



# BLAND COUNTY

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## John F. Goins Announces Retirement from Bland County Treasurer's Office

At the July 25, 2023, meeting of the Bland County Board of Supervisors, Mr. John "Johnny" Goins announced his retirement as of August 1, 2023. He stated, "I would like to thank the citizens of Bland County for their trust in me for the past 15 1/2 years. It's been an honor and privilege to serve Bland County as Treasurer. I want to thank the staff that I have had over the years. I could not have done the job without their support. Lastly, I would like to thank the various members of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrators and staff that have so graciously assisted me in performing the functions of Treasurer these past 15 1/2 years."

Mr. Goins announcement was met with a round of thanks from current Board Members. "As vice-chair of the Board of Supervisors, I want to formally thank Mr. Goins for his years of dedication and service to the citizens of Bland County," stated Steve Kelley. Mr. Kelley continued, "Johnny has led the Treasurer's office with integrity and diligence for many years. More so, he's been a friend to Bland County."

"I have always had a great deal of respect for Mr. Goins and the position that he holds," stated Supervisor Randy Johnson. He continued, "the role of Treasurer is an important position that not only oversees the day-to-day operations of the office, but also ensures the collection of funds necessary to continue providing public services."

Johnny Goins began his service to Bland County in 2008. For the past 15 years he has served the citizens and the community with respect and professionalism. He was most recently honored with the 2023 Treasurer's Association of Virginia Community Service Award.

Known as a community leader, Johnny has spent his life serving others. He is a member of countless organizations including the Bland County Historical Society, Festival of Leaves, and the Beautification Committee to name a few.

Board of Supervisors member Keith Costello states, "I would like to thank Johnny for over 15 years of service, as the Treasurer of Bland County. His dedication and hard work to keep the office running smoothly over the years will be missed. It has been a pleasure to have had Johnny as Bland County's Treasurer."

Looking to the future, the Treasurer's Office will remain fully functioning. Mr. Goins commented, "Mr. Adam Kidd will assume the position of Interim Treasurer until the November election. I am positive that he will serve the citizens of Bland County with the utmost respect and dignity. He has proven himself as a member of the Board of Supervisors to be honest, courteous, and sincere. I ask the citizens of Bland County to give him the same respect and support that you have shown me."

Currently working in the Treasurer's Office, Mr. Adam Kidd responded to this announcement, "First, I would like to thank Mr. Goins for his service and dedication to the people of Bland County. He served the people with great integrity and will be missed as he begins his retirement. Second, I want to express how honored I am that Mr. Goins chose me to serve the remainder of his term as interim Treasurer. I promise Mr. Goins, and the people of Bland County, that I will bring the same level of commitment and dedication to the office as Mr. Goins has over the past 15 1/2 years."

The Bland County Board of Supervisors wishes to thank the community for their support of the Treasurer's Office during this time of transition.



# COMMUNITY INTEREST

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Bland County Treasurer's office will begin selling dog tags for 2024 on November 1, 2023.

Current dog tags expire on December 31, 2023.

Real Estate and Personal Property tax tickets for 2023 will be mailed in October. The due date for payment of taxes will be December 5, 2023.

If you have any questions,

Please contact Bland County Treasurer's Office

276-688-3741

Bland County Clerks office has recently submitted an application to the U.S. Department of State Passport Services to process Passports. Upon completion of training for each employee within, they will be able to process Passport Applications for all citizens.

Mrs. Hall has contacted the Department and has been informed there is a lengthy backlog and they are still awaiting training. It will be announced when this service will be available.

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## Fuel Assistance/ Crisis Assistance Program

Fuel Assistance component is to assist eligible households in meeting their Immediate home energy needs. The benefits are not intended to cover the household's total costs during the heating season.

The Fuel Assistance component will begin October 10, 2023 in all localities and will end November 10, 2023.

Applications are accepted online (<https://commonhelp.virginia.gov/access/>) or by calling the Enterprise Customer Service

Center at (855) 635-4370, and at Bland County Department of Social Services

(276) 688 - 4111



Contact: Sara King at  
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If you have an event you'd like publicized, please email your event flyer to [bcpl@bland.org](mailto:bcpl@bland.org).

Events received before noon will be uploaded that day. Events received after noon or on the weekends, will be uploaded on the next business day.

<https://visitbland.com/events/>



Welcome to Storytime!



## Haley Painter

Youth Services  
Coordinator

### About Me

Welcome to the library! I am so excited about all the fun we will have in Storytime this year! I went to Virginia Tech and I taught Kindergarten the last few years. I love children's literature and believe so much in the power it holds to support readers through all aspects of learning. The library is a great space to be creative, work together, play, and have fun!

I look forward to reading with you soon!



### Fun Facts

- \* I have two cats, Rory and Ellie, and one goldendoodle named Maple.
- \* I love to travel and recently visited London and Ireland this summer.
- \* I like to play piano, read lots of new stories, and hike.

### Contact Me



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"A book is a dream that you hold in your hands." -Neil Gaiman



# EVENTS CALENDAR

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## SEPTEMBER 2023

- \*September 4—Holiday—Labor Day
- \*September 12—EDA Meeting @ 5:00 pm
- \*September 19—Children’s Services Act Meeting @ 9:30 am
- \*September 26—Service Authority Meeting @ 4:00 pm
- \*September 26—Board of Supervisors Meeting @ 5:00 pm

## OCTOBER 2023

- \*October 2—Planning Commission Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- \*October 9—Holiday—Columbus and Yorktown Day
- \*October 10—EDA Meeting @ 5:00 pm
- \*October 11— Library Board of Trustees Meeting @ 4:00 pm
- \*October 17—Children’s Services Act Meeting @ 9:30 am
- \*October 24—Service Authority Meeting @ 4:00 pm
- \*October 24—Board of Supervisors Meeting @ 5:00 pm

## NOVEMBER 2023

- \*November 6—Planning Commission Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- \*November 7—Holiday—Election Day
- \*November 10—Holiday—Veterans Day
- \*November 14—EDA Meeting @ 5:00 pm
- \*November 21—Children’s Services Act Meeting @ 9:30 am
- \*November 22-24—Holiday—Thanksgiving
- \*November 28—Service Authority Meeting @ 4:00 pm
- \*November 28—Board of Supervisors Meeting @ 5:00 pm