

VIRGINIA: At a Regular Meeting of the Bland County Board of Supervisors held at the Courthouse, Bland, Virginia on the twenty-fifth day of June 2002, the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

PRESENT: Frank W. Chandler, Chairman; Wade D. Blankenship, Robert O. Munsey,
Danny Kinder

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Ron Hachey, County Administrator; Carol J. Hall, Secretary; James E.
Cornwell, County Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT: Frank Phipps, Marty Holloway, Virginia Department of Transportation;
Wayne Quesenberry, The Bland County Messenger; and several citizens

CALL TO ORDER Chair Frank Chandler called the regular meeting to order.

INVOCATION Supervisor Danny Kinder offered the invocation.

PLEDGE ALLIANCE Supervisor Wade Blankenship led the pledge of alliance to the flag.

YVONNE ENDICOTT RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION ADOPTED

Chairman Frank Chandler read a resolution of appreciation for Yvonne Endicott. Ms. Endicott was not able to be present since she was in the process of moving.

*****MOTION to adopt the resolution of appreciation recognizing the retirement of the Social Services Director Yvonne Endicott was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Danny Kinder with Wade Blankenship and Frank Chandler voting yes.

BOARD APPROVED AGENDA

*****MOTION to approve the June 25, 2002 agenda as presented was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

CONSENT AGENDA

*****MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Robert Munsey with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes. Items within the Consent Agenda included: 1) minutes of the regular meeting of May 28, 2002; 2) minutes of the continued meeting of June 11, 2002; 3) bills except for the purchases made by the Animal Control Department; 4) payroll for the month of June 2002; and 5) reports of the Treasurer, Commissioner of Revenue, Recycling Program, Building Official and Animal Control Officer.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

VDOT Resident Engineer Frank Phipps updated the Board in regard to the completion of the Rt. 604 bridge project, the Rt. 611 road project that will begin in mid-July 2002, the Rt. 609 bridge and roadway project that will begin in the later part of July, the Rt. 52 road treatment project with a bid opening on June 25, the paving of the Meadowview Subdivision road to begin mid-July, the Rt. 604 parking lot pavement to be done in mid-July, the completion and approval of speed study reductions on Routes 601, 717, and 602 as well as Route 613 with speed signs already having been ordered.

Due to the decreased funding levels at VDOT for road improvement projects, the Bland County Six-Year Secondary Road Improvement Plan has been revised. None of the projects in the plan previously approved in November 2001 have been eliminated, but some of them will have a

delayed construction date. With Board member concurrence, Chairman Chandler signed this revised plan.

HENRY C. GROSECLOSE MARKER DISCUSSED

In response to Mr. Chandler's inquiry of the Henry C. Groseclose Historic Marker, Mr. Phipps advised that he would contact the Historical Marker Dept. in Bristol and report back to them.

SOCIAL SERVICES

The Department of Social Services monthly report was not available at this time.

CSA MONTHLY EXPENSES CONCERNS

It was the desire of the Board that since the CSA expenses are so high that a more detailed billing be included in next month's accounts payables.

TREASURER JOANN SHEWEY BRIEFS BOARD OF FISCAL YEAR ENDING

Treasurer JoAnn Shewey briefed the Board in regard to the end of the current fiscal year budget and estimated that there would be approximately \$225,000 in carryover funds.

RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

County Administrator Ron Hachey updated the Board on the delivery of backstops for the Ceres and the Bland ball fields and the plans for the installation of both. He also noted that the County had received the bill for gravel for the Hollybrook walking track and it would be paid within the current fiscal year. Mr. Hachey advised that he was still awaiting the written response from the Little Creek Fire Department about the installation of playground equipment on their property.

INTERSTATE CONTRACTORS – RECYCLING PROGRAM

Co-owner John Melvin responded to questions and concerns about the County's recycling program. Driver Bill Crabtree noted that although it appears that the recyclables are being put in with the regular garbage, they are actually loaded into a separate bin located between the cab and the compactor of the truck. Mr. Crabtree requested that the Board educate the public by supplying them with information about what items could be picked up and when they would be picked up by Interstate Contractors.

Mr. Melvin told the Board that it is his intention to run a separate truck to pick up recyclables and to set the schedule for the picking up of large items/white goods during the first full week of each month to stop any confusion that the public may have about this matter.

SCHOOLS

Additional school allocation

*****MOTION to approve the additional request of \$8,136 be added to the 2001-2002 budget was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Danny Kinder voting no and Frank Chandler voting no. Therefore, this motion failed with a tied vote of 2 to 2.

Schools July 2002 monthly requisition

*****MOTION to approve the July 2002 requisition in the amount of \$621,435.00 was made by Danny Kinder, seconded by Robert Munsey with Wade Blankenship and Frank Chandler

voting yes.

Schools 2002 construction/lottery/fringes/payroll rollover to 2003 budget

*****MOTION to approve: 1) the fringe benefit rollover funds in the amount of \$19,793.00 to FY '01-'02, the carry over of unspent construction funds from FY '01-'02 to FY '02-'03 in the amount of \$60,889.11; 2) the carry over of the unspent lottery funds from FY '01-'02 to FY '02-'03 in the amount of \$174,413.00; and 3) the appropriation of \$141,937.95 to the FY '02-'03 school budget to cover payroll was made by Danny Kinder, seconded by Robert Munsey with Wade Blankenship and Frank Chandler voting yes.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS

County Attorney James Cornwell updated the Board advising that the Thompson condemnation suit had been rescheduled for September 23, 2002.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOAN – COURTHOUSE CONSTRUCTION ADOPTED

*****MOTION to adopt the revised authorizations/agreements for the Rural Development loan was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship, with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

APPOINTMENTS

*****MOTION to appoint John Dodson to the Planning Commission as a member from the Seddon District for a 4-year term to expire March 31, 2006 was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Danny Kinder with Wade Blankenship and Frank Chandler voting yes.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S REQUEST FOR COURTROOM BENCH

The request from the Bland County Historical Society for any or all benches from the courtroom was tabled until it can be determined how many the County will need in the new addition.

FY 2002-2003 COUNTY BUDGET ADOPTED

*****MOTION to adopt the FY 2002-2003 Bland County Budget in the amount of \$18,488,190.00 with a real estate levy reduced from \$.69 to \$.65 per \$100 assessed value, tangible personal property \$1.60 per \$100 assessed value, machine and tools \$.73 per \$100 assessed FMV and merchants capital \$.73 per \$100 assessed value was made by Danny Kinder, seconded by Robert Munsey with Wade Blankenship and Frank Chandler voting yes.

E-911 MAPPING/ADDRESSING CONTRACT AWARDED

E-911 Project Manager Katie Gamble advised the Board that three vendors has responded to the RFP for mapping/addressing services for the County's E-911 system. She added that the E-911 Committee was recommending that the Board contract with MSAG for these services.

*****MOTION to accept and award the E-911 mapping/addressing contract to MSAG, which includes the twelve month maintenance fee as recommended by the E-911 Committee, was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Danny Kinder with Wade Blankenship and Frank Chandler voting yes.

L.E.O.S. APPROVED FOR REGIONAL JAIL EMPLOYEES

*****MOTION that Bland County approve the L.E.O.S. benefit for employees of the Regional

Jail was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Danny Kinder with Robert Munsey and Frank Chandler voting yes.

2002 TAX ASSESSMENT ON WEBSITE

The County Administrator was instructed to check with Blue Ridge Appraisal about how to get the new tax assessments put on the County's website.

BASTIAN UNION CHURCH SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Bastian Union Church's Special Entertainment and Fireworks permits for July 4, 2002 was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Robert Munsey with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes.

CLOSED SESSION

"Move to go into a closed session to discuss: 1) a Legal Matter-pending or probable litigation as per State Code Section 2.2-3711.A.7; and 2) a personnel matter was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Danny Kinder with Wade Blankenship and Frank Chandler voting yes.

"Move to return to Regular Session and adopt the following certification of a closed session was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Wade Blankenship with Frank Chandler and Danny Kinder voting yes.

CERTIFICATION OF A CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, the Bland County Board of Supervisors convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.1-344A, subparagraph 4, & 7 of the Code of Virginia and in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

WHEREAS, Section 2.1-344A of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Bland County Board of Supervisors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bland County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting in which this Certification Resolution applies; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Bland County Board of Supervisors.

EAST RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION C.U.P. PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Frank Chandler opened the public hearing noting that the hearing was being held to review the application from the East River Baptist Association to amend a previously approved Conditional Use Permit for the relocation of a proposed warehouse building at the intersection of Rt. 52/452 and Rt. 1005 in Bland.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Baptist Association Director Allan Mahan spoke to the Board with their desire to construct the needed warehouse upon the western portion of their property located along Routes 52/42 in Bland.

Adjoining Property Owner Nell Bohara appeared before the Board opposing the location of the proposed structure noting that it would be in full view of her residence and advised she would

have no problem with the building if it was constructed as first proposed at the eastern end of the property.

Citizen Debbie Looney spoke in support of the Baptist Ministry and the services that they offer to the people of Bland County.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

*****MOTION to close the public hearing was made by Mr. Blankenship, seconded by Danny Kinder with Robert Munsey and Frank Chandler voting yes.

EAST RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION C.U.P. DENIED

*****MOTION to deny the East River Baptist Association's request to amend their Conditional Use Permit upon their property was made by Wade Blankenship, seconded by Robert Munsey with Danny Kinder and Frank Chandler voting yes. The reasons for the deny were as follows: 1) traffic congestion and inadequate parking spaces; 2) building is proposed to be built under AEP guide wires; 3) potential ingress and egress problems with the existing entrance; 4) a triangular shaped intersection that is inadequate for the amount of traffic that uses it; 5) site distance of traffic traveling west on Rt. 1005 would be limited; 6) the old septic system with drain field is installed in the area where the building is proposed to be built; 7) and site is not large enough to handle the anticipated growth of the business.

EQUALIZATION OF REAL ESTATE ORDINANCE DATE AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chair Frank Chandler opened the public hearing advising that the hearing was being held to consider extending the deadline dates for the orderly and efficient processing of the equalization or real estate assessment for 2002 for those properties re-evaluated in May/June 2002.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

*****MOTION to close the public hearing was made by Robert Munsey, seconded by Danny Kinder with Wade Blankenship and Frank Chandler voting yes.

EQUALIZATION DATES AMENDMENT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the extension of the Board of Equalization review dates to be as follow: 1) applications shall be made between July 8, 2002 and July 19, 2002 and 2) the deadline for disposition of applications shall be by July 31, 2002 was made by Danny Kinder, seconded by Robert Munsey with Wade Blankenship and Frank Chandler voting yes.

LITTLE CREEK FIRE DEPARTMENT LEASE FOR RECREATION

County Administrator Ron Hachey stated that Carla Doss had advised him during the break that the Little Creek Fire Department does not want the County to pursue a recreational park on the fire department site at this time.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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Bland County Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting, June 25, 2002

This meeting was adjourned. The next meeting would be the Board's regular meeting scheduled for July 23, 2002.

Frank Chandler, Chairman

Ron Hachey, Clerk