

February 18, 2019

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, February 18, 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: Wes Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

ITEM 1. Reverend Charles Hester of Bladenboro Baptist Church provided the Invocation. Guest 4-Her’s Ellie and Kynslie Kinlaw 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:

- A. Agenda.
- B. Minutes of February 4, 2019 Regular Meeting.
- C. Budget Amendments, as follows:

Planning

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104220.270	Advertising	150.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103110.013	Zoning Fees	150.00	

Advertising fees for public hearing.

Motor Pool

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105010.357	M/R – Vehicles	629.38	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.011	Insurance Claims	629.38	

Insurance claim for 2016 EMS Ambulance (VIN #9626).

Sheriff

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105100.5176.741	Capital Outlay – Vehicles		23,400.00
105100.120	Salaries		1,350.00
105100.741	Capital Outlay – Vehicles	43,500.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.011	Insurance Claims	8,404.73	
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	10,345.27	

Insurance claims received 06/18/18 and 01/31/19 to reflect vehicle totaled. These funds will assist with replacement.

Emergency Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105300.740	Capital Outlay	100,000.00	
105300.740	Capital Outlay	6,700.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	100,000.00	
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	6,700.00	

To cover purchase of Paul H. Sessoms Building and roof repairs.

Water

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
254702.610	Contracted Services	4,600.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
253190.011	Insurance Claims	4,600.00	

Insurance reimbursement for Hurricane Florence damages to well houses.

Sheriff

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
535100.499.058	Misc Expense – Equitable Sharing Justice	49,392.49	
<i>Revenues</i>			
533265.001	Equitable Sharing	49,392.49	

Equitable sharing distributed to Bladen County.

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D. County Attorney Invoices.

Date	Department	Amount
1/21/2019	E M S	775.00
1/25/2019	Governing Board	725.00
1/29/2019	General Services	1,500.00
1/31/2019	E M S	475.00
2/06/2019	Emergency Services	550.00
2/07/2019	Revenue Department	675.00
2/11/2019	Board of Elections	425.00
	Total	\$ 5,125.00

E. Tax Releases No. 1-19, incorporated by reference and made a part of these Minutes.

F. Scheduled a Public Hearing at 6:30pm on Monday, March 11, 2019 Regarding a Rezoning Request.

G. The following Resolution in Honor of Pearly B. Graham-Hoskins, MD:



H. Spectrum Service Quote #10989042 for telephone service and wireless internet at the East Arcadia Senior Center.

ITEM 3. Special Recognition:

A. Chairman Peterson and the entire Board recognized Dr. Roxie Wells. Dr. Wells expressed appreciation to Dr. Pearly B. Graham-Hoskins for her mentorship and leadership. The entire Board recognized Dr. Hoskins and expressed appreciation as well. Dr. Hoskins indicated her gratitude for the accolades and Resolution, expressing appreciation to her family, community and county.

B. Chairman Peterson and the entire Board recognized Danette Sessoms upon her retirement effective February 1, 2019, after having served Bladen County and its citizens for thirty-two years. Mrs. Sessoms expressed appreciation.

ITEM 4. Pre-Budget Public Hearing:

A. Chairman Peterson declared open a Pre-Budget Public Hearing to receive comments regarding priorities for the FY 2019-20 Budget process. No one in attendance addressed the Board. Chairman Peterson declared closed the Public Hearing.

ITEM 5. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

Chairman Peterson recognized Mr. E. W. Bowen to address the Board. Mr. Bowen inquired regarding beaver management and the steps which property owners need to take. Chairman Peterson apologized to Mr. Bowen for a Beaver Management program not being included on the meeting agenda, but that it would be included on the next Board meeting agenda. Chairman Peterson informed Mr. Bowen that the Board did hear management options during a recent Planning session held on Wednesday, February 13, 2019.

Chairman Peterson recognized Commissioner Munn-Goins to address the Board. Commissioner Munn-Goins asked that correspondence be submitted to Bladen County's legislative delegation requesting assistance for the Kelly Dike.

Chairman Peterson suggested inviting Representative Rouzer, Senator Tillis, Soil and Water Conservation representatives to a public meeting to be held in the Kelly community. He stated that it may take several weeks to schedule the meeting and asked that Board members consider flexibility in scheduling a meeting.

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Chairman Peterson recognized Commissioner Cogdell to address the Board. Commissioner Cogdell inquired regarding private roads which are in poor shape. He stated that a number of citizens had contacted him for direction and assistance. Chairman Peterson indicated that Planning Director Greg Elkins had worked with a number of citizens in the past regarding private roads.

Chairman Peterson recognized Commissioner Britt to address the Board. Commissioner Britt reminded Board members that requests for financial assistance have been submitted to the NC Department of Public Safety, with copies submitted to the NC legislative delegation as well, in the recent past.

ITEM 6. Revenue Department: (Renee Davis, Tax Administrator)

- A. Mrs. Davis provided an overview of a bid in the amount of \$4,880 for County-owned property located at 1756 Lloyd Road, Carvers Creek (PIN #1266-00-72-6229). She stated that the assessed tax value is \$4,130, with an investment to the County of \$4,880. Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously accepted a \$4,880 bid to begin the upset bid process submitted by Dianne A. Daley.
- B. Mrs. Davis provided an overview of a bid in the amount of \$1,500 for County-owned property located at 385 Barney Coe Road (PIN #1269-00-57-1720). Mrs. Davis stated that the assessed tax value is \$6,040, with an investment to the County of \$6,400. Mrs. Davis stated that, to her knowledge, the county has never accepted a bid for less than the investment to the county in the past. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously declined a \$1,500 bid for the 385 Barney Coe Road property (PIN #1269-00-57-1720).

ITEM 7. Library: (Kelsey Edwards, Director)

- A. Mrs. Edwards provided an overview of the bid process and the three (3) bids recently received to repaint the interior and ceiling of the Bladen County Public Library, Main Branch. She indicated that of the three (3) estimates, Duncan's Painting and Wallpaper proposal of \$14,120 was the low bid. The other two (2) bids received were from C. Ordonez Painting (\$32,750) and Tinney Paint (\$29,750). Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Munn-Goins, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously approved entering into a contract in the amount of \$14,120 with Duncan's Paint and Wallpaper to repaint the ceiling and interior of the Bladen County Public Library.

ITEM 8. Health and Human Services Agency: (Terri Duncan, Director)

- A. Ms. Duncan provided a brief overview regarding offering childbirth classes in Bladen County. She stated that there was a need for these classes. She also indicated that the fees of \$8.69 will be assessed. Upon a motion by Commissioner Trivette, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously approved a fee of \$8.69 for childbirth classes.
- B. Ms. Duncan provided information regarding an Agreement for EMS Clinical Affiliation with Robeson Community College regarding phlebotomy students. She indicated that students who have successfully completed the didactic portion of the phlebotomy course at RCC would have an opportunity to complete clinical requirements at the Bladen County Health Department. Upon a motion by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously approved an Agreement for EMS Clinical Affiliation with Robeson Community College regarding phlebotomy students.
- C. Ms. Duncan introduced a Safe Kids Grant Agreement in the amount of \$400, to be administered by Health Educator Monique Travise. The grant will fund one or more "Safe Kids Day" in specific risk areas. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously approved a Safe Kids Grant Agreement in the amount of \$400.

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- D. Ms. Duncan introduced an Operation Medicine Drop Grant Agreement in the amount of \$400, to be administered by Health Educator Monique Travise. The grant will fund programs to encourage the public to safely dispose of unused, unwanted, or expired medications. Upon a motion by Commissioner Bullock, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously approved an Operation Medicine Drop Grant Agreement in the amount of \$400.

ITEM 9. Finance Department: (Lisa Coleman, Finance Officer)

- A. Mrs. Coleman reviewed a Financial Dashboard for the seven-month period ending January 31, 2019.
- B. Mrs. Coleman provided an overview of a proposed Contract to Audit Accounts for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019 and a Management Letter with Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams and Company. She indicated that the extension of the current contract would allow for the audit to be completed at the same rate as the previous year. She stated that bids would be requested for the audit process for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously approved a Contract to Audit Accounts for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019 and a Management Letter with Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams and Company.

ITEM 10. Soil and Water Conservation District: (Dean Morris, Director)

- A. Mr. Morris provided an overview of Change Order #1 to a D. G. Jackson Construction, Inc. Brown's Creek Stream Debris Removal Agreement. Mr. Morris indicated that the linear footage was incorrect on the original agreement. Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously approved Change Order #1 to D. G. Jackson Construction, Inc. Brown's Creek Stream Debris Removal contract.

Commissioner Munn-Goins inquired regarding the debris which is being removed from the streams and specifics of where the debris is to be moved. Mr. Morris indicated that the contract states that the debris is to be moved 20 feet from the stream's main channel. She shared concerns regarding beavers using the debris to build dams which would cause additional issues. A number of options were discussed regarding eliminating the debris. Mr. Morris stated that property owners could request a permit to burn the debris.

ITEM 11. Advisory Board Appointments:

- A. **Child Fatality Prevention Board (2):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board unanimously reappointed Sheriff Jim McVicker, appointed Tiffany Pait (Registered Nurse), and appointed Terri Duncan (HHS Director) to three-year terms of service, with the terms expiring February 7, 2022.
- B. **Lumber River Council of Governments Aging Advisory Board (6):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Munn-Goins, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously reappointed Jean Lloyd, and waiving the rules on term limits, reappointed Virginia Gause, Larry Martin, Commissioner Michael Cogdell, Louella Thompson, and Erin K. Hinson, to three-year terms of service, with the terms expiring February 18, 2022,
- C. **Nursing Home Advisory Committee (3):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously reappointed Ricky Byrd and Mary Johnson, and, waiving the rules on term limits, reappointed Pat Jessup, to three-year terms of service, with the terms expiring February 28, 2022.

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ITEM 12. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration During March 18, 2019 Board Meeting:

- A. Keep Bladen Beautiful (2)

ITEM 13. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed Board calendars for the months of February and March 2019.
- B. Mr. Martin provided an overview of a Resolution authorizing Agents and a Maintenance Agreement related to a Hurricane Florence Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. He stated that there were six (6) homes which have been identified for possible relocation. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Britt, the Board unanimously approved Authorized Agents and a Maintenance Agreement regarding a Hurricane Florence Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

ITEM 14. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one in attendance addressed the Board.

ITEM 15. Closed Session:

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Trivette, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously entered Closed Session in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) Real Property and NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel at 7:15pm.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Munn-Goins, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously exited Closed Session at 9:01pm.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:01pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Charles R. Peterson, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners