



BLAND COUNTY

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Cameron Burton Chosen as Bland County Administrator

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Cameron Burton started as County Administrator on May 1, 2023. She has served in various positions within the county since 2011.

In the fall of 2022, Eric Workman announced that he would be stepping down at the end of his contract on April 30. Workman started his tenure as County Administrator in September 2010 after spending three years as high school principal in Bland County.

Workman said that he was excited to learn of the news of the appointment of Burton at the Feb. 28 supervisors' meeting.

"I am delighted that the Board of Supervisors appointed Cameron Burton as the next County Administrator," he said. "As a witness to her daily commitment and devotion to the citizens and the community at large of Bland County, Cameron is an excellent selection."

"As chair of the Board of Supervisors, I am ecstatic to have Cameron Burton move into this new role," said Supervisor Chairman Adam Kidd in a press release about the announcement. "During her tenure with the County of Bland she has displayed an outstanding understanding of the needs of rural communities as well as a passion and dedication that is effective in accomplishing positive outcomes. We appreciate the work that Dr. Workman has done during his tenure with the County of Bland."

Burton has a bachelor's degree in communications from Bluefield College and a master's degree in library and information science from Kent State University. She has been working in libraries since 2011. "Prior to my work in libraries," said Burton, "I was the executive director for the Bluefield Area Arts Center in Bluefield, West Virginia, a local DJ for Kicks Country 106.3 FM, and a professional actress, having spent some time working at Wohlfahrt Haus."

She was part of the coaching staff for the Bland County High School Theatre and Forensics team for 12 years during which time the students had much success including numerous state titles.

Burton grew up in Norfolk and came to Bluefield for college in 1991. She lives in the Hollybrook community with her husband, Billy. They attend Hollybrook Church of Christ.

"We live on his family's century-old farm and raise black Angus beef cattle," Burton said. "We have two children — son McKinley Burton and his wife Kara, and daughter Ashley Burton and her fiancé Ben Pruitt"

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Cameron B. Burton, MLIS

County Administrator



COMMUNITY INTEREST

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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. This has been a lengthy process as they have a backlog. Everyone can stay tuned for the approval. It will announced when this service will be available.

Lisa A. Hall, Clerk
Bland Circuit Court
P.O. Box 295
Bland, Va. 24315
(276) 688-4562

If you have an event you'd like publicized, please email your event flyer to 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/>



Contact: Sara King at
276-688-4111 or by email:
sara.king@dss.virginia.gov

Cooling assistance provides purchase or repair of cooling equipment and/or payment for electricity to operate cooling equipment. To be eligible, a household must contain at least one vulnerable individual who is age 60 or over, is living with a disability, or is under age 6.

Applications are accepted online at www.commonhelp.virginia.gov, through the Enterprise Customer Service Center at 1-855-635-4370, and at local Department of Social Services from June 15 through August 15.

Assistance is based on the availability of funds.

Eligibility criteria for assistance includes:

Must be resident of the locality in which application is made

Must have a heating or cooling Expense

Contact: Darlene Conley
Bland County Dept. of Social Services
612 Main St #208,
Bland, VA 24315
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LIBRARY EVENTS

ALL TOGETHER NOW

Summer Reading Program!



Registration begins June 1st



SOME OF THE FUN THINGS WE'RE DOING THIS YEAR!

- **STORY TIME**
STORIES, CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES!
- **INDIAN VILLAGE TOUR**
EXPLORE HISTORY IN A RECREATION OF A HISTORIC INDIAN VILLAGE!
- **CREEK FOSSILS**
DISCOVER COOL CRITTERS!
- **LEGO NIGHT**
BUILD AWESOME CREATIONS WITH YOUR FRIENDS!
- **LARSONS REPTILE WORLD**
LIZARDS! SNAKES! TORTOISES!
- **END OF SUMMER PARTY**
FUN GAMES AND FOOD!



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697 Main St. Bland VA 24315





Bland County Farmers' Market

Anyone interested in selling their goods can register as a vendor at the market. The market manager can register vendors and assist them in selling their products.

**Open 9:00am–12:00pm Every
Saturday
May 13 through October 28!**

*Call the market manager,
Eisle Havens, at 276-613-4626*

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EVENTS CALENDAR

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JUNE 2023

- *June 5—Planning Commission Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- *June 13—EDA Meeting @ 5:00 pm
- *June 19—Holiday—Juneteenth
- *June 20—Children’s Services Act Meeting @ 9:30 am
- *June 27—Service Authority Meeting @ 4:00 pm
- *June 27—Board of Supervisors Meeting @ 5:00 pm

JULY 2023

- July 4—Holiday—Independence Day
- July 6—Wireless Authority Meeting @ 5:00 pm
- July 11—EDA Meeting @ 5:00 pm
- *July 12— Library Board of Trustees Meeting @ 4:00 pm
- July 18—Children’s Services Act Meeting @ 9:30 am
- July 25—Service Authority Meeting @ 4:00 pm
- July 25—Board of Supervisors Meeting @ 5:00 pm

AUGUST 2023

- *Aug 7—Planning Commission Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- *Aug 8—EDA Meeting @ 5:00 pm
- *Aug 15—Children’s Services Act Meeting @ 9:30 am
- *Aug 22—Service Authority Meeting @ 4:00 pm
- *Aug 22—Board of Supervisors Meeting @ 5:00 pm

BLAND COUNTY FARMERS MARKET WILL BE OPEN EVERY SATURDAY

9:00 AM—12:00 PM