

May 21, 2018

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, May 21, 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
 Leslie Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

ITEM 1. Reverend Larry Hayes, Good News Baptist Church of Bladenboro, provided the Invocation.

Guest 4-H'er Aubrey Schwable led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2. Consent Items:

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

- A. Agenda.
- B. Minutes of May 7, 2018 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	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	2,000.00	

Lawyers letters 2017 delinquent.

Sheriff

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105100.200.016	Supplies - Surplus	12,200.00	
105100.200.022	Supplies - GREAT	900.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103270.018	Sheriff - HELO	12,200.00	
103270.023	Sheriff - GREAT	900.00	

To cover on going expenses related to the GREAT program and other respective lines.

Health

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105900.5910.120	Salaries		9,500.00
<i>Revenues</i>			
103530.0130	DHHS - WIC		9,500.00

Reversion of funds that will not be utilized.

Library

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106700.200	Supplies & Materials	500.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.010	Miscellaneous Revenue	500.00	

Donation from Woodman of the World.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.499	Miscellaneous Expense	1.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.276	Child Support Filing Fees	1.00	

Overage payment for a child support filing fee.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.6160.565	Child Day Care	1,446.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.310	Child Day Care	1,446.00	

Funding Authorization #3.

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Lock & Dam Project

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
794202.627	Equipment Purchases		50,065.00
794202.930	Alternatives Analysis		225.00
794202.931	Biological Monitoring	50,832.00	
794202.960.001	Administration		542.00
794202.621	Construction	840,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
793190.060	NC Division of Water Resources	840,000.00	

Add'l Grant from the NC Division of Water Resources for the Lock & Dam Project.

D. County Attorney Invoices.

Date	Department	Amount
4/12/18	E M S	\$ 775.00
4/12/18	Elections	\$ 2,525.00
4/23/18	Sheriff's Office	\$ 550.00
	Total	\$ 3,850.00

E. Tax Releases No. 4-18, incorporated by reference and made a part of these Minutes.

F. The following Emergency Medical Services Week Proclamation:



ITEM 3. Special Recognition:

A. Chairman Britt recognized EMS Director David Howell, Paramedics Samantha Long and B. J. Odum and Advanced EMT Rebecca Lewis and presented an Emergency Medical Services Week. The entire Board expressed appreciation to the delegation of nurses and all EMS staff. Clerk to the Board Maria Edwards read aloud the Proclamation.

ITEM 4. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

Chairman Britt recognized Commissioner Peterson to address the Board. Commissioner Peterson stated that he would like for Mr. Martin to contact the NC Department of Transportation regarding the US 701/NC 87 interchange to inquire regarding the safety of the design of the project. There appear to be many opportunities for left-hand turns across traffic traveling on US 701.

Commissioner Peterson also asked the Board to ask Mr. Martin to review the county's personnel policy regarding job qualifications. He asked that skill, experience, and abilities be taken into consideration for positions, instead of just leaning heavily on a high school diploma or GED.

Commissioner Peterson also shared that he had attended a recent "Take Back NC" meeting. He stated that the initiative, in conjunction with the US Attorney's Office, could ear-mark federal funds to assist with costs associated with fighting the opioid crisis.

Chairman Britt recognized Commissioner Bullock to address the Board. Commissioner Bullock asked Mr. Martin to check into the possibility of having an East Bladen High School directional sign installed on US 701.

ITEM 5. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one in attendance addressed the Board.

ITEM 6. Finance Department: (Lisa Coleman, Finance Officer)

A. Mrs. Coleman reviewed a financial dashboard for the 10-month period ending April 30, 2018.

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ITEM 7. Healthy Bladen Kids Summer Recreation Program: (Marianne Valentiner & Grant Pait)

- A. Ms. Valentiner and Mr. Pait presented an informative presentation regarding participation rates during the 2017 program. A few revisions were incorporated for 2018. The daily sessions will end at noon instead of 1pm; a snack will be offered, but full meals will not be included. Bladen County 4H will provide SNAP and STEAM education at each site once. Bladen County Health Department will provide nutrition education at each site once during the program. The 4-week program will begin on June 25, 2018 and end on July 26, 2018. The program will not be open during the week of July 4. Suggested locations include East Arcadia School, Bladenboro Middle School, Elizabethtown Middle School, Clarkton School of Discovery, and Tar Heel Middle School. Participation information by age, location and week was shared.
- B. Following discussion regarding coordination of efforts regarding summer camps and upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously approved a Bladen Healthy Kids Summer 2018 Recreation program.

ITEM 8. Revenue Department: (Renee Davis, Tax Administrator)

- A. Ms. Davis provided an overview of a bid received in the amount of \$7,300 on May 8, 2018 from Mary Mays for county-owned property located at 1564 Lloyd Road (PIN # 126600827323). Mrs. Davis stated that the cost to the county is \$7,300. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously accepted the \$7,300 bid for county-owned property submitted by Mary Mays to begin the upset bid process.

ITEM 9. Health and Human Services Agency: (Wayne Raynor, Director)

- A. In Mr. Raynor's absence, Mrs. Djuana Register provided an overview of an addendum to the FY 2018-19 School Health Agreement. She stated that the addendum provides specifications how funding will be paid to the school system and for what purposes. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Bullock, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously approved an Addendum to the FY 2018-19 School Health Agreement.
- B. Mrs. Register provided information regarding a Letter of Agreement with Bladen County Public Schools to begin August 1, 2018 which provides direction and establishes specific responsibilities related to the School Health Program. Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously approved a Letter of Agreement with Bladen County Public Schools to begin August 1, 2018.

ITEM 10. Advisory Board Appointments:

- A. **Keep Bladen Beautiful (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously tabled an appointment for an East Bladen High School representative.
- B. **Kelly Water Dike and Drainage District Committee (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Bullock, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously tabled an appointment to a future meeting.

ITEM 11. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration at June 18, 2018 Meeting:

- A. **Adult Home Care Community Advisory Committee (2)**
- B. **Ammon Fire Service District Committee (2)**
- C. **Animal Control Board (4)**
- D. **Bladen Community College Board of Trustees (2)**
- E. **Eastpointe MCO Advisory Committee (1)**
- F. **Hickory Grove Fire District Committee (3)**

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- G. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (4)
- H. Kelly Fire Service District Committee (2)
- I. Local Emergency Planning Committee (7)
- J. Lumber River Workforce Development Board (1)
- K. Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustments (3)
- L. Recreation Committee (4)
- M. Tar Heel Fire Service District Committee (3)
- N. Tobermory Fire Service District Committee (1)
- O. White Lake Fire Service District Committee (3)
- P. White Oak Fire Service District Committee (3)

ITEM 12. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed Board calendars for the months of May and June 2018.
- B. Mr. Martin presented a FY 2018-19 Proposed Budget information, also including the budget message. Mr. Martin indicated that the projected tax base of \$2,777,444,189 would support revenue at the current tax rate of \$.82 per \$100 valuation. The proposed General Fund budget of \$43,019,154 reflects a .54% decrease in relation to the adopted FY 2017-18 budget. Mr. Martin indicated the reduction can be attributed to the State now handling the Medicaid transportation, Day Care and Smart Start. A 1.5% Cost of Living Adjustment has been included for all employees.
- C. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Trivette the Board scheduled the following Special Meetings to be held in the Commissioners Room regarding FY 2018-19 Budget:
 - 4:00pm on Thursday, May 31, 2018
 - 4:00pm on Monday, June 4, 2018
 - 4:00pm on Wednesday, June 6, 2018

ITEM 13. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one in attendance addressed the Board.

ITEM 14. Closed Session:

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Bullock, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously entered Closed Session in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a) (3) Attorney-Client Privilege and NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (4) Economic Development at 7:19pm.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Trivette, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board exited Closed Session at 8:27pm.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:28pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Ray Britt, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners