

**June 3, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, June 3, 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
- Dr. Ophelia Munn-Goins
- Arthur Bullock
- Daniel Dowless
- Ashley Trivette
- Russell Priest

Excused: Ray Britt

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

**ITEM 1.** Reverend Jason Lee, Dublin First Baptist Church, provided the Invocation. Guest 4-H’er Allayah Jarmon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM 2. Consent Items:**

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

- A. Agenda.
- B. Minutes of May 20, 2019 Regular Meeting.
- C. Budget Amendments, as follows:

**Sheriff**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>105100.200.016</b>	Supplies – Surplus	10,700.00	
<b>Revenues</b>			
<b>103270.018</b>	HELO	9,100.00	
<b>103270.018</b>	HELO	1,600.00	

Sale of aircraft parts.

**Jail Diversion Grant**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>105100.5110.499.071</b>	Jail Diversion Grant		22,749.05
<b>Revenues</b>			
<b>103260.016</b>	Jail Diversion Grant		22,749.05

To match FY19 Allocation.

**Sheriff**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>105100.120</b>	Salaries	20,477.00	
<b>105100.123</b>	On Call	300.00	
<b>105100.124</b>	Standby Pay		44,400.00
<b>105100.125</b>	Overtime	9,200.00	
<b>105100.126</b>	Part-time	23,100.00	
<b>105100.181</b>	FICA	4,864.00	
<b>105100.184</b>	Retiree Life Insurance	100.00	
<b>105100.185</b>	Retirees Health insurance	13,897.00	
<b>105100.186</b>	LEO 401K		850.00
<b>105100.187</b>	LEO Separation		148.00
<b>105100.182</b>	Retirement		417.00
<b>105100.5110.120</b>	Salaries		3,200.00
<b>105100.5110.125</b>	Overtime	8,300.00	
<b>105100.5110.126</b>	Part-time	14,400.00	
<b>105100.5110.181</b>	FICA	1,200.00	
<b>105100.5110.182</b>	Retirement	1,300.00	
<b>105100.5110.183</b>	Group Insurance		10,700.00
<b>105100.5110.185</b>	Retiree Health Insurance	2,750.00	
<b>105100.5110.186</b>	LEO 401K	250.00	
<b>105100.5120.120</b>	Salaries	9,700.00	
<b>105100.5120.125</b>	Overtime		3,000.00
<b>105100.5120.126</b>	Part-time		8,000.00
<b>105100.5120.181</b>	FICA		900.00
<b>105100.5120.182</b>	Retirement	400.00	
<b>105100.5120.183</b>	Group Insurance		1,700.00

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105100.5120.185	Retiree Health Insurance	900.00	
105100.5140.120	Salaries	600.00	
105100.5140.125	Overtime	250.00	
105100.5140.181	FICA		200.00
105100.5140.182	Retirement	70.00	
105100.5140.183	Group Insurance	50.00	
105100.5140.185	Retiree Health Insurance	150.00	
105100.5160.120	Salaries	6,400.00	
105100.5160.125	Overtime		29.00
105100.5160.181	FICA	500.00	
105100.5160.182	Retirement	650.00	
105100.5160.183	Group Insurance	600.00	
105100.5160.185	Retiree Health Insurance	600.00	
105100.5160.186	LEO 401K	375.00	
105100.5170.120	Salaries	220.00	
105100.5170.125	Overtime	2,900.00	
105100.5170.126	Part-time		2,500.00
105100.5170.181	FICA		500.00
105100.5170.182	Retirement	250.00	
105100.5170.183	Group Insurance	50.00	
105100.5170.185	Retiree Health Insurance	250.00	
105100.5170.186	LEO 401K	120.00	
105100.5175.120	Salaries		14,000.00
105100.5175.125	Overtime	385.00	
105100.5175.181	FICA		1,100.00
105100.5175.182	Retirement		500.00
105100.5175.183	Group Insurance		600.00
105100.5175.185	Retiree Health Insurance	700.00	
105100.5175.186	LEO 401K	550.00	
105100.5176.120	Salaries		200.00
105100.5176.181	FICA		90.00
105100.5176.182	Retirement	80.00	
105100.5176.183	Group Insurance	60.00	
105100.5176.185	Retiree Health Insurance	200.00	
105100.5176.186	LEO 401K	175.00	
105100.610	Sheriff – Contract Services		673.53
<b>Revenues</b>			
103260.015	Sheriff – Litter Pickup	23,770.11	
103270.007	Sheriff – DEA Narc	9,845.36	

To cover salaries and fringe benefits for year end.

**Emergency Services**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105300.120	Salaries	5,100.00	
105300.123	On Call Pay		4,000.00
105300.124	Standby Pay		200.00
105300.125	Overtime	2,700.00	
105300.126	Part-time	110.00	
105300.181	FICA		300.00
105300.182	Retirement	210.00	
105300.183	Group Insurance	100.00	
105300.184	Retiree Life Insurance	550.00	
106930.990	Contingency		1,637.00
<b>Revenues</b>			
103230.030	Emergency Management – Reimbursement	2,633.00	

To cover salaries and fringe benefits for year end.

**Division on Aging**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106200.6230.287	Food – Ensure	3,573.00	
<b>Revenues</b>			
103530.024	Ensure In-Home	3,573.00	

Ensure purchases.

**Parks and Recreation**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106600.126	Part-time		3,658.00
106600.499.008	Deputies	3,658.00	
106600.272	Concession Stand Supplies	1,000.00	
<b>Revenues</b>			
103660.012	Rec Concession Sales	1,000.00	

Year end expenses.

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<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
325302.120	Salaries	42,500.00	
325302.121	Longevity		13.00
325302.125	Overtime	12,200.00	
325302.126	Part-time	9,000.00	

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325302.181	FICA	4,500.00	
325302.182	Retirement	5,500.00	
325302.183	Group Insurance		30,000.00
325302.185	Retiree Health Insurance	6,500.00	
325302.492	Bad Debt	675,000.00	
<b>Revenues</b>			
323190.010	Miscellaneous Revenue	118,000.00	
323280.011	Billing Revenue	607,187.00	

To cover salaries and fringe benefits for year end.

**Single Family Rehab 17**

<b>Expenditures</b>		<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
784991.621.001	Soft Costs	30,000.00	
784991.621.002	Hard Costs	120,000.00	
<b>Revenues</b>			
783970.025	SFR17	150,000.00	

Single Family Rehab budget for DR 2017.

**D. County Attorney Invoices.**

Date	Department	Amount
5/15/2019	Water District	850.00
5/15/2019	Water District	850.00
5/16/2019	E M S	750.00
5/16/2019	Water District	850.00
5/17/2019	Water District	900.00
5/23/2019	Water District	500.00
5/29/2019	Retainer for Jun-2019	300.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>

- E. Tax Releases No. 5-19, incorporated by reference and made a part of these Minutes.
- F. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) FY 2019-20 Budget and supporting documentation.
- G. Designation of Commissioner Ashley Trivette as Bladen County Voting Delegate, and Commissioner Arthur Bullock as Alternate Voting Delegate, to the 2019 National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference.
- H. Fireworks Display at Bay Tree Lakes on Saturday, July 6, 2019 or an Undetermined Rain Date in Accordance with NCGS 14:410-413.
- I. Fireworks Display at Goldston’s Beach on Thursday, July 4, 2019 or an Undetermined Rain Date in Accordance with NCGS 14:410-413
- J. The following Elder Abuse Awareness Day Proclamation:



- K. FY 2019-20 North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) Risk Management Pools Insurance Package Renewals, including Liability and Property, and Workers Compensation Insurance.
- L. The following Resolution in Support of the Utilization of Regional Councils of Governments for the Delivery of State Services:



**ITEM 3. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:**

Chairman Peterson recognized Commissioner Cogdell to address the Board. Commissioner Cogdell expressed concern regarding correspondence which was delivered to the County’s legislative delegation without the Board being made aware. Chairman Peterson provided an overview of the correspondence in question and addressed Commissioner Cogdell’s concerns. Chairman Peterson stated that several letters had been submitted to Legislators regarding a request for a ¼ cent sales tax increase to be authorized by the Board of Commissioners, without

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an advisory referendum. He stated that, in a previous meeting, the Board approved correspondence to be submitted to Legislators regarding a request to authorize a ¼ cent sales tax increase without an advisory referendum. Commissioner Cogdell asked Mr. Martin to provide an update regarding procedure and practice related to Board correspondence.

Chairman Peterson recognized General Services Manager Kip McClary and Water District Manager Alan Edge to provide an update related to the Live Oak well. Mr. McClary and Mr. Edge provided information regarding issues with the Live Oak well location. The White Lake well location has been providing water to Live Oak customers. However, with the water flow changing directions to serve Live Oak customers, sediment which had settled has now been disturbed which has resulted in discolored water. Mr. McClary stated that contractors were called, but no results are yet available. It is unknown if the issue is with the water supply or perhaps an equipment failure. He stated that notices were sent out to customers to provide information.

Commissioner Cogdell inquired regarding GenX detected at the White Oak well site. Mr. McClary did confirm that levels of GenX had been recently reported at 15 ppt (parts per trillion), compared to the State's recommendation of below 140 ppt.

**ITEM 4. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:**

No one in attendance addressed the Board of Commissioners.

**ITEM 5. Oath of Office: (Honorable Niki S. Dennis, Clerk of Superior Court)**

A. Ms. Dennis administered the Oath of Office to recently re-elected Commissioner Russell Priest. Mr. Priest's family joined him.

**ITEM 6. Special Recognition:**

A. Chairman Peterson and the entire Board recognized Tar Heel Rescue Squad Chief Mindie Bowman and Assistant Chief Tim Brown. Mr. Martin expressed appreciation to Ms. Bowman and Mr. Brown for Tar Heel Rescue Squad's impact on the community and county for the 42 years of dedicated service. Chairman Peterson presented to Ms. Bowman and Mr. Brown a plaque on behalf of the entire Board.

B. Mr. Peterson and the entire Board recognized Division on Aging Director Kelly Robeson and Department of Social Services Director Vickie Smith a recently adopted Elder Abuse Awareness Resolution. Clerk to the Board Maria Edwards read aloud the Resolution. The Board expressed appreciation to Mrs. Robeson and Mrs. Smith for their efforts and working with Bladen County's older adults.

C. Chairman Peterson briefly recessed the meeting at 6:54pm.

Chairman Peterson reconvened the meeting at 7:10pm.

**ITEM 7. Public Hearings:**

A. Chairman Peterson declared open a Public Hearing to receive comments regarding the development of a Community Development Block Grant-Neighborhood Revitalization (CDBG-NR) Program Application. No one in attendance addressed the Board. Chairman Peterson declared closed the Public Hearing.

B. Chairman Peterson declared open a Public Hearing to receive comments regarding the Proposed FY 2019-20 appropriations for Economic Development activities. No one in attendance addressed the Board. Chairman Peterson declared closed the Public Hearing.

C. Chairman Peterson declared open a Public Hearing to receive comments regarding the Proposed FY 2019-20 Budget. No one in attendance addressed the Board. Chairman Peterson declared closed the Public Hearing.

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**ITEM 8. Holland Consulting Planners: (Ryan Cox, Project Manager)**

- A. Mr. Cox expressed appreciation to the Board and provided an update regarding ongoing Hurricane Matthew Mitigation Grant recipients and processes. He stated that one project had been completed. Holland Consulting Planners (HCP) continues to provide administrative and programmatic services for the county to eighteen more homeowners. Mr. Cox did indicate that one of the approved recipients may withdraw from the program, and one may request to be transitioned from Reconstruction to Acquisition.  
The Board expressed appreciation.
- B. Mr. Cox provided a brief overview of a bid tabulation for a Hurricane Matthew Rehabilitation project. Upon a motion by Commissioner Trivette, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously approved a HCP recommendation for Holland Construction to be awarded an Ash Street project.

**ITEM 9. Revenue Department: (Renee Davis, Tax Administrator/Assessor)**

Due to Ms. Davis' absence and upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously tabled the following items:

- A. Consider Accepting or Declining a Bid in the Amount of \$7,140 for County-Owned Property (PIN Nos: 1352-0639-9324 and 1352-0639-9482).
- B. Consider Accepting or Declining a Bid in the Amount of \$4,230 for County-Owned Property (PIN No. 2214-0072-6120)
- C. Consider Accepting or Declining a Bid in the Amount of \$7,500 for County-Owned Property (PIN No. 0366-0066-0361)

**ITEM 10. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration During June 17, 2019 Meeting:**

- A. Adult Care Home Advisory Board (1)
- B. Ammon Fire Service District Committee (3)
- C. Elizabethtown Airport/Economic Development Commission (2)
- D. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (3)
- E. Local Emergency Planning Committee (9)
- F. Lumber River Workforce Development Board (2)
- G. Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment (5)
- H. Recreation Committee (4)
- I. Tobermory Fire Service District Committee (2)

**ITEM 11. County Manager: (Greg Martin)**

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed Board calendars for the months of June and July 2019. During calendar review and upon a motion by Commissioner Munn-Goins, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously scheduled a Special Meeting for 6:30pm on Monday, June 24, 2019 regarding FY 2019-20 Budget.
- B. Mr. Martin provided an overview of a Lumber River Workforce Development Board Agreement regarding the National Dislocated Worker Grant. He stated that approximately two (2) individuals who have been working in Hurricane Florence disaster recovery roles may need to drive county-owned vehicles. The original agreement did not allow for that opportunity. He stated that this agreement would allow for them to continue to provide services and drive county-owned vehicles and also be covered by the County's auto policy. Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously approved a Lumber River Workforce Development Board Agreement regarding the National Dislocated Worker Grant.

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**ITEM 12. Closed Session:**

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board entered Closed Session in Accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a) (5) Real Property Purchase at 7:30pm.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Trivette, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board exited Closed Session at 7:58pm.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:59pm.

**ATTEST:**

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Maria C. Edwards, NCCCC  
Clerk to the Board

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Charles R. Peterson, Chairman  
Bladen County Board of Commissioners