

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse, Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-eighth day of January 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

Cameron Burton led the pledge and offered the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

Cameron Burton, Clerk of the Board, called the January 28, 2025, Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2025 BOARD CHAIR ELECTED

Cameron Burton opened the floor for nominations of Board of Supervisors' Chair for the 2025 calendar year.

*****MOTION to nominate Randy Johnson as 2025 Board Chair 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 – abstained. Motion carried.

2025 BOARD VICE-CHAIR ELECTED

Randy Johnson, Chair, opened the floor for nominations for Board Vice-Chair for the 2025 calendar year.

*****MOTION to nominate Patrick Groseclose as 2025 Board Vice-Chair was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Keith Costello. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kelley – yea; Mr. Costello – yea; Mr. Groseclose – abstained and Mr. Johnson – yea. Motion carried.

JANUARY 28, 2025, MEETING AGENDA

*****MOTION to approve the January 28, 2025, meeting agenda as presented was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Keith Costello. Motion carried unanimously.

JANUARY 28, 2025, CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the January 28, 2025, consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of the December 17, 2024 regular meeting; payroll issued December 31, 2024 in the amount of \$141,101.95 payroll issued January 16, 2025 in the amount of \$179,987.12; reports from the Treasurer, Sheriff's Office, Animal Control, Building Official, Clerk's Office, Zoning, Youth Sports and E911 Coordinator 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.

SOCIAL SERVICES' NOVEMBER 2024

*****MOTION to appropriate the November 2024 Social Services' report in the amount of \$15,333.89 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.

SCHOOLS' FEBRUARY 2025 REQUISITION

*****MOTION to appropriate the Bland County School Board's February 2025 requisition in the amount of \$1,141,146.10; and approve the minutes for the December 12, 2024, regular meeting; approve payroll and vendor payments for December 2024 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.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Lisa Hall, Clerk of the Court, updated the Board.

Joshua Neal, Youth Sports Coordinator, updated the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No speakers.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S ITEMS

2025 RULES OF PROCEDURE ADOPTED

*****MOTION to adopt the 2025 Rules of Procedure 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.

2025 BANK ACCOUNT RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AS AMENDED

*****MOTION to adopt the 2025 Bank Resolutions as amended to incorporate the signature of Chair Randy Johnson and Vice-Chair Patrick Groseclose 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.

RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZED AGENTS ADOPTED

*****MOTION to adopt the resolution reaffirming the County Administrator and the Deputy County Administrator as authorized agents 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.

APPOINTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

*****MOTION to appoint Sharon Puckett and Keith Costello to the *Bland County Public Library Board of Trustees*; Cameron Burton to the *Bristol Transportation District Regional Improvement Commission*; Randy Johnson and Patrick Groseclose to the *School Facilities Committee*; Wade Hall and David Dillow to the *Economic Development Authority*; C. Eris Brooks, John Melvin, Guy Boone, Becky Bane and Mike Shelton, alternate to the *Local Board of Building Code of Appeals*; John Mustard to the *Mount Rogers Alcohol Safety Action Program*; Cameron Burton and Randy Johnson to the *New River Valley Criminal Justice Board*; Wade Hall to the *Pathway Regional Industrial Facility Authority*; Jenna Dunn to the *Southwest Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council*; Rebecca Peery to the *Bland County Wireless Authority*; Hailey Painter to the *Wytheville Community College Board of Directors*; and Randy Johnson to the *District Three Governmental Cooperative Board of Commissioners* 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.

FY26 BUDGET CALENDAR

*****MOTION to adopt the FY2026 Budget Calendar 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.

LOCAL HOLIDAY CALENDAR FOR 2025

*****MOTION to adopt the 2025 Holiday Calendar 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.

IRS MILEAGE RATE

*****MOTION to adopt the mileage reimbursement rate of \$0.70 per mile effective January 1, 2025, to coincide with the IRS rate change 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 OF THE FOREST SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

*****MOTION to appropriate \$14,688.70 of the Forest Sustainability Award 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 OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CONNECT GRANT

*****MOTION to appropriate \$2,000 of the American Library Association Community Connect Grant to the Bland County Public Library 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.

PERMIT FEES WAIVED FOR THE COUNTY OF BLAND

*****MOTION to waive the permit fees for the County of Bland for a blanket permit to cover small projects on county property. Permit #1-2025 in the amount of \$30.60 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.

RESOLUTION FOR THE BLAND COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

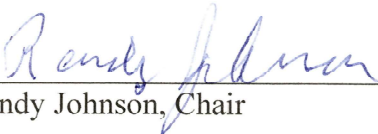
*****MOTION to adopt the resolution for the Bland County Hazard Mitigation Plan was made by Patrick Groseclose and seconded by Keith Costello. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Groseclose – yea; Mr. Costello – yea; Mr. Kelley – yea; and Mr. Johnson – yea. Motion carried unanimously.

LETTER OF CREDIT WITH NEW PEOPLES BANK

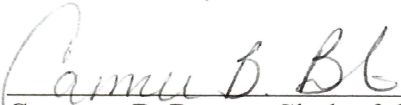
*****MOTION to approve the renewal of the Letter of Credit with New Peoples Bank was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kelley – yea; Mr. Groseclose – yea; Mr. Costello – yea; and Mr. Johnson – yea. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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



Randy Johnson, Chair



Cameron B. Burton, Clerk of the Board