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A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, March 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
- Dr. Ophelia Munn-Goins
- Ashley Trivette
- Ray Britt
- Russell Priest

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

ITEM 1. Erin Smith 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:

- A. Agenda.
- B. Minutes of March 11, 2019 Regular Meeting.
- C. Budget Amendments, as follows:

Tax Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104500.192	Professional Services – Legal	2,000.00	
104500.192.002	Professional Services – Foreclosures	2,212.63	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	4,212.63	

Foreclosures for WB Duvall.

Health

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105900.5905.201.004	Mosquito Grant – 912	67,908.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103530.140	DHHS – Mosquito	67,908.00	

912 Mosquito Control Grant.

Parks and Recreation

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106600.803	Insurance & Utilities	685.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103660.000	Recreation – Insurance Fee	685.00	

Insurance expense for program.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.689	Energy Neighbor	446.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.031	Energy Neighbor	446.00	

Funding Authorization #8.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.689	Energy Neighbor	516.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.031	Energy Neighbor	516.00	

Funding Authorization #9.

D. County Attorney Invoices.

Date	Department	Amount
2/21/2019	Board of Elections	2,512.06
2/26/2019	Governing Board	525.00
3/04/2019	March-19 Retainer	300.00

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3/15/2019	Governing Board	895.00
	Total	\$ 4,807.06

- E. Tax Releases No. 2-19, incorporated by reference and made a part of these Minutes.
- F. Amendment #2 to Lock and Dam 2 and 3 Scope of Work and Agreement.
- G. Public Hearing Scheduled for 6:30pm on Monday, April 1, 2019 to Receive Comments Regarding a \$200,000 Forgivable Loan for Incubator #6 Construction Project.
- H. Memorandum of Understanding and Supporting Permits for a USMC Training Exercise Scheduled for June 2 through June 5, 2019.

ITEM 3. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

Chairman Peterson recognized Commissioner Trivette to address the Board. Commissioner Trivette stated that she would not be able to attend a Special Meeting scheduled for 6pm on Tuesday, March 19, in the Kelly Community. Commissioners Cogdell, Bullock, Priest, and Dowless indicated their inability to attend as well.

Chairman Peterson recognized Commissioner Cogdell to address the Board. Commissioner Cogdell inquired regarding agenda items which may have been removed from a Consent Agenda in the past. He asked that minutes of those meetings be provided to the Board for information and review. He stated that he would provide subject matters which were removed from the Consent Agenda to be discussed later in those meetings.

ITEM 4. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

Chairman Peterson recognized Erin Smith to address the Board. Ms. Smith presented a Certificate of Achievement to the County of Bladen for being designated as the Best Place to be Employed in Bladen County. She stated that results from a Bladen Online Survey indicated the achievement. Ms. Smith made the presentation to County Manager Greg Martin and the entire Board. Mr. Martin expressed appreciation to Bladen Online, the Commissioners, county employees, and citizens.

Chairman Peterson recognized Mr. E. W. Bowen to address the Board. Mr. Bowen inquired regarding plans for beaver management. Mr. Bowen expressed concern as the Board would address a Beaver Management program during the budget process, instead of focusing on the issue now.

Chairman Peterson recognized Ms. Lillian Graham to address the Board. Ms. Graham expressed appreciation to the Board. She communicated concerns regarding drainage throughout the entire county. She shared her consternation regarding beavers damming streams which has exacerbated drainage issues in lower lying areas. She challenged the Board to correct the issue throughout the County.

- A. Chairman Peterson recognized Mr. Eddie Knight to address the Board regarding a proposed fire service district tax rate increase. Mr. Knight introduced Tar Heel Assistant Fire Chief Chris Knepper, Fire Department Board of Directors representative Adam Russ, and Fire Chief David Hunsinger. He shared that he had been appointed to the Tar Heel Fire District Service Committee and serves as the Chairman of that Board. He stated that, following a number of discussions, meetings, and thoughtful consideration, he had been asked to approach the Board of Commissioners with a request to increase the fire district tax rate from .065 to .10 per \$100 tax value. He shared that a well-attended community meeting was held in February. He stated that the meeting allowed an opportunity for the Fire Department representatives to provide information regarding volunteerism, activities of the fire department and a plan for future. He shared that a plan, which included a possible fire district tax increase, was positively received. Part of the plan going forward, if the tax increase is implemented, is to hire two full-time employees to provide coverage.

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Mr. Knight also shared that the fire department currently has been designated a 7 Rating. This rating is a determining factor for homeowner's insurance within the fire district.

Mr. Knight indicated that plans are to submit a FY 2019-20 budget package which would include a requested fire tax rate of \$0.10.

Chairman Peterson indicated that the Board would consider the request during the FY 2019-20 Budget process.

Mr. Knight expressed appreciation to the Board, and commended the Tax Office staff for their timely assistance.

ITEM 5. Finance Office: (Lisa Coleman, Finance Officer)

- A. Mrs. Coleman reviewed a Financial Dashboard for the eight-month period ending February 28, 2019.

Commissioners Bullock and Cogdell inquired regarding projections for FY 2018-19 and the use of Fund Balance for capital expenditures. Mr. Martin indicated that budget information will be shared during an upcoming Planning Session scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2019. Following discussion, the Board expressed appreciation to Ms. Coleman.

ITEM 6. Health and Human Services Agency: (Terri Duncan, Director)

- A. Ms. Duncan provided an overview of an amended Nutrition Plus Contractual Agreement which will provide a Nutritionist three (3) days per week. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Munn-Goins, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously approved a Nutrition Plus Contractual Agreement.
- B. Ms. Duncan provided a brief overview of a NC Community Care Networks, Inc. Participation Agreement. She stated that the agreement would allow for case management of clients who are enrolled in Care Coordination for Children (CC4C) or Obstetric Care Management (OBCM). Upon a motion by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously approved a NC Community Care Networks, Inc. Participation Agreement.
- C. Ms. Duncan provided an overview of an Independent Contractor Agreement in the amount of \$23,386 for a home modification and ramp construction project for a Community Alternatives Program (CAP) child beneficiary. Upon a motion by Commissioner Trivette, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously approved an Independent Contractor Agreement with F3 Construction, LLC.
- D. Ms. Duncan discussed a Local Health Department Records Retention and Disposition Schedule, which identifies how long medical records and other documents are kept, and when and how to dispose of those records. Upon a motion by Commissioner Munn-Goins, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously approved a Local Health Department Records Retention and Disposition Schedule.
- E. Ms. Duncan provided an overview of a FY 2020 Consolidated Agreement with the NC Department of Health and Human Services. She stated that the agreement outlines the duties and responsibilities of both the county and state for providing services to the citizens of Bladen County. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously approved a FY 2020 Consolidated Agreement with the NC Department of Health and Human Services.

ITEM 7. Department of Social Services: (Vickie Smith, Director)

- A. In Mrs. Smith's absence, Social Work Program Manager Jill Sampson reviewed a 2018-2019 Local Community Child Protection Team (CCPT) report. Following hearing the CCPT report, Health Department Public Health Nurse Jackie Dennis reviewed a Child Fatality Prevention Team year-end report.

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ITEM 8. Sheriff's Office: (Jim McVicker, Sheriff)

- A. Sheriff McVicker provided an overview of a Memorandum of License Agreement in the amount of \$12,600 with Bobby R. and Janice E. Guyton for the period of March 1, 2019 through February 28, 2022. Sheriff McVicker indicated that this leased space is necessary to secure and store evidence. He also stated that the lease agreement payments would be funded by Equitably Shared funds, and not by the use of local taxpayer funds. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously approved a Memorandum of License Agreement between the Bladen County Sheriff's Office and Bobby R. and Janice E. Guyton.

ITEM 9. Advisory Board Appointments:

- A. **Division on Aging Advisory Committee (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously appointed Commissioner Munn-Goins to an unexpired term, with the term expiring December 31, 2021.
- B. **Child Fatality Prevention Team (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Bullock, seconded by Commissioner Britt, the Board unanimously appointed Monique Travise to a three-year term with the term expiring February 28, 2022.
- C. **Keep Bladen Beautiful (3):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Britt, the Board unanimously reappointed Cara P. Kinlaw, Shane Freeman, and Tracy Smith, with the terms expiring June 30, 2021.
- D. **Lumber River Regional Advisory Council (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Munn-Goins, seconded by Commissioner Britt, the Board unanimously appointed Terri Duncan to an unexpired term, with the term expiring February 18, 2022.

ITEM 10. Advisory Boards Appointments for Consideration During April 15, 2019 Board Meeting:

- A. Bladenboro Rural Fire District Committee (2)
B. Cape Fear River Assembly (1)
C. Carvers Creek Fire Service District Committee (3)
D. Elizabethtown Fire Service District Committee (2)

ITEM 11. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed Board calendars for the months of March and April 2019.
- B. Mr. Martin provided an overview of a Scope of Work and supporting documentation with Addiction Consulting and Training Associates regarding comprehensive plan development for Bladen County's Opioid Task Force. He stated that the cost is not to exceed \$99,918.65. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously approved a Scope of Work and supporting documentation submitted by Addiction Consulting and Training Associates.

ITEM 12. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

Chairman Peterson recognized Commissioner Munn-Goins to address the Board. She requested that the April 1, 2019 agenda include consideration of an enhanced Beaver Management program.

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Commissioner Munn-Goins asked that Board members be mindful of mutual respect while discussing items.

Commissioner Munn-Goins also asked for an update regarding the upcoming special election and anticipated associated costs. Mr. Martin indicated that information would be included on the upcoming Planning Session agenda.

Commissioner Cogdell inquired regarding options for a Beaver Management program. He expressed concerns regarding delaying a decision until a FY 2019-2020 budget has been developed. He suggested developing a beaver bounty program in the short-term to alleviate issues. Chairman Peterson stated that a possible position may be funded by a state agency and a beaver bounty program may be administered by that possible position. But, funding is still in question currently. Mr. Martin stated that he would follow up with Soil and Water Conservation Director Dean Morris and include the topic on the upcoming Planning Session agenda.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:19pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Charles R. Peterson, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners