

March 19, 2018

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, March 19, 2018 in the Commissioner’s Room located on the lower level 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 Richard Smith, Cypress Creek Baptist Church of Garland, provided the Invocation.

Guest 4-H’ers Chelsea Barnes and Mileigh Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2. Consent Items:

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

- A. Agenda.
- B. Minutes of March 12, 2018 Regular Meeting.
- C. County Attorney Invoices.

Date	Department	Amount
2/27/18	E M S	\$ 525.00
3/02/18	Board of Elections	\$ 1,525.00
3/08/18	BARTS	\$ 520.00
3/13/18	Sheriff’s Office	\$ 525.00
3/14/18	E M S	\$ 775.00
	Total	\$ 3,870.00

D. Bladen County 2019 Holiday Schedule, as follows:

New Year’s Day	January 1	Tuesday
M.L. King Jr.’s Birthday	January 21	Monday
Good Friday	April 19	Friday
Memorial Day	May 27	Monday
Independence Day	July 4	Thursday
Labor Day	September 2	Monday
Veteran’s Day	November 11	Monday
Thanksgiving	November 28 & 29	Thursday & Friday
Christmas	December 24-26	Tuesday-Thursday

This list is permissive, not mandatory. In the event of necessity for certain employees to work on a scheduled holiday, the employees working on a scheduled holiday would be given another day off equal to the time they were scheduled to work.

- E. Memorandum of Agreement with the Town of Newport, regarding donation of a 16’ enclosed trailer, purchased with grant funds awarded by Homeland Security (Grant EMW-2017-SS-00085-S01).
- F. Text Amendment to Section 5.7(g) to remove text which reads “or other warm blooded animal”, in order to maintain consistency throughout the Animal Control Ordinance, as follows:

Section 5.7(g): Killing or releasing animals under observation prohibited; penalty. *It shall be unlawful for any person to kill or release any animal under observation or quarantine for rabies, any animal suspected or having been exposed to rabies, or any animal having bitten a human ~~or other warm blooded animal~~, or to remove such animal from the county without written permission from the county health director. Any violation of this section shall be subject to those penalties prescribed by section 5-23.*

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- B. Mr. Nelson provided an overview of a NC Education Lottery School Building Capital Fund Application in the amount of \$16,877 for a roof replacement over the gym and foyer at Bladenboro Middle School.
- C. Mr. Nelson provided information regarding a NC Education Lottery School Building Capital Fund Application in the amount of \$56,663 for a roofing project over the main classroom building at Bladenboro Primary School.
- D. Mr. Nelson provided an overview of a NC Education Lottery School Building Capital Fund Application in the amount of \$23,235 for a roof replacement project over the gym offices and classrooms at Bladenboro Middle.

Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously approved items 5A, 5B, 5C and 5D.

ITEM 6. Health and Human Services Agency: (Wayne Raynor, Director)

- A. Mr. Raynor provided an overview of a Medical Service Renewal Agreement with East Coast Migrant Head Start Project, including an Addendum for the Protection of Personally Identifiable Information Contained in Child Records. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Bullock, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously approved a Medical Service Renewal Agreement with East Coast Migrant Head Start Project, including an Addendum for the Protection of Personally Identifiable Information Contained in Child Records.
- B. Mr. Raynor provided a brief overview of a FY 2019 Consolidated Renewal Agreement with North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Public Health. The Consolidated 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 Munn-Goins, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously approved a FY 2019 Consolidated Renewal Agreement with NC Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Public Health.

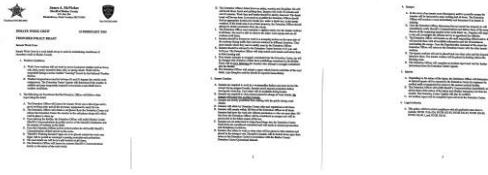
ITEM 7. Finance Department: (Lisa Coleman, Finance Officer)

- A. Mrs. Coleman reviewed a Financial Dashboard for the eight-month period ending February 28, 2018.

ITEM 8. General Services Department: (Kip McClary, Director)

- A. In Mr. McClary's absence, Sheriff Jim McVicker and Captain Jeff Singletary provided an overview of a proposed Roadside Litter Cleanup Program, which has been designed to utilize county inmates under supervision to perform the litter pickup service. Initially, a Pilot Program has been developed to begin immediately through the balance of FY 2017-18. Monies have been identified in the Solid Waste budget to fund the Pilot Program through June 30, 2018. Sheriff McVicker stated that a job description is being developed for a part-time Sheriff's Office position to provide supervision. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board unanimously approved a Pilot Roadside Litter Cleanup Program.
- B. Sheriff McVicker and Captain Singletary provided a brief overview of a policy empowering the Sheriff's Office to provide inmates for a county-wide roadside litter cleanup program. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously approved the following Policy Empowering the Sheriff's Office to Provide Inmates for a County-Wide Roadside Litter Cleanup Program:

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ITEM 9. Advisory Board Appointments:

A. White Lake Planning and Zoning (ETJ) (1):

Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously appointed Eddie L. Sutton to an unexpired term, with the term expiring May 20, 2020.

B. Elizabethtown Planning & Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustments (ETJ) (1): Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously reappointed Ashley T. Dowless to a three-year term of service, with the term expiring March 31, 2021.

C. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (3): Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously reappointed Livingston Lewis, and Antonia Beatty, and waiving the rules on term limits, reappointed Joey Todd, to two-year terms of service with the terms expiring June 30, 2019.

ITEM 10. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration at the April 16, 2018 Meeting:

A. Elizabethtown Fire District Committee (3)

B. Health & Human Services Agency Advisory Council (3)

C. Keep Bladen Beautiful (2)

ITEM 11 County Manager: (Greg Martin)

A. Mr. Martin reviewed Board calendars for the months of March and April 2018.

B. Mr. Martin provided a brief overview of a recently received Bid for County-Owned Property (Parcel ID 0017182), located at 157 Tommy's Drive, Elizabethtown. The parcel was foreclosed by the County in 2017. Ms. Patricia Johnson Powell submitted a bid in the amount of \$5,700 on March 13, 2018, a sibling to former owner. Ms. Powell requested a private sale per NCGS 105-376C and an extension of 90 (ninety) days to pay the amount in full. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously accepted a bid in the amount of \$5,700 for county-owned property (Parcel ID 0017182) submitted by Ms. Patricia Johnson Powell and a request for a private sale and an extension of 90 (ninety) days to pay the amount in full.

C. Mr. Martin provided an overview of a NC Commerce program, Opportunity Zones. Mr. Martin stated that a total of six (6) census tracks (Opportunity Zones) have been identified within Bladen County. The Opportunity Zones program offers three tax incentives for investing in low-income communities through a qualified Opportunity Fund. The Opportunity Zones program has been designed to incentivize capital investments in low-income communities. All of the underlying incentives relate to the tax treatment of capital gains, and all are tied to the longevity of an investor's stake in a qualified Opportunity Fund, providing the most upside to those to hold their investment for ten (10) or more years.

Mr. Martin stated that the Commissioners have an opportunity to identify one (1) Opportunity Zone for consideration. He also stated that Governor Cooper would identify an additional 152 zones. Bladen County could have two (2) zones identified for the program.

Mr. Martin also stated that Economic Development Director Chuck Heustess and Elizabethtown Town Manager Eddie Madden had both recommended the census tract including Smithfield, DuPont, Kuraray, and Chemours to be submitted. Following discussion, the Board indicated its willingness to further discuss this program for better understanding.

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ITEM 12. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one in attendance addressed the Board.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:33pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Ray Britt, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners