

February 4, 2019

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, February 4, 2019 in the Commissioners’ Room located on the lower level of the Bladen County Courthouse.

The following members were present:

- Charles R. Peterson, Chairman
- David R. Gooden, Vice Chairman
- Michael Cogdell
- Arthur Bullock
- Daniel Dowless
- Russell Priest
- Dr. Ophelia Munn-Goins
- Ashley Trivette
- Ray Britt

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

ITEM 1. Reverend Warren Hill of Bethel Baptist Church in Dublin provided the Invocation. County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2. Consent Items:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent Items, along with moving Item 8A to Item 13B.

- A. Agenda, as amended above.
- B. Minutes of January 22, 2019 Regular Meeting.
- C. Budget Amendments, as follows:

Tax Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104500.192	Professional Legal	1,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriations	1,000.00	

Attorney Invoices.

Motor Pool

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105010.357	M/R - Vehicles	2,712.83	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.011	Insurance Claims	2,712.83	

Insurance claim for 2014 EMS Ambulance (VIN #8238).

Sheriff

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105100.200.016	Supplies – Surplus	6,100.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103270.018	HELO	6,100.00	

Sale of Helicopter parts.

Jail

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
10.5100.5110.499.071	Jail Diversion Grant		27,250.05
<i>Revenues</i>			
103260.016	Jail Diversion Grant		27,250.05

To reflect year 1 and 2 total of \$69,269.05.

Division on Aging

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106200.6220.321	Telephone	260.00	
106200.6220.321	Telephone	406.30	
106200.6210.325	Postage		100.00
106200.6220.321	Telephone	100.00	
106200.6220.399	MIS Charges		100.00
106200.6220.321	Telephone	100.00	
106200.6225.321	Telephone		600.00
106200.6220.321	Telephone	600.00	
106200.6225.325	Postage		50.00
106200.6220.321	Telephone	50.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103530.019	DOA-In Home Cost Share	260.00	
103530.049	DOA-Nutrition Reimbursement	406.30	

To cover telephone and internet expenses.

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Division on Aging

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106200.6230.287	Ensure	7,691.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103530.017	Sr Ctr Donations	850.00	
103530.024	DOA-Ensure	4,178.00	
103530.028	DOA-N/SC Prog Inc	1,658.80	
103530.030	DOA-N/SC Donations	1,004.20	

Purchase of Ensure.

Administration/Sheriff

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106930.990	Contingency		20,258.46
105100.120	Salaries	20,258.46	

Vacation payout of three retirees.

D. County Attorney Invoices.

Date	Department	Amount
1/02/2019	Board of Elections	2,975.00
1/04/2019	Sheriff's Office	650.00
1/16/2019	Sheriff's Office	300.00
2/01/2019	Feb-19 Retainer	300.00
	Total	\$ 4,225.00

E. Lu Mil Vineyard Private Event Request Form for the Benefit of Bladen County Tax Administration.

ITEM 3. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one in attendance addressed the Board.

Commissioner Cogdell indicated that he had signed in Mr. Horace Munn to address the Board but that he was running late. Chairman Peterson indicated his willingness to hear Mr. Munn at his arrival.

ITEM 4. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

- A. Chairman Peterson and the entire Board recognized Bladen Community College President Dr. Amanda Lee. Commissioner Ray Britt expressed appreciation on behalf of the BCC Board of Trustees. Dr. Lee expressed appreciation and enthusiasm to each of the Board members for the support of Bladen Community College.
- B. Chairman Peterson and the entire Board recognized County Manager Greg Martin and Health and Human Services Agency Director Terri Duncan. Mr. Martin introduced Ms. Duncan as the new HHSA Director to include responsibilities as Local Health Director.
- C. Clerk of Superior Court Niki S. Dennis provided the Oath of Office to Mrs. Duncan

Chairman Peterson recognized Commissioner Cogdell to address the Board. Commissioner Cogdell provided information to the Board regarding Eastpointe CEO Sarah Stroud and her intent to have an opportunity to speak with each Board member. He stated that she also plans to attend the upcoming February 13 Board retreat.

ITEM 5. Bladen County Schools: (Dr. Robert Taylor, Superintendent)

- A. Dr. Taylor and Finance Officer Sharon Penny presented a request for Overtime Compensation related to Hurricane Florence Shelter Operations. Following discussion regarding developing a Memorandum of Understanding regarding shelter operations for inclement weather events, modeling a policy to mirror a MOU, the Board expressed appreciation to Dr. Taylor and Ms. Penny. Chairman Peterson reminded the Board that the topic would be included on the upcoming Board retreat agenda.

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ITEM 6. Sheriff's Office: (Jim McVicker, Sheriff)

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously tabled the item to address a request for an additional School Resource Officer Position.

ITEM 3. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

Mr. Horace Munn arrived to the meeting at 7pm. Chairman Peterson recognized Mr. Munn to address the Board regarding a building owned by the Town of East Arcadia which has been used by Bladen Community College as a satellite office. Mr. Munn expressed appreciation to the Board. Mr. Munn requested the Board of Commissioners intercede on behalf of the Town of East Arcadia to make repairs to the building. Chairman Peterson indicated his willingness to speak with Dr. Lee and respond to Mr. Munn's request.

ITEM 7. Revenue Department: (Carol Cain, Tax Collector)

- A. Mrs. Cain provided a brief overview of a Report of Unpaid 2018 Taxes that are a Lien on Real Property. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously received a Report of Unpaid 2018 Taxes that are a Lien on Real Property.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously established a payment deadline to avoid advertisement of unpaid 2018 Real Property Taxes of Wednesday, March 20, 2019.

ITEM 8. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration During February 18, 2019 Board Meeting:

- A. Bladen Community College Board of Trustees (1)
Moved to item 13B during approval of Consent items.
- B. Child Fatality Prevention Board (2)
- C. Lumber River Council of Governments Aging Advisory Board (6)
- D. Nursing Home Advisory Committee (3)

ITEM 9. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration During March 18, 2019 Board Meeting:

- A. Keep Bladen Beautiful (2)

ITEM 10. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed Board calendars for the months of January and February 2019.
- B. Mr. Martin provided an overview of a recent Hometown Strong Initiative visit to Bladen County by state department representatives to hear from municipalities and county departments. The intent of the visit was for state officials and representatives to hear directly from department heads and municipalities regarding challenges, concerns, and opportunities, and specifically regarding healthcare, economic development and public safety. Mr. Martin indicated his enthusiasm and appreciation of the team visit.

ITEM 11. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one in attendance addressed the Board.

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ITEM 12. Closed Session:

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously entered Closed Session in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)6 Personnel at 7:15pm.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Bullock, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously exited Closed Session at 7:21pm.

ITEM 13B. Bladen Community College Board of Trustees (1): Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board unanimously appointed Brian D. Campbell to an unexpired term of service, with the term expiring June 30, 2020.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:25pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Charles R. Peterson, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners