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A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, March 9, 2020. The meeting was held in the Commissioners’ Room, located on the lower level of the Bladen County Courthouse, 106 East Broad Street, Elizabethtown.

The following members were present:

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

Excused: Ashley Trivette

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

ITEM 1. Reverend Tommy Puryear, Tar Heel Baptist Church, provided an invocation. County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2. Consent Items:

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

- A. Agenda.
- B. Minutes of the February 17, 2020 Regular Meeting.
- C. Budget Amendments, as follows:

Planning

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104220.200.029	Census Supplies	5,800.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	5,800.00	

Funding approved 02/17/2020 for Census supplies.

Finance

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104400.740	Capital Outlay	129,240.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	129,240.00	

Upgrade for the New World .net Package for Financial and Payroll. Approved at the 02/17/2020 meeting.

Motor Pool

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105010.357	Vehicle Maintenance	425.73	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.011	Insurance Claims	425.73	

VIN 4145 2019 Dodge Charger Repairs.

Motor Pool

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105010.357	Vehicle Maintenance	137.20	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.011	Insurance Claims	137.20	

VIN 4148 2019 Dodge Charger Repairs.

Sheriff

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105100.5177.740.014	JAG-Investigation Equipment	23,661.01	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103270.020	Sheriff – JAG Grant	23,661.01	

2018 Grant for Investigation Equipment.

Emergency Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105300.350.001	M/R Prison Camp	1,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103170.010	Rent	1,000.00	

Rent income from Chapel to be used for maintenance.

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Health

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105900.200	Supplies	15,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103560.082	Hepatitis B/Flu	15,000.00	

Vaccinations.

Parks & Recreation

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106600.272	Concessions	2,593.91	
106600.325	Postage		31.00
106600.395	Schools/Meetings		500.00
106600.491	Dues/Subscriptions		80.00
106600.739	Non-Inventorable		51.66
106600.126	Part-Time Salaries		1,500.00
106600.610	Contracted Services	1,500.00	
106600.803	Insurance	1,040.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103660.000	Recreation-Insurance Fees	1,040.00	
103660.012	Recreation Concession Sales	1,931.25	

Move for upcoming expenses including concession items, spring sports insurance, and weather bug system.

Parks & Recreation

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106600.499	Miscellaneous Expense	3,100.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103660.009	Recreation Donations	3,100.00	

Move donations and sponsorship monies for recreation expenses.

Library

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106700.200	Supplies	212.23	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.010	Miscellaneous Revenue	212.23	

Library Donation from JoAnn Cox.

JCPC - Life Skills

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106805.200.010	LS Supplies & Materials	5,500.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103230.022	JCPC-4H Life Skills	5,500.00	

Increase for Raise the Age Initiative.

Education

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106910.882	BOE-Sales Tax	334,453.84	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	334,453.84	

Move 2018-2019 balance of sales tax.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.706	LIEAP	4,761.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.033	LIEAP	4,761.00	

100% federal funding increase.

D. County Attorney Invoices.

Date	Department	Amount
2/11/2020	Health Department	775.00
2/12/2020	Board of Elections	1,125.00
2/13/2020	Sheriff's Office	700.00
2/19/2020	Finance	575.00
2/24/2020	Sheriff's Office	250.00
2/26/2020	Sheriff's Office	475.00
3/02/2020	March-2020 Retainer	300.00
	Total	\$ 4,200.00

- E. NC Department of Corrections Amendment 1 Agreement regarding Inmate Labor.
- F. NC Department of Public Safety Grant Award and Memorandum of Agreement Amendment.
- G. Other Juvenile Crime Prevention Committee Appointments.
- H. ProBenefits Service Agreement.
- I. Agreement for Clinical Affiliation with Bladen Community College.

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- J. Home and Community Care Block Grant for Older Adults, County Funding Plan.

ITEM 3. Special Recognition:

- A. Retired Captain Jeff Tyler was not able to attend the meeting to be recognized for his recent retirement. Chairman Britt expressed appreciation for Captain Tyler's many years of service to the citizens of Bladen County.

ITEM 4. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one addressed the Board.

ITEM 5. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

No Commissioner brought an item of concern to the Board's attention.

ITEM 6. Bladen County Water District:

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously entered session at 6:35pm as Bladen County Water District Board of Directors.
- B. General Services Manager Kip McClary introduced LKC Engineering Professional Engineer Adam Kiker. Mr. Kiker briefly reviewed the process by which bids were received for three (3) separate requests for bids. Mr. Kiker stated of the bids received and reviewed, it was his recommendation for the Board to consider awarding contracts, contingent upon the final authorization and approval from USDA-Rural Development and Local Government Commission (LGC), as well as a complete legal review of the contracts, to the following low bidders:
 - Contract 1: Herring and Rivenbark** for the low bid of \$2,489,863 for the installation of twenty-seven (27) miles of 2-inch through 6-inch water main.
 - Contract 2: Bill's Well Drilling Company** for the low bid of \$803,567.88 for the installation of a new water supply well along Guyton Road and a system-wide SCADA system.
 - Contract 3: Fortiline Supply** for the low bid amount of \$2,115,388.29 for the replacement of approximately 6,450 water meters and the implementation of a new water meter reading system.Mr. Kiker stated that, currently, the Phase IV water system expansion project, based on the bids received.
Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously accepted LKC Engineering's recommendation as presented, including contingency of final authorization and approval from USDA-Rural Development and Local Government Commission (LGC), as well as a complete legal review of the contracts.
The Board expressed appreciation to Mr. Kiker.

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

Ms. Davis presented, through the Agenda packet, bids for two (2) County-owned properties as follows:

- A. Bid in the amount of \$2,850 submitted by Blue Ocean Partners, Inc. for County-owned property (PIN 0366-00 76-1545). The current investment to the County is \$2,850. The subject property is located in the White Oak township.
- B. Bid in the amount of \$500 submitted by Edwina Lloyd for County-owned property (PIN 0268-07 59-1023). The current investment to the County is \$500. The subject property is located off Lewis Street, Bladenboro.

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Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously accepted each of the bids for county-owned properties.

By accepting the bids, the upset bid process was initiated.

ITEM 8. Soil and Water Conservation District: (Dean Morris, Director)

A. Mr. Morris introduced Cape Fear Resource Conservation and Development Executive Director Danielle Darkangelo. Mr. Morris provided a brief update regarding a proposed Resolution to financially support, in the amount of \$2,750, a regional Waccamaw River watershed drainage study grant.

Following brief discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Munn-Goins, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously adopted the following Resolution in Support of a Regional Waccamaw River Watershed Study Grant Proposal:



ITEM 9. Emergency Services: (Nathan Dowless, Director)

A. Mr. Dowless presented a Private Road Naming Petition submitted by Randy English. Mr. Dowless stated that, due to the Bladen County Addressing Ordinance, the Board should consider the second (Corporate Drive) or third choice (Bypass Corporate Drive) on the petition.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously approved to name the private road Corporate Drive (second choice).

ITEM 10. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration During March 23, 2020 Meeting:

A. Keep Bladen Beautiful (1)

ITEM 11. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration During April 20, 2020 Meeting:

A. Bladenboro Fire District Committee (3)

ITEM 12. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one in attendance addressed the Board.

ITEM 13. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

Members did not address topics for discussion.

ITEM 14. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

A. Mr. Martin reviewed Board calendars for the months of March and April 2020.

Commissioner Munn-Goins inquired regarding a coronavirus update. Emergency Services Director Nathan Dowless stated that meetings with representatives from NC Emergency Management and NC Public Health are ongoing. He assured the Board that a plan is in place, with a slight change in protocol in the 911 center. He and Health and Human Services Director

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Dr. Duncan are meeting with other local agencies to share information and plans. The Board expressed appreciation.

- B. Mr. Martin reviewed a proposed amendment to the Rules of Procedure for the Bladen County Board of Commissioners. He stated that, following the Planning Session held on February 12, a procedure regarding the naming of community assets had been developed.

Following discussion, the Board asked Mr. Martin to add the Board “shall schedule a Public Hearing”, and for action to be considered at the third meeting following the initial request.

Mr. Martin stated that a revised proposed Rule would be included for consideration on the upcoming meeting Agenda.

- C. Mr. Martin reviewed a proposed letter of support for a US 74 Corridor Opportunities for Rural Efficiency and Safety Improvement Project. He stated that the intent of the project is to improve freight mobility, rural access, and infrastructure resiliency specifically in regional and rural areas of southern North Carolina. The NC Department of Transportation plans to submit a Federal grant application to help fund the project.

Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously approved correspondence to be submitted in support of the US 74 project.

ITEM 15. Closed Session:

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously entered Closed Session in Accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) Real Property Purchase at 6:56pm.

- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board unanimously exited Closed Session at 7:10pm.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board

Ray Britt, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners