

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse, Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-fourth day of October 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; Joel Cagle, Planning Commission Secretary; and Linda Miller, Board Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Stephen Kelley called the October 24, 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.

OCTOBER 24, 2023, AMENDED MEETING AGENDA

*****MOTION to approve October 24, 2023, meeting agenda as amended with a Resolution adopting the Bland County Emergency Operations Plan was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Keith Costello. Motion passed unanimously.

OCTOBER 24, 2023, CONSENT AGENDA/SOCIAL SERVICES/SCHOOLS APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the October 24, 2023 consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of the September 26, 2023 regular meeting; payroll issued September 29, 2023 in the amount of \$131,867.87 and payroll issued October 16, 2023 in the amount of \$121,251.66; bills for the month of August 2023 in the amount of \$16,157.66; bills for the month of September in the amount of \$109,117.54; bills for the month of October in the amount of \$413,136.14; reports from the Treasurer, Sheriff, Animal Control, Project Coordinator, Building Official, E911 Coordinator and Zoning; appropriate the August 2023 Social Services' report in the amount of \$15,388.93 local allotment; and appropriate the Bland County School Board's November 2023 requisition in the amount of \$1,112,984.67; approve payroll and vendor payments for September 2023; and approve minutes of the September 14, 2023 regular meeting was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Patrick Groseclose.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No speakers.

PUBLIC HEARING

Re-Zone and Conditional Use Permit for Tax Map 32-A-12

Mr. Joel Cagle, Planning Commission Secretary, updated the Board with the Planning Commission's recommendations.

Chairman Stephen Kelley opened the public hearing.

Mr. Wilbur Smith, property owner of a neighboring property to Tax Map 32-A-12, wanted the Board to know he was against re-zoning and the C.U.P.

Mr. Keith Beckett stated that he was a neighboring property owner. Mr. Beckett said he had mixed feelings about the change to Tax Map 32-A-12 and was requesting that the Board take more time to consider this change.

Ms. Connie Saunders stated that her property was directly connected to Tax Map 32-A-12, and she was concerned about traffic issues and the environmental impact. Ms. Saunders asked the Board to slow down and make sure that these changes would benefit Bland County.

Chairman Stephen Kelley closed the public hearing.

Mr. Kevin Sullivan, representative of Roseland Farms, LLC, answered the Board's questions regarding structures proximity to neighboring properties, the expected traffic change, the bridge renovation over the creek and the maintenance on the existing pond.

*****MOTION to approve the request to re-zone Tax Map 32-A-12 from Agricultural to Commercial was made by Patrick Groseclose and seconded by Randy Johnson. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Groseclose – yea; Mr. Johnson – yea; Mr. Costello – yea; and Mr. Kelley – yea.

Motion passed unanimously.

*****MOTION to approve the request to operate a Recreational Facility on Tax Map 32-A-12 with the Planning Commission's recommended conditions as follows:

- 1) Guest structures to be limited to 20 Units.
- 2) First responder vehicle access is to be maintained by the owner, with input from the Grapefield Fire Chief and approval of the Building Official.
- 3) No obtrusive lighting.
- 4) Project to be completed within 18 months from BOS approval.
- 5) Fully contained, bear resistant, enclosed refuse containers with regular pickup.
- 6) All federal, state, and local fire laws shall be followed as well as safe practices utilized to prevent forest fires.
- 7) Pursuant to federal, state, and local regulations, protection of surface water and groundwater is to be maintained.

was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Patrick Groseclose. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Costello – yea; Mr. Groseclose – yea; Mr. Johnson – yea; and Mr. Kelley – yea. Motion passed unanimously.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S ITEMS

SURPLUS/TRANSFER/APPROPRIATE TO FY24 LIBRARY BUDGET

*****MOTION to approve the transfer of the 2016 Ford Explorer from the Library to the Sheriff's Office and to transfer and appropriate \$8,500 from the Sheriff's Office budget to the Library budget of FY24 was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Keith Costello. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Johnson – yea; Mr. Costello – yea; Mr. Groseclose – yea; and Mr. Kelley – yea. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROPRIATION TO FY24 LIBRARY BUDGET

*****MOTION to transfer and appropriate \$50,000 from Library Board of Trustees Fund to the FY24 Library budget 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.

PUBLICATION OF THE DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

*****MOTION to approve the publication of the Delinquent Real Estate and Personal Property Tax list on the County website 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 SAFETY SUPPORT CENTER (PSAP) GRANT

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate \$22,500 for the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Keith Costello. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Johnson – yea; Mr. Costello – yea; Mr. Groseclose – yea; and Mr. Kelley – yea. Motion passed unanimously.

BENEVOLENT POLICY

*****MOTION to adopt the increase of the benevolent policy expense limit to \$200 was made by Keith Costello and seconded by Mr. Groseclose. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Costello – yea; Mr. Groseclose – yea; Mr. Johnson – yea, and Mr. Kelley - yea. Motion passed unanimously.

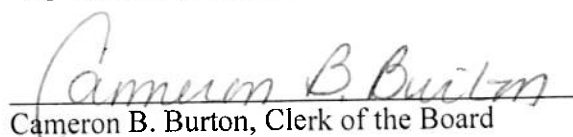
RESOLUTION ADOPTION OF EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

*****MOTION to adopt the Bland County Emergency Operations Plan 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.

ADJOURNMENT

*****MOTION to adjourn was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Keith Costello. Motion passed unanimously.


Stephen Kelley, Chairman


Cameron B. Burton, Clerk of the Board