

September 4, 2018

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 in the Commissioners’ 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
- Dr. Ophelia Munn-Goins
- Ashley Trivette

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

ITEM 1. Reverend Larry Hayes of Good News Baptist Church provided the Invocation. Guest 4-H'er Olivia Barnes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2. Consent Items:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously amended the Agenda to include a Closed Session immediately following Item 14. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners, in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) Attorney-Client Privilege.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously approved the Amended Consent Items.

- A. Agenda, with the addition of a Closed Session following Item 14. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners.
- B. Minutes of August 20, 2018 Regular Meeting.
- C. Budget Amendments, as follows:

Sheriff

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105100.187	Law Enforcement Separation	24,692.25	
105100.187	Law Enforcement Separation	29,178.54	
106930.990	Contingency		29,178.54
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	24,692.25	

To reflect Orbits (Employee Retirement System) creditable years of service.

Sheriff

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105100.5110.499.071	Jail Diversion Grant	46,520.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103260.016	Jail Diversion Grant	46,520.00	

2nd year of Jail Diversion Grant.

Emergency Services - HM DRA17

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105304.960.020	Elevation	150,000.00	
105304.960.008	Reconstruction	750,000.00	
105304.960.001	Administration	100,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103230.045	HM DRA17	1,000,000.00	

Setup of HM DRA17 Grant

Health

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105900.5915.200	Supplies		979.00
105900.5915.395	Schools/Meetings		1,000.00
105900.5915.610	Contracted Services		1,000.00
<i>Revenues</i>			
103530.105	DHHS - BT		2,979.00

Cut in State funding.

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Library

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106700.200	Supplies & Materials	20.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.010	Miscellaneous Revenue	20.00	

Patron Donation to assist with Library programming.

D. County Attorney Invoices.

Date	Department	Amount
8/03/2018	Sheriff's Office	\$ 275.00
8/24/2018	Governing Board	\$ 775.00
8/24/2018	Tax Administration	\$ 525.00
8/27/2018	Governing Board	\$ 525.00
8/27/2018	Sheriff's Office	\$ 525.00
9/04/2018	Sept-2018 Retainer	\$ 300.00
	Total	\$ 2,925.00

- E. FY 2018-19 Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation Agreement with JOSS Transportation.
- F. FY 2018-19 Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation Agreement with West Bladen Assisted Living, LLC.
- G. FY 2018-19 Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation Agreement with Woods Transportation.
- H. FY 2018-19 Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation Agreement with Young Wings, LLC.
- I. Adoption of the following Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month Proclamation:



- J. PSA Electronic Systems, Inc. Proposal and Agreement regarding a Security System for the Administration Building.

ITEM 3. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

Chairman Britt recognized Commissioner Cogdell to address the Board. Commissioner Cogdell inquired regarding a budget appropriation for Parks and Recreation projects around the county. Mr. Martin stated that there was an appropriation in a contingency line item which the Board could use for any reason. However, Mr. Martin stated that the policy was not yet approved. The proposed policy will be included on an upcoming Agenda.

Chairman Britt recognized Commissioner Munn-Goins to address the Board. Commissioner Munn-Goins asked about information which could be shared with residents in the Kelly and Carvers Creek areas related to water quality. She stated that some individuals felt that their private wells may contain GenX, either directly in their water supplies or perhaps through air. Mr. Martin stated that Chemours is testing private wells around their facility. However, the testing area is approximately 5.5 miles from the facility.

Chairman Britt stated that there had been another GenX update meeting at the Powell-Melvin Agriculture Center on Thursday, August 30. He provided additional information related to bottled water being provided by Chemours. It had been reported recently that Chemours had quit providing bottled water to residents adjacent to the Chemours facility. Chairman Britt stated that bottled water is being home delivered to those affected households. Evidently, there had been a few individuals who had bottled water home delivery and also picked up additional water at the Chemours site. He stated that residents who are concerned should reach out to NC Department of Environmental Quality for assistance and information. He reminded everyone of the ongoing investigation by NCDEQ.

Chairman Britt recognized Commissioner Cogdell to address the Board. Commissioner Cogdell expressed his intent of providing updates of ongoing Eastpointe business and activities in the near future.

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Chairman Britt recognized Commissioner Peterson to address the Board. Commissioner Peterson inquired regarding the Personnel Policy and a committee to review the entire policy and possibly provide recommendations to the Board. Mr. Martin assured Commissioner Peterson that the process was going forth.

Chairman Britt provided a brief overview regarding a recent meeting held at the Hurricane Matthew recovery application site which has been established at the Bladen County Public Safety Training Center. He also stated that Governor Roy Cooper was in attendance and was provided an update regarding a proposed driving pad construction project. Chairman Britt also stated that he had the opportunity to discuss ongoing school construction standards concerns with Governor Cooper. He shared that he had an opportunity to attend an event in Charlotte on Friday, August 31, 2018, where President Trump was also in attendance. Chairman Britt provided a list of challenges for Bladen County, such as water quality related to GenX, the local hog industry being under legal attack, and water discoloration issues at White Lake.

Commissioner Peterson also stated that he had spoken with Senators Britt and Rabon regarding a proposed driving pad construction project.

ITEM 4. Special Recognition:

- A. Chairman Britt and the entire Board recognized and congratulated Tony Sessoms upon his retirement from the Bladen County Sheriff's Office effective September 1, 2018. Mr. Sessoms expressed appreciation.

ITEM 5. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one in attendance addressed the Board members.

ITEM 6. Cape Fear Resource Conservation and Development: (Danielle Darkangelo, Executive Director)

- A. Planning Director Greg Elkins introduced Ms. Darkangelo to the Board. She expressed appreciation for the opportunity to return and present a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding a project designed to assess aquatic activity in the Black River. As a part of the project, she stated that approximately 200 culverts would be assessed, ranked, and prioritized to assist in determining the top 5 culverts to improve the flow of water into the Black River. She and Mr. Elkins stated that meetings to gather information from residents are scheduled to be held on Thursday, September 27 in both Bladen and Pender Counties. Initially, the meeting was to be held at the Powell-Melvin Agriculture Center, but locations in the Kelly area are being considered.
- B. Following additional discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Cape Fear Resource Conservation and Development, Inc.

ITEM 7. Soil and Water Conservation: (Dean Morris, Director)

- A. Mr. Morris provided a brief overview of a Service Agreement in the amount of \$128,000 with D. G. Jackson Construction to provide storm debris removal in the Lower South River. He reminded the Board that the Golden LEAF grant would fund this project. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously approved a Service Agreement with D. G. Jackson Construction.

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ITEM 8. Health and Human Services Agency: (Sheila Rains, Communicable Disease Nurse)

A. Ms. Rains expressed appreciation to the Board for an opportunity to review numbers of identified communicable disease cases in Bladen County for the period of August 28, 2017 through August 28, 2018. She indicated that there are more cases identified this year, but she regards that increase to more individuals seeking assistance and treatment. She also stated that there is a definite need for education to assist in lowering actual cases.

Ms. Rains focused on the two (2) identified tuberculosis cases and how many providers are involved with each patient, as it never affects just one person.

Chairman Britt and the Board commended Ms. Rains and her co-workers for their dedication to Bladen County citizens.

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

A. Mrs. Davis provided an overview of a bid in the amount of \$1,000 submitted for county-owned property located on Natmore Road (PIN #2214-00-72-6120). She stated that the 8.0 acre tract carries a tax value of \$12,700 and an investment to the County was currently \$4,230. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously declined Mr. Hines' bid in the amount of \$1,000 for county-owned property located on Natmore Road (PIN #2214-00-72-6120).

B. Mrs. Davis provided an overview of a bid in the amount of \$2,900 submitted by Carysfort Reef, LLC for county-owned property located on Figure 9 Road (PIN #1265-00-67-2409). She stated that the .91 acre tract carries a tax value of \$3,410 and an investment to the County was currently \$2,900. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously accepted a bid in the amount of \$2,900 for county-owned property located on Figure 9 Road (PIN #1265-00-67-2409).

ITEM 10. Computer Operations: (Robin Hewett, Director)

A. Mr. Hewett presented information which is being shared with all Bladen County employees related to potential viruses delivered by emails. He stated that this and similar training will be shared by departments and will be specific to Bladen County employees. He shared that he wanted each county employee to know how and what to do with suspicious emails.

ITEM 11. Advisory Board Appointments:

A. Hickory Grove Fire District Committee (1): Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously appointed Everlene Owens to a three-year term of service, with the term expiring June 30, 2021.

B. Industrial and Pollution Control Financing Authority (3): Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board unanimously appointed Paul Evans and Don White to six-year terms of service, with the terms expiring August 16, 2024..

C. Kelly Fire Service District (1): Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously appointed Charles W. Rooks to a three-year term of service, with the term expiring June 30, 2021.

ITEM 12. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration at the September 17, 2018 Board Meeting:

A. Keep Bladen Beautiful (5)

B. Voluntary Agricultural Districts Committee (2)

C. Watershed Review Board (3)

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ITEM 13. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed Board calendars for the months of September and October 2018.
- B. Mr. Martin provided an overview of a FY 2018-19 Bladen Community College budget. Chairman Britt recognized Board of Trustees Chairman Dennis Troy to address the Board. Mr. Troy expressed appreciation for ongoing support of BCC, financial and otherwise.
Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously approved a FY 2018-19 Bladen Community College budget as presented.

Chairman Britt recognized Commissioner Cogdell to address the Board. Commissioner Cogdell expressed concern regarding the ongoing search for a Health and Human Services Agency Director/Health Director. He stated that Bladen County may need to consider increasing compensation, or perhaps consider deconsolidating the agency and return to separate governing boards for the Health Department and the Department of Social Services. Mr. Martin stated that a few applications had recently been received and that he was hopeful to be able to schedule interviews in the near future.

ITEM 14. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one addressed the Board members.

ITEM 15. Closed Session:

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously exited regular session at 7:25pm and entered Closed Session in Accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a) (3) Attorney-Client Privilege.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously exited Closed Session at 8:00pm.

Upon a motion by Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:00pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Ray Britt, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners