

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse, Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-sixth day of March 2024 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; Dena Monroe and Linda Miller, Board Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Keith Costello called the March 26, 2024, Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting to order.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION

The pledge of allegiance to the United States flag was led by Chairman Keith Costello. The invocation was offered by Cameron Burton.

MARCH 26, 2024, MEETING AGENDA

*****MOTION to approve March 26, 2024, meeting agenda as presented was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Motion passed unanimously.

MARCH 26, 2024, CONSENT AGENDA/SOCIAL SERVICES/SCHOOLS APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the March 26, 2024, consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of the February 27, 2024 regular meeting; payroll issued February 29, 2024 in the amount of \$130,636.78 and payroll issued March 15, 2024 in the amount of \$128,738.36; bills for the month of January in the amount of \$3,317.09; bills for the month of February in the amount of \$94,701.30; bills for the month of March in the amount of \$250,000.36; reports from the Treasurer, Sheriff, Building Official, Zoning and E911 Coordinator; appropriate the January 2024 Social Services' report in the amount of \$15,257.31 local allotment; and appropriate the Bland County School Board's April 2024 requisition in the amount of \$1,112,984.67; and approve the minutes for the February 13, 2024 regular meeting; approve payroll and vendor payments for February 2024 was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Randy Johnson. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kelley – yea; Mr. Johnson – yea; Mr. Groseclose – yea; and Mr. Costello – yea. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No speakers.

PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Elizabeth Johnson, Bland County Extension Agent, introduced 4-H members to the board. Orion Mustard, Dakota Kitts, Ella Miller, and AJ Kopp updated the board with this year's 4-H activities.

Ms. Nichole Hair, Mt. Rogers Regional Partnership Executive Director, presented the Mt. Rogers Regional Organization update.

Ms. Alicia "Nikki" Adkins, Bland County DSS Director, requested approval from the board to collaborate with Wythe County to apply for an Opioid Abatement Authority Grant.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S ITEMS

FY25 HEALTH INSURANCE WITH THE LOCAL CHOICE (TLC)

*****MOTION to approve the TLC health insurance plans selected in FY24 be continued for FY25 was made by Patrick Groseclose and seconded by Randy Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

COLLABORATION BETWEEN WYTHE AND BLAND COUNTY FOR OPIOID ABATEMENT GRANT

*****MOTION to approve the collaboration between Wythe and Bland County for the Opioid Abatement Authority grant and authorization for the County Administrator to serve as the designated signatory was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Randy Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (DENTAL CLINIC)

*****MOTION to adopt the Section 3 Business and Employment Plan, the Non-Discrimination Policy, the Section 504 Self Evaluation Plan/Checklist, the Section 504 Grievance Procedures, the Anti-Displacement Plan, and the Fair Housing Certification was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Stephen Kelley. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROPRIATION TO MOUNT ROGERS HEALTH DISTRICT

*****MOTION to appropriate \$10,489 to the Mount Rogers Health District for two mobile health units was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Patrick Groseclose Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kelley – yea; Mr. Groseclose – yea; Mr. Johnson – yea; and Mr. Costello - yea. Motion passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING COMMISSION

*****MOTION to appoint Jerry Mercer to the Planning Commission with the term to expire 04/30/2028 was made by Patrick Groseclose and seconded by Stephen Kelley. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

*****Move to go into an executive session to discuss personnel matters: annual evaluation of the County Administrator, pursuant to 2.2-3711-A paragraph 1 of the Code of Virginia was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Randy Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR SESSION

*****Move to return to regular session was made by Patrick Groseclose and seconded by Randy Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

*****Move to adopt the Certification of Executive Meeting pursuant to the provisions for Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia and the reading of certification of an executive session to certify that only items announced by the board were discussed was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Randy Johnson.
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kelley – yea; Mr. Johnson – yea; Mr. Groseclose – yea; and Mr. Costello – yea.
Motion passed unanimously.


APPROPRIATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

*****MOTION to appropriate \$100 from each supervisor's Community Development Funds for a total of \$400 to the After Prom Committee made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Stephen Kelley. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Johnson – yea; Mr. Kelley – yea; Mr. Groseclose – yea; and Mr. Costello – yea. Motion passed unanimously.

RECESS

Chairman Keith Costello recessed the meeting until April 10, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. for budget forum.


Keith Costello, Chairman


Cameron B. Burton, Clerk of the Board