

**July 13, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, July 13, 2020. The meeting was held in the Superior Courtroom, located on the second 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  
Ashley Trivette  
Dr. Ophelia Munn-Goins  
Michael Cogdell  
Daniel Dowless  
Arthur Bullock

Excused: Russell Priest

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

**ITEM 1.** Reverend Warren Hill, Bethel Baptist Church, provided an invocation. County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM 2. Consent Items:**

Commissioner Bullock requested to have item 2B, Minutes of the June 15, 2020 Board meeting pulled from the Consent Agenda to be addressed during a future meeting.

Chairman Britt addressed a Resolution, Recommending Adherence to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Guidelines to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19, be added to the August 3, 2020 Board meeting agenda. He stated that the request had been received earlier on July 13, 2020.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent Items, with the removal of Item 2B, Minutes of the June 15, 2020 Board meeting:

- A. Agenda.
- B. ~~Minutes of the June 15, 2020 Regular Meeting.~~ (removed to be addressed during the August 3, 2020 Board meeting)
- C. Review of Budget Amendments through June 30, 2020, as follows:

**Administration/Governing Board**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106800.802	Juvenile Services		17,000.00
104100.739	Non-Inventoriable	17,000.00	

Carpet, paint & repairs to walls and ceilings, and chairs for Commissioners Room.

**Computer Ops/Tax Administration**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104600.740	Capital Outlay		8,000.00
104500.611.009	Contract Services - One Tax	8,000.00	

First year hosting fee and one-time hosting setup fee.

**Tax Administration**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104500.353	Copier Maintenance	400.00	
104500.611.035	Contract Services - NexGen	660.00	
104500.900.001	CC Fees	5,000.00	
104500.900.002	Vehicle Collections	2,000.00	
104500.900.003	Vehicle Fees Collected		2,000.00
106930.990	Contingency		6,060.00

Year End.

**Tax Administration**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104500.192	Professional Services Legal	200.00	
104500.270	Advertising	101.96	
104500.192.002	Professional Legal Foreclosures	34.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.010	Miscellaneous Expense	335.96	

0045899/0045900 112 Karen Drive to Dowless.

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**Register of Deeds**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104800.499.009	Misc - Domestic	1,500.00	
104800.499.017	Misc - Child Abuse	100.00	
104800.499.023	CR - Archive	150.00	
104800.499.073	Misc - Vital Records	700.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103160.016	ROD Online	2,450.00	

Year End.

**Register of Deeds**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104800.120	Salaries	5,200.00	
104800.499.003	Misc - Excise	2,000.00	
104800.680	Floodplain	650.00	
104800.181	FICA	275.00	
104800.182	Retirement	600.00	
104800.185	Retiree Health Ins	325.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103160.012	Floodplain	600.00	
103160.011	ROD-Revenue Stamps	8,450.00	

Year End.

**Central Services**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105000.212	Uniforms	300.00	
105000.351	M/R Jail	4,000.00	
105000.610.006	Contract Services - Inmate Labor	3,850.00	
106930.990	Contingency		8,150.00

Year End.

**Sheriff**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105100.120	Salaries	5,200.00	
105100.125	Overtime	2,100.00	
105100.182	Retirement	1,500.00	
105100.186	LEO 401K	3,500.00	
105100.321	Telephone	5,000.00	
105100.5110.120	Salaries	40,000.00	
105100.5110.125	Overtime	1,100.00	
105100.5110.181	FICA	2,300.00	
105100.5110.182	Retirement	2,850.00	
105100.5110.185	Retiree Health Ins	2,200.00	
105100.5120.120	Salaries	10,850.00	
105100.5120.181	FICA	670.00	
105100.5120.182	Retirement	875.00	
105100.5120.185	Retiree Health Ins	650.00	
105100.5160.120	Salaries		10,000.00
105100.5170.126	Part-Time Salaries		15,000.00
<i>Revenues</i>			
103260.019	Jail - Misdemeanant	53,795.00	

Year End

**Animal Control**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105200.499.028	Spay/Neuter Grant	3,727.16	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103260.041	Spay/Neuter Grant	3,727.16	

Jan-Mar 2020 Application

**Animal Control**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105200.499.028	Spay/Neuter Grant	4,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103260.041	Spay/Neuter Grant	4,000.00	

Apr-June 2020 Application

**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 for Chapel.

**Coroner**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105500.190	Professional Services	10,000.00	
106930.990	Contingency		10,000.00

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**Mental Health**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105990.696	Mental Health - ABC	2,044.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103510.030	ABC 5 Cent Bottle Tax	2,044.00	

Year End.

**Division on Aging**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106200.6225.740	Capital Outlay Equipment	7,500.00	
106200.6225.200	Supplies	5,000.00	
106200.6225.286	Food Home Delivered	12,500.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103530.053	COVID-19 Meals on Wheels America	25,000.00	

MOW America grant.

**Division on Aging**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106200.6230.287	Ensure	1,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103530.024	Ensure	1,000.00	

To purchase ensure.

**Division on Aging**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106200.6230.499	Miscellaneous Expense	402.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103530.016	Operation Fan Heat Relief	402.00	

Cost of Fans.

**Library**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106700.200	Supplies	250.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.010	Miscellaneous Revenue	250.00	

LGFCU donation for summer reading supplies.

**Administration**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106800.840	COVID-19	782,398.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.003	CRF	782,398.00	

Year End.

**Education**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106910.882	BOE - Sales Tax	255,102.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	255,102.00	

Year End.

**Education**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106910.887	Public School Bldg Fund	230,197.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103110.070	Public School Bldg Fund	230,197.00	

Year End.

**Special Revenue - CRF**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
116800.840	Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF)	782,398.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
113190.003	Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF)	782,398.00	

Special revenue for the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

**Department of Social Services**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.6160.545	Federal Adoption Incentive	8,995.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143591.080	Federal Adoption Incentive	8,995.00	

Expenses for the Foster Care Children Unit.

**Department of Social Services**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.120	Salaries		221.88
146100.6160.590	Special Foster Care	110.94	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.280	SSBG		110.94

Medical bill for County Paid Foster Child.

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**Department of Social Services**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.120	Salaries		20,025.26
146100.6160.590	Special Foster Care	10,012.63	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.280	SSBG		10,012.63

Medical bill for County Paid Foster Child.

**Department of Social Services**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.120	Salaries		668.00
146100.6160.590	Special Foster Care	334.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.280	SSBG		334.00

Medical bill for County Paid Foster Child.

**Solid Waste**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
205800.350	M/R Building & Grounds	2,000.00	
205800.610	Contract Services	2,000.00	
205800.611.017	Contract Services - Hauling	25,000.00	
205800.810	Storm/Disaster	36,916.00	
205805.212	Uniforms	300.00	
205805.499	Misc Expense	160.00	
205805.610	Contract Services	55.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
203190.012	FEMA Reimbursement	36,916.00	
203170.040	Sale of Assets	6,500.00	
203321.007	Fees - Tipping	23,015.00	

Year End.

**Water Construction**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
234700.192	Professional Services Legal	31,000.00	
234700.270	Advertising	858.00	
234700.499	Misc Expense	24,364.00	
234700.990	Contingency		56,222.00

Year End.

**Water**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
254702.321	Telephone	1,000.00	
254702.325	Postage	1,000.00	
254702.900.001	CC Fees	10,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
253420.010	CC Fees	10,000.00	
253420.004	Tap Fees	2,000.00	

Year End

**Economic Development**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
307200.491	Dues & Subs	181.00	
307200.920	DMV Rent	642.00	
307200.940	Joblink	2,773.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
303421.030	DMV Rent	642.00	
303421.031	Joblink	2,773.00	
303180.010	Interest	181.00	

Year End

**Tar Heel FD**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
415341.900.003	Vehicle Fees Collected	130.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
413101.015	NCVTS	130.00	

Year End.

**Carvers Creek FD**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
435343.900.003	Vehicle Fees Collected	25.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
433101.015	NCVTS	25.00	

Year End.

**Atkinson FD**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
495349.900.003	Vehicle Fees Collected	5.00	
495349.610	Contract Services	30.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
493101.015	NCVTS	35.00	

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**Hospital Rental Fund**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
665999.744	Principal	5,425.00	
665999.745	Interest	16.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
663170.010	Rents	5,441.00	

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D. Budget Amendments through July 13, 2020, as follows:

**Finance**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104400.499	Miscellaneous Expense	3,354.10	
104400.740	Capital Outlay-Equipment	121,194.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	124,548.10	

Rollover for Kitchen project and Dot.net package.

**Tax Administration**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104500.192	Professional Legal	200.00	
104500.192.002	Professional Foreclosures	34.00	
104500.270	Advertising	120.16	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.010	Miscellaneous Revenue	354.16	

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**Sheriff's Office**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105100.200.016	Supplies	1,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103270.009	Donations	1,000.00	

Town of Bladenboro donations for response trailer setup.

**Sheriff's Office**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105100.200.016	Supplies	1,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103270.009	Donations	1,000.00	

Town of White Lake donations for response trailer setup.

**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	

Chapel rent for maintenance.

**Emergency Services**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105300.350.001	M/R Prison Camp	3,595.73	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	3,595.73	

Rollover Chapel rent for maintenance.

**Revaluation**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
317201.200	Supplies	3,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
313190.05	Fund Balance Appropriation	3,000.00	

Setup expenses for Revaluation.

**EMS**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
325302.740	Capital Outlay-Equipment	11,676.56	
106900.904	To EMS	11,676.56	
<i>Revenues</i>			
323422.002	Fm General Fund	11,676.56	
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	11,676.56	

Rollover for delay on Stair chairs.

**Kelly FD**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
385338.610	Contract Services	5.00	
385338.900.003	Vehicle Fees Collected	50.00	
385338.499	Miscellaneous Expense	11,823.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
3831010.010	Taxes - Current Ad Valorem		1,822.00
383101.020	Taxes - Last Year Ad Valorem		200.00
383101.030	Taxes - Prior Ad Valorem		100.00
383180.010	Interest on Investment		1,000.00
383190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	15,000.00	

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Request received 06/17/2020.

**Rowan FD**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>505350.610</b>	Contract Services	1,043.00	
<b>505350.499</b>	Miscellaneous Expense		2,056.00
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>503101.010</b>	Taxes – Current Ad Valorem		1,013.00

Request received 06/17/2020.

**E. County Attorney Invoices.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
6/12/2020	Administration	800.00
6/12/2020	Human Resources	850.00
6/23/2020	Planning	1,225.00
6/29/2020	Sheriff's Office	750.00
7/06/2020	July-2020 Retainer	300.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,925.00</b>

- F. Tax Releases No. 6-20, incorporated by reference and made a part of these Minutes.
- G. Bid in the Amount of \$3,460 for County-Owned Property (PIN No. 0259-0001-2542), located off Evans Road, Bladenboro, submitted by Jerry Lucy, Jr. By accepting the bid, the upset bid process was initiated.
- H. Bid in the Amount of \$3,625 for County-Owned Property (PIN No. 0337-0089-0533), located off Boones Trail, submitted by Patrick Drye. By accepting the bid, the upset bid process was initiated.
- I. Bid in the Amount of \$9,890 for County-Owned Property (PIN No. 0347-0092-8863), located at 789 Spring Branch Road, submitted by Patrick Drye. By accepting the bid, the upset bid process was initiated.
- J. Bid in the Amount of \$5,470 for County-Owned Property (PIN No. 1354-0020-0670), located off Esterville Road, submitted by Darius Smith. By accepting the bid, the upset bid process was initiated.
- K. Bid in the Amount of \$500 for County-Owned Property (PIN No. 0268-0898-2806), located off Bladenboro Airport Road, submitted by Malcolm Parker. By accepting the bid, the upset bid process was initiated.
- L. FY 2020-21 School Health Addendum.
- M. FY 2020-21 On Target Preparedness, LLC Contract.
- N. FY 2020-21 Pharmacy Service Agreement with Dickerson's Pharmacy.
- O. FY 2020-21 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with North Carolina Alliance of Public Health Agencies, Inc. (NCAPHA).
- P. FY 2020-21 Professional Services Agreement with Bladen Healthcare, LLC, d/b/a Cape Fear Valley Bladen County Hospital to Provide Medical Direction and Supervision of Mid-Level Medical Practitioners.
- Q. FY 2020-21 Professional Services Agreement with Bladen Healthcare, LLC, d/b/a Cape Fear Valley Bladen County Hospital to Provide Tuberculosis Chest X-Ray Services.
- R. FY 2020-21 Professional Services Agreement with Bladen Healthcare, LLC, d/b/a Cape Fear Valley Bladen County Hospital to Provide Prenatal and Postpartum Services.
- S. FY 2020-21 Professional Services Agreement with Bladen Healthcare, LLC, d/b/a Cape Fear Valley Bladen County Hospital to Provide Family Nurse Practitioner Services.
- T. FY 2020-21 Home and Community Care Block Grant for Older Adults.
- U. FY 2020-21 Department of Social Services Agreement with Bladen County Sheriff's Office to Provide Security Services.
- V. FY 2020-21 Department of Social Services Agreement with Johnson Law Firm to Provide Legal Services.
- W. FY 2020-21 Department of Social Services Agreement with Bladen County Sheriff's Office to Provide Law Enforcement Services.
- X. FY 2020-21 Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation Services Agreement with JOSS Transportation Services.
- Y. FY 2020-21 Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation Services Agreement with West Bladen Assisted Living, LLC.

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- Z. FY 2020-21 Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation Services Agreement with Woods Transportation.
- AA. FY 2020-21 Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation Services Agreement with Young Wings, LLC.
- BB. Review of June 2020 Adult Medicaid Audit Results.
- CC. US Bank Equipment Finance Agreement for the Purchase of Twelve (12) Zoll Debibrillators.
- DD. AARP Senior Community Service Employment Program Host Agency Agreement.
- EE. Adoption of Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA): Employer Paid Leave Policy.

**ITEM 3. Individual/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:**

Chairman Britt recognized Ms. Minnie Price to address the Board. Ms. Price expressed concern regarding a Commissioner's use of letterhead that included the County Seal in response to a personal matter. Following brief discussion and by Commissioner Cogdell's request, the correspondence will be submitted to County Attorney Allen Johnson for review.

**ITEM 4. Matters of Interest:**

Chairman Britt recognized Commissioner Bullock to address the Board. Commissioner Bullock asked that garbage on Peanut Plant Road be investigated. He stated that odors emanating from the trash were offensive. Mr. Martin stated that he would ask General Services Manager Kip McClary and Planning Director Greg Elkins to follow up on the situation.

Chairman Britt recognized Commissioner Peterson to address the Board. Commissioner Peterson provided information regarding a previous request by Ms. Lynn Warren for a larger Christmas tree to be displayed on the Courthouse lawn. He stated that the donations in the amount of \$7,000 have been raised to purchase the 14' Christmas tree.

Chairman Britt recognized Commissioner Munn-Goins to address the Board. Commissioner Munn-Goins stated that she had spoken with residents in the Kelly, East Arcadia, and Carvers Creek communities regarding concerns associated with Elwell Ferry not operating. Emergency Services Director Nathan Dowless, who was in attendance, addressed Commissioner Munn-Goins concerns. He stated that he had been in contact with the NC Department of Transportation regarding the inoperable Elwell Ferry. He provided an update regarding a damaged cable, which has now been delivered, but not yet installed. He also stated that the long-time contractor/operator has recently passed way, and a search for a new operator is underway.

Commissioner Munn-Goins also expressed concern regarding the Town of East Arcadia and a recently approved solar farm Special Use Permit. She inquired if the Board of Commissioners would have an opportunity to respond to concerns expressed by the Town of East Arcadia. County Attorney and Planning Board Attorney Allen Johnson stated that the Planning Board properly approved the Special Use Permit. If a group or individual wishes to appeal the decision of the Planning Board, the appeal should be filed with the Bladen County Superior Court.

Chairman Britt recognized Commissioner Gooden to address the Board. Commissioner Gooden expressed concern regarding a number of locations on Rosindale Road, between Clark's Crossroads and White Plains Church Road, where the asphalt has settled around installed culverts/pipes which have caused safety issues and uneven surfaces. Mr. Martin indicated that he would contact the NC Department of Transportation regarding Commissioner Gooden's concerns.

Chairman Britt recognized Commissioner Bullock to address the Board. Commissioner Bullock requested that a Proclamation identifying Racism as a Public Health crisis be included for consideration during the upcoming meeting.

- A. Chairman Britt stated that he would be glad to serve as Voting Delegate to the National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference. There being no objection, by consensus, Chairman Britt was designated to serve as Voting Delegate to the 2020 NACo Annual Conference.

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- B. Chairman Britt stated that he would be glad to serve as Voting Delegate to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) Annual Conference. There being no objection, by consensus, Chairman Britt was designated to serve as Voting Delegate to the 2020 NCACC Annual Conference.

**ITEM 5. Health and Human Services Agency: (Dr. Terri Duncan, Director)**

- A. Dr. Duncan provided an update regarding COVID-19. Following Dr. Duncan's update and further discussion, the Board expressed appreciation.

**ITEM 6. Sheriff's Office: (Jim McVicker, Sheriff)**

- A. In Sheriff McVicker's absence, Captain Jeff Singletary and Emergency Services/Public Safety IT/GIS Supervisor Jeff Kulp provided an overview of a proposed video visitation service agreement with Montgomery Technology, Inc. Captain Singletary stated that this service would generate revenue for the Sheriff's Office. He further stated that due to COVID-19, the availability of the service is timely.

Following brief discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously approved a Montgomery Technology, Inc. Video Visitation Service Agreement.

**ITEM 7. Finance Office: (Lisa Coleman, Finance Officer):**

- A. Mrs. Coleman reviewed a Financial Dashboard for the twelve-month period ending June 30, 2020. She reminded the Board, that due to a three-month delay, sales tax revenues would be rolled back into FY 2019-20 through September 2020.

Following brief discussion, the Board expressed appreciation.

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

- A. Mr. Morris provided an overview of a grant opportunity to remove stream debris caused by Hurricane Florence. These funds could be used on the following rivers and water courses: Big Swamp, Crawley Swamp, Hammonds Creek, White Oak/Buckle Canal, Horsepen Branch, and Lower East Arcadia.

Following brief discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously approved a Watershed Restoration Project Agreement and Project Budget Ordinance in the amount of \$705,771.

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

- A. Mr. Dowless provided an overview of an updated Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. He stated that the previous Hazard Mitigation Plan had included Bladen and Columbus Counties. For this updated regional plan, Robeson County has also been included. He further stated that, if positively accepted by the Board of Commissioners, he would then share the plan with each municipality for adoption as well. Following brief discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Bullock, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously approved the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented, and approved the following Resolution of Adoption of the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan:



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Commissioner Bullock inquired regarding an update of the ongoing NC Rebuild program. Mr. Dowless stated that, due to COVID-19, it might be September before state representatives are on site to receive applications. However, he shared that his office was assisting residents with applying on line through the NC Rebuild program. Commissioner Cogdell also shared that he has started collecting applications in Elizabethtown as well.

**ITEM 10. Advisory Board Appointments:**

- A. **Animal Control Board (1)** Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board appointed Gail Dove to a three-year term, with the term expiring June 30, 2023.
- B. **Library Board (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board appointed Patricia Meshaw to an unexpired term, with the term expiring December 31, 2022.
- C. **Tobermory Fire Department Firefighters Relief Fund Advisory Board (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board tabled the appointment.

**ITEM 11. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration in August:**

- A. **Lower Cape Fear Water & Sewer Authority (2)**

**ITEM 12. County Manager: (Greg Martin)**

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed calendars for the months of July and August 2020.
- B. Mr. Martin recognized the following employees upon their years of service:

Employee	Department	Years of Service
Christine Johnson	Division on Aging	5
Amanda Wilkins	BARTS	5
Vertis McKoy	BARTS	15
Barbara McLaurin	Senior Center	5
Mayra Trejo	D S S	5
Tamera Heckstall	D S S	5
Jose Gotay	D S S	10
Susan Daniel	D S S	15
Brenda Burney	D S S	20
Janice Hayes	Finance	20
Pam Burns	Housekeeping	10
Elizabeth Blanks	4-H and JCPC	15
Joe Lacewell	Motor Pool	25
Glorietta Barnes	Revenue	15
Morgan Johnson	Sheriff's Office	15
Thomas Atkinson	Sheriff's Office	15
Tracey Hatcher	Sheriff's Office	15
Leon Graham	Sheriff's Office	25

Mr. Martin congratulated each of the employees and shared with the Board that Certificates of Appreciation and a monetary gift had been submitted to Department Managers to be distributed to the recognized employees.

- C. Mr. Martin provided a brief update regarding the development of a Small Business Assistance plan designed to utilize Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) funding. He further stated that a Commissioners' ad-hoc committee is scheduled to meet following the Board meeting adjournment.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

**ATTEST:**

**July 13, 2020**

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Maria C. Edwards, NCCCC  
Clerk to the Board

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Ray Britt, Chairman  
Bladen County Board of Commissioners