

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse, Bland, Virginia, on the nineteenth day of December 2023 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
ALSO PRESENT: Cameron Burton, County Administrator; Paul Cassell, County Attorney; and Linda Miller, Board Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Stephen Kelley called the December 19, 2023, 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 Stephen Kelley. The invocation was offered by Cameron Burton.

DECEMBER 19, 2023, AMENDED MEETING AGENDA

*****MOTION to approve December 19, 2023, meeting agenda as amended with a resolution to end the burn ban and a request for a public hearing for a polling location change was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Motion passed unanimously.

DECEMBER 19, 2023, CONSENT AGENDA/SOCIAL SERVICES/SCHOOLS APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the December 19, 2023 consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of the November 28, 2023 regular meeting; payroll issued November 30, 2023 in the amount of \$132,226.48 and payroll issued December 15, 2023 in the amount of \$123,275.70; bills for the month of September in the amount of \$11,190.05; bills for the month of October in the amount of \$90,096.62; bills for the month of November in the amount of \$90,730.22 and bills for the month of December in the amount of \$151,634.14; reports from the Treasurer, Sheriff, Animal Control, Building Official, E911 Coordinator and Zoning; appropriate the September 2023 Social Services' report in the amount of \$15,770.42 local allotment; and appropriate the Bland County School Board's January 2024 requisition in the amount of \$1,112,984.67; approve payroll and vendor payments for November 2023; and approve minutes of the November 9, 2023 regular meeting was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Randy Johnson.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No speakers.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S ITEMS

TRASH ADJUSTMENTS

*****MOTION to adopt the trash adjustments for August 2023 through December 2023 in the amount of \$4,233.73 was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Johnson – yea; Mr. Groseclose – yea; Mr. Costello – yea; and Mr. Kelley – yea. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING ADVERTISEMENT FOR POLLING PLACE CHANGE

*****MOTION to approve the County Administrator to advertise for a public hearing for a Seddon polling place change was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO END THE LOCAL BURN BAN DECLARATION

*****MOTION to adopt the resolution ending the declaration of the local state of emergency of a local burn ban effective December 19, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Randy Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

*****Move to go into an executive session to discuss personnel matters: associated with County Administration, pursuant to 2.2-3711-A paragraph 1 of the Code of Virginia was made by Keith Costello 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 Keith Costello and seconded by Randy Johnson.

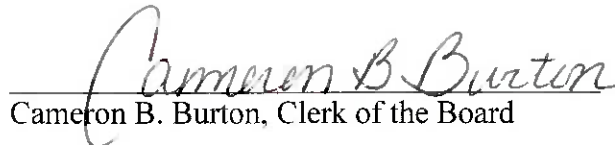
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Costello – yea; Mr. Johnson – yea; Mr. Kelley – yea; and Mr. Groseclose – yea.

Motion passed unanimously.

*****MOTION to authorize the County Administrator to dissolve the project coordinator position and move staff to the accounts payable position was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Randy Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Recess until Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.


Stephen Kelley, Chairman


Cameron B. Burton, Clerk of the Board