board.

#### COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S ITEMS

##### APPOINTMENTS

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to reappoint Ms. Haley Painter to the WCC Board for a four-year term expiring on June 30, 2030, and to reappoint Ms. Lucinda Leighton to the Social Services Board for a four-year term expiring on June 30, 2030, was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Motion carried unanimously.

#### FY26 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to appropriate \$50,000 to the Sheriff's Office budget, \$102,000 to the CSA budget, \$5,847 to the Library budget, \$52,900 to the Bland County Public Schools and \$20,000 to the Bland County Rescue Squad – a total of \$230,747 was made by Patrick Groseclose and

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

APPROPRIATION SHERIFF'S OFFICE SE FY26 BUDGET

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to appropriate/transfer of \$50,000 Selective Enforcement Vehicle Budget to Communication Equipment 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.

RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING BLAND COUNTY AS A SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to adopt the resolution reaffirming Bland County as a Second Amendment Sanctuary (Resolution adopted November 26, 2019), 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.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION HEARING DATES

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the advertisement for a public hearing regarding the FY27 Budget and approve the advertisement of the Board of Equalization hearing dates was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION – LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY OF A BURN BAN

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to adopt the resolution certifying the declaration of the local state of emergency of a burn ban beginning April 14, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION -VDOT SIGNATURE AUTHORITY

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to adopt the resolution certifying locality share with VDOT and provide signature authority for Bland County was made by Patrick Groseclose and seconded by Keith Costello. Motion carried unanimously.

FY27 BUDGET CALENDAR AMENDED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to adopt the FY27 Budget Calendar with amendments for Tax Levy public hearing on May 26, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.; FY27 School Board and County Budget public hearing on June 5, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.; and the adoption of the FY27 Tax Levy and the adoption of the FY27 School Board and County Budget on June 23, 2026, was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Keith Costello. Motion carried unanimously.

PERMIT FEE WAIVER

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to waive the permit fee in the amount of \$30.60 for the Bland County School Board for school bus stop structure 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.

ADVERTISEMENT OF ORDINANCES FOR AGE AND DISABILITY TAX CREDIT AND BONUSSES

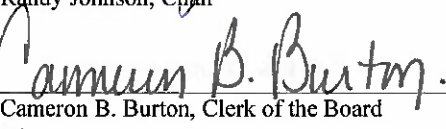
\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the advertisement of ordinances for Age and Disability Tax Credit and Bonuses was made by Patrick Groseclose and seconded by Stephen Kelley. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Groseclose – yea; Mr. Kelley – yea; Mr. Costello – yea; and Mr. Johnson – yea. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

  
Randy Johnson, Chair

  
Cameron B. Burton, Clerk of the Board