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A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, February 5, 2018 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse.

The following members were present:

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

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

ITEM 1. Chairman Britt called the meeting to order. Reverend Larry Hayes, Good News Baptist Church of Bladenboro, provided the Invocation.

Guest 4-H'er Jalil Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2. Consent Items:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent Items:

- A. Agenda.
- B. Minutes of January 16, 2018 Special Meeting.
- C. Minutes of January 16, 2018 Regular Meeting.
- D. Budget Amendments, as follows:

Governing Board

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104100.395	Schools	2,500.00	
106800.800	Unemployment Insurance		2,500.00

To cover overspent line item.

Finance/Emergency Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104400.126	Part-time Salaries		5,250.00
104400.181	FICA		402.00
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To cover part-time Administrative grant person for 50 days @ 14.00 per hour.

Tax Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104500.270	Advertising	183.86	
104500.192	Professional Services Legal	211.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.010	Miscellaneous Revenue	394.86	

Bid fees on three parcels.

Tax Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104500.192	Professional Services Legal	5,500.00	
104500.192.002	Professional Services Legal/Foreclosure	16,500.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	22,000.00	

Foreclosures.

Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105000.740	Capital Outlay - Equipment	21,560.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.030	Lock & Dam Reimbursement	21,560.00	

To cover change order for Administration Building renovations to remove asbestos in flooring.

Sheriff

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105100.200.016	Supplies	24,200.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103270.018	Helicopter	24,200.00	

Revenue from sale of helicopter parts.

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Sheriff

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106600.803	Insurance & Utilities	2,390.00	
106600.493	Refunds	555.00	
106600.491	Dues & Subscriptions	20.00	
106600.610	Contract Services	3,777.00	
106600.126	Part-time Salaries		2,500.00
106600.395	Schools & Meetings		390.00
106600.350	M/R Building & Grounds	390.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103660.000	Insurance Fees	890.00	
103190.010	Miscellaneous Revenue	3,352.00	

Addressing and preparing for upcoming expenses.

Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>			
104100.122	Bonus		1.16
104200.122	Bonus		.42
104210.121	Longevity	567.00	
104210.122	Bonus		87.29
104220.121	Longevity		.10
104220.122	Bonus		.80
104230.121	Longevity	45.10	
104230.122	Bonus		.63
104300.121	Longevity	463.00	
104300.122	Bonus		87.87
104400.121	Longevity		.82
104400.122	Bonus		8.36
104500.121	Longevity		6.00
104500.122	Bonus		88.74
106930.990	Contingency		792.91

To adjust Bonus and Longevity to actual.

Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>			
104600.121	Longevity	332.00	
104600.122	Bonus		.87
104700.122	Bonus		.58
104800.121	Longevity		.50
104800.122	Bonus		1.01
105000.121	Longevity	117.00	
105000.122	Bonus		107.82
105010.121	Longevity	52.00	
105010.122	Bonus		174.58
105020.121	Longevity	89.00	
105020.122	Bonus		2.03
105200.121	Longevity		.50
105200.122	Bonus		175.73
106930.990	Contingency		126.38

To adjust Bonus and Longevity to actual.

Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>			
105300.122	Bonus		20.13
105400.122	Bonus		.87
105900.121	Longevity		.66
105900.122	Bonus		1.93
105900.5905.121	Longevity		.50
105900.5905.122	Bonus		2.45
105900.5920.121	Longevity		.25
105900.5920.122	Bonus		6.56
105900.5930.121	Longevity		.75
105900.5930.122	Bonus		7.72
105900.5940.122	Bonus		.15
106930.990	Contingency	41.97	

To adjust Bonus and Longevity to actual.

Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>			
105900.5950.121	Longevity		1.25
105900.5950.122	Bonus		7.62
105900.5986.122	Bonus		.58
105900.5988.122	Bonus		1.46
106000.122	Bonus		94.62
106200.121	Longevity		.05
106200.122	Bonus		.54
106200.6201.121	Longevity	416.00	
106200.6201.122	Bonus		.58
106200.6205.121	Longevity	66.05	

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106200.6205.122	Bonus		1.20
106930.990	Contingency		374.15

To adjust Bonus and Longevity to actual.

Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>			
106200.6210.122	Bonus		94.45
106200.6225.122	Bonus		46.53
106200.6230.122	Bonus		.44
106400.122	Bonus		.58
106500.121	Longevity	43.34	
106500.122	Bonus		162.65
106600.122	Bonus		72.75
106700.122	Bonus		.62
106930.990	Contingency	334.68	

To adjust Bonus and Longevity to actual.

Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106900.903	To DSS		1,244.22
106930.990	Contingency	1,244.22	

To adjust Bonus and Longevity to actual.

Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106900.901	To Economic Development		107.58
106930.990	Contingency	107.58	

To adjust Bonus and Longevity to actual.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.121	Longevity		1,043.16
146100.122	Bonus		201.06
<i>Revenues</i>			
143550.080	Fm General Fund		1,244.22

To adjust Bonus and Longevity to actual.

Emergency Telephone

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
225301.740.010	Capital Outlay-911 Server Relocation	83,563.58	
<i>Revenues</i>			
223190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	83,563.58	

To cover Wireless Communications and Centurylink invoices to relocate Communications.

Economic Development

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
307200.121	Longevity	67.00	
307200.122	Bonus		174.58
<i>Revenues</i>			
303422.002	Fm General Fund		107.58

To adjust Bonus and Longevity to actual.

E. County Attorney Invoices.

Date	Department	Amount
1/12/2018	Sheriff's Office	\$ 875.00
1/19/2018	Sheriff's Office	\$ 995.00
1/24/2018	Retainer for Feb-2018	\$ 300.00
1/24/2018	Sheriff's Office	\$ 890.00
	Total	\$ 3,060.00

F. Declared as Surplus a Service Side Arm and Gold Captain's Badge in Accordance with NCGS 20-187.2(a).

G. GEEP Electronics Recycling Services Renewal Agreement.

ITEM 3. Special Recognition:

- A. Chairman Britt recognized Randy Garner upon his retirement effective February 1, 2018. General Services Manager Kip McClary also expressed appreciation to Mr. Garner. The Board presented to Mr. Garner a plaque of appreciation for his many years of service to the County and its citizens.
- B. Chairman Britt recognized Milton Parker upon his retirement effective February 1, 2018. General Services Manager Kip McClary also expressed appreciation to Mr. Garner. The Board presented to Mr. Garner a plaque of appreciation for his many years of service to the County and its citizens.

- C. Chairman Britt and the entire Board recognized the following employees for their years of service to the County:

Employee	Department	Years of Service
Taaffe Andrews	EMS	10
Cynthia Martin-McKoy	Finance	25
James White, Jr.	Sheriff's Office	5
Kimberly Jones	Communications	20

Other recognized employees who were unable to attend the Board meeting are as follows:

Employee	Department	Years of Service
Karen Suggs	Animal Control	10
Zulema Cardenas	DSS	5
Joyce Montgomery	DSS	5
Dana Norris	EMS	5
Heather Warwick	EMS	5
Barry Pait	Sheriff's Office	20

Chairman Britt briefly recessed the meeting for a reception at 6:42pm

Chairman Britt reconvened the meeting at 6:53pm.

ITEM 4. Public Hearing:

- A. Chairman Britt declared open a Public Hearing to receive comments regarding a rezoning request.
No one addressed the Board.
Chairman Britt declared closed the Public Hearing.
- B. Planning Director Greg Elkins provided an overview of a request submitted to rezone property located at 2317 Burney Road (PIN 0288-00-26-8491), Bladenboro, from Residential/Agricultural to Commercial. He stated that the Planning Board reviewed the application and returned a favorable recommendation for approval to the Board of Commissioners.
By approving the rezoning request, the Board of Commissioners ordains that the request is consistent with the adopted 2013-2030 Bladen County Land Use Plan and that the rezoning request is reasonable and is in the public interest.
Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously approved the rezoning request.

ITEM 5. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

Chairman Britt recognized Commissioner Bullock to address the Board. Commissioner Bullock stated that a bulletin board has been placed in the hallway outside NC Department of Public Safety offices on the lower level of the courthouse. He stated that information regarding housing assistance and other services can be found displayed.

Chairman Britt shared his perspective regarding recently held meetings with Chemours representatives. He stated that the meetings went well and that water and well testing continues by various North Carolina agencies. He stated that the Board would stay involved and engaged in the GenX matter.

Chairman Britt also shared information regarding a recently held GenX information session held in the auditorium on the campus of Bladen Community College. He stated that NC agencies who hosted the event indicated that testing is ongoing.

Chairman Britt recognized Commissioner Cogdell to address the Board. Commissioner Cogdell stated that following the information session held at BCC, he spoke with a number of state agency representatives. He shared that with ongoing community outreach, if a civic group or church would like to schedule an information session, state agencies would be glad to attend and answer questions, etc.

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ITEM 6. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one in attendance addressed the Board.

ITEM 7. Revenue Department: (Renee Davis, Tax Administrator)

- A. Mrs. Davis provided an overview of a Report of Unpaid 2017 Taxes that are a lien on real property. Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously received the report as presented.
- B. Mrs. Davis requested the Board to establish a deadline to pay 2017 real property taxes in order to avoid advertisement. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously established a deadline to pay 2017 real property taxes of Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

ITEM 8. Emergency Services: (Bradley Kinlaw, Director)

- A. Mr. Kinlaw provided an overview of a request to approve a temporary part-time Administrative Grant position for approximately 50 days at \$14.00 per hour. He stated that since February 2017, the Lumber River Council of Governments has funded this Hurricane Matthew recovery position. It is anticipated that a contractor would be selected by April and this position would hopefully transition to the contractor's payroll. Mr. Kinlaw stated that funds to support this position had been identified. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously approved a temporary part-time Administrative Grant position within Emergency Services.

ITEM 9. General Services Department: (Kip McClary, Director)

- A. Mr. McClary provided an update to the Board regarding an ongoing Administrative Office renovation project. Contractor Dewey Shaw has determined that carpeting cannot be removed in a portion of the building without disturbing asbestos. Mr. McClary stated that Mr. Shaw requested quotes from three contractors and received one quote from Environmental Concerns of Fayetteville to provide asbestos abatement services. Mr. Shaw has submitted for approval Change Order #1 in the amount of \$21,560 to provide these services. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$21,560.

Commissioner Cogdell stated that 8" floor tiles likely contain asbestos and future renovation projects may need to include a contingency for that possibility. Mr. McClary expressed his appreciation to the Board.

ITEM 10. Advisory Board Appointments:

- A. **White Lake Planning and Zoning (ETJ) (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously tabled an appointment.

ITEM 11. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

Mr. Martin read aloud a Thank You note received from Commissioner Bullock's family for the kind thoughts, prayers, and remembrance of his Mother's passing.

Mr. Martin also provided a brief update regarding the ongoing Opioid Forum and associated activities. He stated that the meetings have been well attended. The upcoming meeting is

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scheduled for 2pm on Tuesday, February 13, 2018. It was necessary to secure a larger meeting location. The February 13 meeting will be held in the Bladen Community College auditorium.

Commissioner Peterson briefly discussed an upcoming Dementia Friendly Kick-Off meeting scheduled for 1pm-4pm on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. This meeting will also be held in the BCC auditorium. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the impact dementia has on Bladen County and residents. He encouraged Board members, law enforcement, EMS, business owners, healthcare providers, faith-based leaders, and county agency representatives to attend.

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed Board calendars for the months of February and March 2018.
- B. This item was addressed following item 11F.
- C. Mr. Martin provided a brief overview of a NC Department of Transportation safety project related to a left-turn lane to be constructed at the intersection of NC 87 and Baltimore Road.
- D. Mr. Martin provided a brief overview of a NC Department of Transportation safety project related to a left-turn lane to be constructed at the intersection of NC 211 and Elwell Ferry Road.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board adopted the following Resolutions in support of the construction of a left-turn lane at the intersection of NC 87 and Baltimore Road and the construction of a left-turn lane at the intersection of NC 211 and Elwell Ferry Road:



- E. Mr. Martin asked the Board to consider a one-time donation to the Cape Fear Valley-Bladen County Hospital Foundation. The Board previously approved a donation of \$750 in January 2017. Commissioner Peterson made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Munn-Goins provided a second. Following discussion, Commissioner Peterson rescinded his original motion. Commissioner Munn-Goins rescinded her second as well. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously tabled approving a one-time donation to the Cape Fear Valley-Bladen County Hospital Foundation.
- F. Mr. Martin reviewed a FY 2018-19 Pre-Budget Survey form and encouraged interested citizens to submit suggestions and priorities for consideration during the FY 2018-19 budget process.
- B. Mr. Martin provided an update regarding a recent request related to deer hunting from highway right-of-ways. Mr. Joe Britt also was recognized to address the Board regarding this request. Mr. Martin stated that another issue has been presented to be included. He stated that a number of individuals had approached him to voice concerns regarding hunters with loaded firearms retrieving dogs from the highway right-of-ways. Mr. Doug Smith was recognized to address the Board. Mr. Smith expressed his appreciation to the Board for its efforts to assure the safety of Bladen County citizens and those traveling the county roads. Mr. Dale Smith was recognized to address the Board. Mr. Smith expressed appreciation to the Board for its efforts as well. He shared photographs of hunters on his posted land and stated that individuals pull to the side of the road to retrieve dogs, but not completely out of the roadway, causing another safety concern for oncoming traffic. Commissioner Munn-Goins also shared her concern following an incident. She stated that she hit a dog while attempting to drive around individuals who had stopped to hunt from the roadway. She stated that she was driving slowly to avoid an accident, but hit the hunting dog. She indicated that the dog was injured but not fatally. She also stated that a number of homes are situated in the woods, which cannot be seen from the road. Mr. Martin reported that he had been in contact with the School of Government and NC Wildlife Resources for advice and direction. He stated that it would benefit the County to submit a request to the County's legislative

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delegation to enact a law to prohibit hunting from the roadway and right-of-ways and also include proper verbiage to prohibit retrieving dogs from the roadway and right-of-ways.

Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously scheduled a Public Hearing to receive comments regarding a possible law making it illegal to hunt or discharge a firearm on, from, or across a state-maintained right-of-way or to retrieve dogs from a public road while in possession of a loaded firearm. The hearing will be held at 6:30pm on Monday, February 19, 2018.

ITEM 10. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one in attendance addressed the Board.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Munn-Goins, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:24pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Ray Britt, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners