

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse, Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-seventh day of August 2024 at 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent:

PRESENT: Keith Costello, Randy Johnson, and Stephen Kelley

ABSENT: Patrick Groseclose

ALSO PRESENT: Cameron Burton, County Administrator; Paul Cassell, County Attorney; and Linda Miller, Board Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Keith Costello called the August 27, 2024, Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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.

AUGUST 27, 2024, MEETING AGENDA

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the August 27, 2024, meeting agenda as presented was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Stephen Kelley. Motion carried unanimously.

AUGUST 27, 2024, CONSENT AGENDA/SOCIAL SERVICES/SCHOOLS APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the August 27, 2024, consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of the July 23, 2024 regular meeting; payroll issued July 31, 2024 in the amount of \$146,166.57 and payroll issued August 16, 2024 in the amount of \$140,105.11; bills for the month of July in the amount of \$120,070.52; bills for the month of August in the amount of \$369,516.67; reports from the Treasurer, Sheriff's Office, Animal Control, Building Official, Clerk's Office and E911 Coordinator; appropriate the June 2024 Social Services' report in the amount of \$15,756.33 local allotment; and appropriate the Bland County School Board's September 2024 requisition in the amount of \$1,066,358.75; and approve the minutes for the July 11, 2024 regular meeting; approve payroll and vendor payments for July 2024 was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Randy Johnson.

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

Mr. Adam Kidd, Treasurer, requested that the Board adopt an ordinance for late tax payments to have a 2% late fee from December 6<sup>th</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>, Then January 1<sup>st</sup>, the late fee would increase to 5% plus interest. This is an ordinance change requesting the Board to schedule a public hearing on October 9, 2024.

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve a public hearing to be held at the Courthouse on October 9, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Stephen Kelley. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Johnson – yea; Mr. Kelley – yea; and Mr. Costello – yea.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. David Andrews requested that the Board consider adopting a noise ordinance. Since the spring of 2022, a resident on Waddletown Rd, Bland has had four events that included live bands with amplifiers, light shows and invited guests. The spring show of this year started around 5:30 p.m. and lasted until 11:20 p.m. The noise level coming from this neighbor's residence on Waddletown Rd was far more than what is acceptable, more than a barking dog or any farm equipment. The amplified bass sound was rattling windows in my house. There are approximately 12 houses in this neighborhood that could hear the music. The Sheriff's Office was called on that night and we were told that without a noise ordinance there was not anything that could be done. Mr. Andrews requested that the Board adopt a noise ordinance that would not allow an amplified band and an advertised music event to be held in a residential area. He feels that citizens have an equal right to have a peaceful level of noise. He thanked the Board for their consideration.

Mr. James Bogle stated that he had attended a Board meeting on February 26, 2008, and had requested that the road be closed to tractor trailers and signage on Mt. Zion Rd and Burns Chapel Rd. There are signs notifying tractor trailers at Mechanicsburg, but that has not stopped it. He

presented pictures of the damage to a forestry gate done by a tractor trailer. Mr. Bogle is requesting signs on Route 670 and Route 738.

Mr. Eric Miller stated his concern with the fence out ordinance. He lives on Kimberling Rd and has been dealing with his neighbor's cattle roaming the neighborhood eating in hayfields, yards, gardens for 2 years. He states that something needs to be done. A farmer should be responsible for their own livestock.

Mr. William Hamilton stated that he stands with Mr. Miller and has witnessed the cattle all through the neighborhood.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S ITEMS

ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT FOR MOUNTAIN TOP HOLINESS CHURCH

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve and waive any fees for the Entertainment permit for a tent revival on September 13, 2024 through October 4, 2024 by Mountain Top Holiness Church was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Randy Johnson. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kelley – yea; Mr. Johnson – yea; and Mr. Costello – yea. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION TO COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY FY25 BUDGET

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve and appropriate \$5,000 from the Commonwealth's Attorney Seized Asset Fund to the Commonwealth's Attorney FY25 budget was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Stephen Kelley. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Johnson – yea; Mr. Kelley – yea; and Mr. Costello – yea. Motion carried unanimously.

FY24 YEAR END TRANSFERS AND SUPPLEMENTS

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to adopt the FY24 County Budget transfers and supplements in the amount of \$235,294.00 with associated appropriations and transfers to revenue and expenditure line items was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Randy Johnson. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Kelley – yea; Mr. Johnson – yea; and Mr. Costello – yea. Motion carried unanimously.

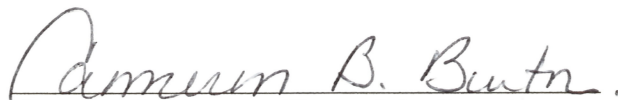
APPROPRIATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (DENTAL CLINIC)

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION for the adoption of the appropriation that Bland County acknowledges that we have executed a contract with the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development to receive \$1,250,000 in grant funding for the Bland Dental Clinic Project. All these funds are to be placed in the general budget and appropriated and expended solely for the purposes defined in the DHCD contract. was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Stephen Kelley. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Johnson – yea; Mr. Kelley – yea; and Mr. Costello – yea. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to adjourn was made by Stephen Kelley and seconded by Randy Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

  
Keith Costello, Chairman

  
Cameron B. Burton, Clerk of the Board