

**August 5, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, August 5, 2019. The meeting was held in the Commissioners’ Room, located on the lower level of the Bladen County Courthouse, 106 East Broad Street, Elizabethtown.

The following members were present:

- Charles R. Peterson, Chairman
- David R. Gooden, Vice Chairman
- Michael Cogdell
- Dr. Ophelia Munn-Goins
- Daniel Dowless
- Ray Britt
- Russell Priest

Excused: Ashley Trivette  
Arthur Bullock

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

Chairman Peterson announced that Commissioners Trivette and Bullock were out of town and unable to attend the Board meeting.

**ITEM 1.** Reverend Chris Hefner, Zion Hill Baptist Church, provided the Invocation. County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM 2. Consent Items:**

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

- A. Agenda.
- B. Minutes of the July 22, 2019 Regular Meeting.
- C. Budget Amendments through August 5, 2019, as follows:

**Sheriff**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>105100.200.016</b>	Supplies – Surplus Proceeds	23,558.23	
<b>105100.200.021</b>	Supplies-K9	4,650.63	
<b>105100.200.022</b>	Supplies – GREAT	172.40	
<b>105100.395.006</b>	Schools –GREAT	644.66	
<b>105100.499.043</b>	Incident Provisions	2,370.71	
<b>Revenues</b>			
<b>103190.050</b>	Fund Balance Appropriation	31,396.63	

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**Sheriff**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>105100.5177.740.013</b>	Sheriff – Grant 5867-A	100,000.00	
<b>Revenues</b>			
<b>103270.033</b>	Sheriff – Grant 5867-A	100,000.00	

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**Soil Conservation**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>106400.0499.006</b>	Misc Expense – Drill	36,755.20	
<b>Revenues</b>			
<b>103190.050</b>	Fund Balance Appropriation	36,755.20	

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**Parks & Recreation**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>106600.910</b>	Special Use Appropriation	1,550.00	
<b>Revenues</b>			
<b>103660.009</b>	Recreation Donation	1,550.00	

Dixie Pre-Majors Donation

**Parks & Recreation**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>106600.910</b>	Special Use Appropriation	600.00	
<b>Revenues</b>			
<b>103660.009</b>	Recreation Donation	600.00	

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**Library**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106700.740	Capital Outlay	48,927.00	
106700.234	Electronic Materials	35,000.00	
106700.200	Supplies	1,240.00	
106700.610	Contracted Services	5,788.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	90,955.00	

Rollover 18-19 balance of \$82,155 and new request for asbestos totaling \$8,800.00.

**Department of Social Services**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.6160.499.050	Memorials	100.00	
146100.6160.545	Federal Adoption Funds	3,789.79	
146100.6160.571	Caring for Kids	2,634.79	
146100.6160.650.001	Foster Care Donations	166.83	
146100.6160.650.002	Child Abuse Awareness	334.80	
146100.6160.650.003	Adult Abuse Awareness	135.01	
106900.903	TO DSS	7,161.22	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143550.080	Fm General Fund	7,161.22	
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	7,161.22	

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**Department of Social Services**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.6161.739	Non-Inventorable	2,020.00	
146100.6161.341	Printing	500.00	
146100.6161.200	Supplies	2,180.78	
146100.6161.499.067	Monetary Incentives	2,000.00	
146100.6161.310.003	Participant Transportation	2,000.00	
146100.6161.310	Travel	6,724.93	
146100.6161.499	Miscellaneous Expense	1,200.00	
146100.6161.801	Indirect Costs	2,400.00	
146100.6161.288	Food	1,185.72	
146100.6161.499.068	Mon-Montetary Incentives	5,850.00	
146100.6161.990	Contingency	6,762.00	
106900.903	TO DSS	32,823.43	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143550.080	Fm General Fund	32,823.43	
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	32,823.43	

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**Solid Waste**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
205800.398	Keep Bladen Beautiful	2,015.82	
<i>Revenues</i>			
203190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	2,015.82	

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**Hickory Grove FD**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
375337.499	Miscellaneous Expense	25,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
373190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	25,000.00	

Needed repairs for pump on truck 642 and repairs for truck 645.

**Elizabethtown FD**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
455345.627	Equipment Purchases	20,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
453190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	20,000.00	

To purchase 1995 LMTV apparatus to replace an older existing fire apparatus.

**Equitable Sharing**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
535100.200	Supplies	797.68	
535100.212	Uniforms	185.50	
535100.395	Schools	698.36	
535100.499	Miscellaneous Expense	817.44	
535100.499.058	Miscellaneous - Justice	25,261.61	
535100.739	Non-Inventorable	4,215.69	
<i>Revenues</i>			
533190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	31,976.28	

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**D. County Attorney Invoices.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
6/18/2019	Governing Board	1,250.00

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6/24/2019	Sheriff's Office	525.00
6/25/2019	Governing Board	500.00
7/02/2019	Governing Board	850.00
7/03/2019	Sheriff's Office	250.00
7/05/2019	Health Department	525.00
7/10/2019	E M S	525.00
7/17/2019	D S S	2,750.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,175.00</b>

E. CodeRED Services Renewal Agreement and Addendum in the Amount of \$11,300 for the Period of September 9, 2019 through September 8, 2020.

F. The following resolution Designating Applicant's Agent Regarding Disaster Number DR4283-DRA17:



G. The following resolution Designating Applicant's Agent Regarding Disaster Number DR4283-HM DRA:



H. The following resolution Designating Applicant's Agent Regarding Disaster Number DR4283-HMGP:



I. The following resolution Designating Applicant's Agent Regarding Disaster Number DR4394-HMGP:



J. The following resolution Designating Applicant's Agent Regarding Disaster Number FEMA 4393-DR-NC:



K. The following resolution Designating Applicant's Agent Regarding Disaster Number DR-4285:



L. Designation of Ray Britt as Voting Delegate to the NC Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) Annual Conference.

M. FY 2019-20 Service Agreement for Legal Services between Bladen County Department of Social Services and Johnson & Johnson Attorneys at Law, PLLC.

N. FY 2019-20 Contract and Agreement for Child Welfare Services between Bladen County Department of Social Services and Bladen County Sheriff's Office.

O. Mobile Communications America Agreement for Geo-Diverse Vesta 911 System for the Period of August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2020.

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- P. Brady Scheduled Service Agreement in the Amount of \$10,704 for the Period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 for Equipment installed in the Detention and Law Enforcement Center.
- Q. Nixon Power Services Company Planned Maintenance Agreement in the Amount of \$6,370 for a Generator installed at the Detention and Law Enforcement Center.
- R. Williams Fire Sprinkler Inspection Service Agreement in the Amount of \$9,927 for Equipment installed at the Detention and Law Enforcement Center.
- S. FY 2019-20 Home and Community Care Block Grant for Older Adults for the Benefit of Division on Aging.

**ITEM 3. Special Recognition:**

- A. Chairman Peterson and the entire Board recognized the Dianne Hatcher upon her retirement effective August 1, 2019. Detention Center Administrator Captain David Shaw, along with the Commissioners, expressed appreciation to Ms. Hatcher for her dedicated twenty-two (22) years as a Detention Officer. The Board presented to Ms. Hatcher a plaque. Ms. Hatcher expressed appreciation.
- B. Chairman Peterson recognized Planning Director Greg Elkins to introduce the Bladen County summer intern Ray Jones. Mr. Elkins shared some of Mr. Jones' experiences while interning with the Planning, Economic Development, Soil and Water Conservation, and Environmental Health departments. Mr. Jones expressed appreciation for the opportunity to be able to briefly experience local government activities and delivery of county services.

**ITEM 4. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:**

Chairman Peterson recognized Commissioner Munn-Goins to address the Board. She inquired regarding her request to develop a policy or procedure, at no cost to citizens, to curtail out of county residents from utilizing Bladen County services at solid waste convenience sites. Mr. Martin assured Commissioner Munn-Goins that research is ongoing and information is expected to be presented during the August 19 meeting.

Chairman Peterson appointed Commissioners Cogdell, Gooden, Britt and himself to serve on a committee to develop a policy for the distribution of funds which have been earmarked for three communities (Bladenboro, East Arcadia, and Kelly) during the FY 2019-20 Budget process. A meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

Chairman Peterson inquired regarding a Phase IV water system expansion update. Mr. Martin indicated that he had recently spoken with Mr. Adam Kiker of LKC Engineering. He stated that the process is going well, but that he would ask the Mr. Kiker provide updates to the Board on a monthly basis.

Chairman Peterson stated that he had recently visited the Kelly levee to check on progress of the temporary repairs. He shared that there have been ten (10) breaches repaired.

**ITEM 5. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:**

Chairman Peterson recognized Mr. E. W. Bowen to address the Board. Mr. Bowen inquired regarding the beaver program and updates. Commissioner Gooden stated that a meeting was schedule for the following week to further discuss a program. Mr. Bowen expressed appreciation.

**ITEM 6. Bladen County Schools: (Sharon Penny, Finance Officer)**

- A. Mrs. Penny provided a brief overview of a Capital Outlay Projects Request in the amount of \$258,357.70 for the period of March 20, 2019 through June 24, 2019. Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner

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Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously approved a Capital Outlay Projects Request in the amount of \$258,357.70.

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

- A. Mrs. Smith expressed appreciation to the Board for allocating funding for a Security Deputy in the DSS lobby. She stated that not only staff have expressed appreciation, but the patrons have as well.
- Mrs. Smith provided a brief overview of a FY 2019-20 Contract and Agreement with the Bladen County Sheriff's Office for security services. Following brief discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously approved a FY 2019-20 Contract and Agreement with the Bladen County Sheriff's Office for security services.

Chairman Peterson recognized Health and Human Services Director Terri Duncan and congratulated her upon recently achieving her Doctorate in Nursing Practice (DNP). Board members and those in attendance expressed best wishes.

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

- A. Ms. Davis provided an overview of a recently received bid in the amount of \$10,000 for County-owned property (PIN No. 2203-1443-0874). Mrs. Davis explained that as the bidder is a close relative of the former property owner, a private sale has been requested. The investment to the County is \$10,000 for the 1.02 acre tract of land which carries an assessed tax value of \$29,170. Upon a motion by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously accepted the \$10,000 bid for County-owned property (PIN No. 2203-1443-0874) and also approved the request for a private sale.

**ITEM 9. Planning Department: (Greg Elkins, Director)**

- A. Mr. Elkins presented a response submitted by Holland Consulting Planners to a Request for Proposal (RFP) for grant administration and programmatic services for the Bladen County Hurricane Florence Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Mr. Elkins stated that the RFP was advertised two different times as the only response was received from Holland Consulting Planners. The advertisement was published in the Bladen Journal (a newspaper of general circulation) on June 11 with a response deadline of July 2, 2019; and on July 9 with a response deadline of July 19, 2019.
- Following brief discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Munn-Goins, seconded by Commissioner Britt, the Board unanimously accepted the response submitted by Holland Consulting Planners and authorized the development of an Agreement to provide grant administration and programmatic services for the Bladen County Hurricane Florence Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

Commissioner Cogdell inquired when an update from Holland Consulting Planners would be provided to the Board. Mr. Elkins stated that Mr. Ryan Cox would provide that information at an upcoming Board meeting.

**ITEM 10. Advisory Board Appointments:**

- A. **Lumber River Workforce Development Board (2):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously reappointed Thomas Brooks to a three-year term of service; and appointed Smithfield Plant Human Resources Manager Jessica Wilson to a three-year term of service, with the terms expiring June 30, 2022.

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**ITEM 11. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration During August 19, 2019 Meeting:**

- A. Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority (2)
- B. Recreation Advisory Committee (1)

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

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed Board calendars for the months of August and September 2019.
- B. Mr. Martin provided an overview FY 2019-20 Charitable Donation applications received. Mr. Martin stated that five applications were received, as follows:

- American Legion Post #404 \$2,500
- Bladenboro Historical Society to be determined by Board
- Bladen Co. Youth Focus Project to be determined by Board
- Lower Cape Fear Hospice \$1,000
- Special Olympics Bladen County \$2,000

Mr. Martin reviewed historical information regarding charitable donations and provided the budgeted amount of \$6,425. He reminded the Board that United Way Day of Caring and the Bladen County Hospital Foundation have benefited in the recent past as well. He further stated that this was being shared for information and no action was being requested at this time.

**ITEM 16. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:**

No one in attendance addressed the Board.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Britt, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

**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