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A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse.

The following members were present:

- Charles R. Peterson, Chairman
- Ray Britt, Vice Chairman
- Russell Priest
- Arthur Bullock
- Daniel Dowless
- G. Michael Cogdell
- Dr. Ophelia Munn-Goins
- Ashley S. Trivette
- David R. Gooden

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

ITEM 1. Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order.

Reverend Larry Hayes, Good News Baptist Church of Bladenboro, provided the Invocation. County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2. Consent Items:

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

- A. Agenda.
- B. Minutes of January 3, 2017 Special Meeting.
- C. Minutes of January 3, 2017 Regular Meeting.
- D. Minutes of January 9, 2017 Special Meeting.
- E. Budget Amendments, as follows:

Motor Pool

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105010.357	Vehicle Repair	1,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.011	Insurance Claim	1,000.00	

For repairs to 2013 Ford Explorer vin #6237.

Sheriff's Office

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105100.5130.352	M/R - Equipment (HELO)	25,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103270.018	Sheriff - Helicopter	25,000.00	

Expenses related to helicopter from sale of helicopter parts.

Animal Control

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105200.499.028	Spay/Neuter Grant	2,543.07	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103260.041	Spay/Neuter Grant	2,543.07	

July-September 2016 Grant Application.

Animal Control

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105200.499.063	Greater Good Grant	2,327.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103260.043	Greater Good Grant	2,327.00	

Greater Good Grant - Animal medications only.

Health

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105900.200	Supplies	10,997.86	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103560.082	Hepatitis B/Flu Collections	10,997.86	

Fees collected for Hep B and Flu.

Health

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105900.5920.200	Supplies	761.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103530.090	DHHS-Family Planning	761.00	

Additional State funding.

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Health

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105900.5965.491	Dues & Subscriptions		40.00
<i>Revenues</i>			
103530.163	MAP		40.00

Correcting amount of additional funds.

Health

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105900.5970.610	Contracted Services	850.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.010	Miscellaneous Revenue	850.00	

Refund on overpayment.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.693	Medicaid Transportation	100,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.320	Medicaid Transportation	100,000.00	

100% Federal funds to pay current and future expenses.

Tobermory Fire Department

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
335333.711	Truck Payment	32,468.52	
<i>Revenues</i>			
333190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	32,468.52	

Annual truck payment.

Jail Construction

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
815100.5110.621	Construction	81,293.00	
815100.5110.990	Contingency		81,293.00

Change order for WM Jordan/Bordeaux.

F. County Attorney Invoices.

Date	Department	Amount
1/01/2017	January-2017 Retainer	\$ 300.00
1/05/2017	Health Department	\$ 775.00
1/06/2017	Board of Elections	\$ 475.00
1/09/2017	Personnel	\$ 2,525.00
	Total	\$ 4,075.00

G. Tax Releases and Refunds No. 12-16, incorporated by reference and made a part of these Minutes.

H. Scheduled Special Meeting for 5:30pm on Monday, February 6, 2017.

I. United States Marine Corps Maneuver Permit and Associated Request to Collect Overhead Photographs and Remote Sensed Data.

ITEM 3. Years of Service Recognition:

A. Chairman Peterson recognized the following Employees for Years of Service to the County of Bladen:

Employee	Department	Years of Service
Dale Clewis	Computer Operations	15
Kristina Pegues	DSS	5
Tenecia Johnson	DSS	10
Jill Sampson	DSS	10
Janet Miller	DSS	15
Andrea Singletary	Health	10
Becky Culbreth	Health	20
Wendy Martin	Register of Deeds	5
Melanie Duncan	Communications	5
Penny Britt	Communications	15
Dianne Hatcher	Detention Center	15
James Monroe	Sheriff's Office	5
Jeff Bridgers	Sheriff's Office	20
Jeff Singletary	Sheriff's Office	25
Phil Corbett	Sheriff's Office	30
Randy Garner	Water District	25

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ITEM 4. Special Recognition:

- A. Chairman Peterson and the Board recognized the East Bladen High School Football Team and coaches for a successful 2016 season, competing to the third round of state playoffs. The Board presented a plaque of recognition to the Team. Coach Robbie Priest expressed his appreciation to the Board.

Chairman Peterson introduced Dr. Roxie C. Wells as the recently named President of Cape Fear Valley-Bladen County Hospital. He stated that following a reception, the Board would have an opportunity to officially welcome her to Bladen County.

ITEM 6. Reception:

Chairman Peterson briefly recessed the meeting for a reception at 6:57pm.

Chairman Peterson reconvened the meeting at 7:10pm.

ITEM 5. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

- A. Chairman Peterson recognized and welcomed President of Cape Fear Valley-Bladen County Hospital Dr. Roxie Wells. Dr. Wells took a moment to address the Board and the East Bladen High School Football Team, expressing her vision for an integrated healthcare system and encouraging the team members to continue their positive and successful impact. Dr. Wells expressed appreciation to the Board.
- B. West Bladen High School Junior Allie Marsh was recognized to address the Board. Ms. Marsh serves as the North Carolina Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Vice President of Correspondence. Ms. Marsh asked the Board to consider an appropriation in the amount of \$500 to assist in offsetting travel expenses for future state officers. As a state officer, Ms. Marsh is required to raise funds to reimburse the NCFCLA. Upon a motion by Commissioner Priest, seconded by Commissioner Britt, the Board unanimously approved a \$500 appropriation. Ms. Marsh expressed her appreciation.

ITEM 7. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

Chairman Peterson recognized Commissioner Bullock to address the Board. Commissioner Bullock expressed appreciation for the support of a recent Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade and associated celebrations.

Commissioner Bullock also asked that HHS Director David Howard provide an update regarding the utilization of the Eastpointe kiosk placed in the Health Department.

Commissioner Munn-Goins asked Mr. Martin for clarification regarding the proposed location of a solid waste grinder which was recently included by Change Order into the scope of work for the Law Enforcement and Detention Center construction project. Mr. Martin stated that the grinder would be located on county property and maintenance would be the responsibility of the county.

Commissioner Bullock also asked Mr. Martin to provide an update regarding My Brother's Keeper, an initiative to address persistent opportunity gaps faced by boys and young men of color and ensure that all young people can reach their full potential.

ITEM 8. Finance Department: (Lisa Coleman, Finance Officer)

- A. Mrs. Coleman introduced Bryon Scott of Thompson Price Scott Adams and Company, who provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Audit.
- B. Following the audit presentation and discussion, upon a motion by Commissioner Trivette, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board unanimously approved a Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Audit.
- C. Mrs. Coleman reviewed a Financial Dashboard for the six-month period ending December 31, 2016.

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

- A. Mrs. Davis provided an overview of a Report of Unpaid 2016 Taxes that are Liens on Real Property. Following discussion, upon a motion by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously received a Summary of Levy Uncollected Report."

- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Britt, the Board unanimously established a deadline of March 15, 2017 to pay in order to avoid advertisement of unpaid 2016 Real Property Taxes.

ITEM 11. Emergency Services: (Bradley Kinlaw, Fire Marshal)

- A. Mr. Kinlaw provided an overview of a request to abolish the Bladen County Highway Safety Committee and delegate responsibility to Bladen County Fire Chiefs. Mr. Kinlaw indicated that participation had steadily dropped due to lack of content. He stated that the fire chiefs meet on a regular basis and could address highway safety concerns in their respective communities. Following discussion, upon a motion by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously approved abolishing the Bladen County Highway Safety Committee and delegating responsibility to the Bladen County Fire Chiefs.

ITEM 12. Advisory Board Appointments:

- A. **Bladen Community College Board of Trustees (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board unanimously appointed Commissioner Ashley Trivette to fill an unexpired term, with the term expiring June 30, 2018.
- B. **Bladen County Airport Appeals Board (2):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board, waiving the policy on limits, reappointed Steve Willis and Richard L. Bryan to a three-year term of service, with the terms expiring January 22, 2020.
- C. **Clarkton Fire District Committee (2):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Munn-Goins, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously appointed Stewart Clark and Randy West to three-year terms of service, with the terms expiring November 30, 2019.
- D. **Elizabethtown Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustments (ETJ) (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously reappointed Yvette Ross to a three-year term of service, with the term expiring January 31, 2020.
- E. **Health and Human Services Agency Advisory Council (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously tabled an appointment to a future meeting.
- F. **Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (9):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board unanimously made the following appointments:

Member Info	Term Expiration	Specific Position
James G. "Jimmie" Smith	6/30/2018	At Large – Public
Tony Parrish		Chief of Police
Quentin McGee		District Attorney
Sheila Berkeley		DSS Director or Designee
Ashley Trivette		County Commissioner
Essence West		Juvenile Under 18
Sophia Singletary		Juvenile Under 18
Donald Melvin		Business Community Member

One appointment, Substance Abuse Professional, was not addressed and will be addressed at a future meeting.

- G. **Southeastern Community and Family Services, Inc. Board of Directors (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board unanimously tabled an appointment to a future meeting.

ITEM 13. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration During the February 20, 2017 Board Meeting:

- A. Bladen County Nursing Home Advisory Committee (2)

ITEM 14. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed Board calendars for the months of January and February 2017.
- B. Mr. Martin provided an update regarding Federal Legislative Goals. He stated that he had received a response from Cape Fear Valley-Bladen County Hospital indicating that Medicaid expansion is a goal which they would highly recommend.

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- C. Mr. Martin provided information and an update regarding the Stepping Up Initiative, which is to assist in reducing the number of individuals with mental health challenges in detention centers. A National Association of Counties (NACo) webinar has been scheduled for Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 2:00 pm.

Mr. Martin also addressed the Board regarding information received since agenda publication. Correspondence has been received from Eastpointe regarding plans to merge with Cardinal Innovations Healthcare. Cardinal Innovations Healthcare is based in Kannapolis, NC and currently serves twenty (20) NC counties.

Mr. Martin also updated the Board on a potential request to approve a part-time position associated with the Law Enforcement and Detention Center to maintain its technology-heavy equipment. Currently, General Services has two (2) maintenance positions to maintain county facilities. Mr. Martin stated that the request will be introduced in the near future to allow a successful candidate ample training time for specific technology and equipment.

Mr. Martin shared that a NCACC email was published earlier today regarding a scheduled Medicaid event for March 2, 2017. The email encouraged Commissioners, along with HHS Board members, department directors and staff, to attend the event in Raleigh.

Vice Chairman Ray Britt was recognized to address the Board regarding a recent NCACC Legislative Goals Conference for which he was designated as Voting Delegate. Vice Chairman Britt briefly updated the Board on one Goal in particular, which addresses raising the recognized Juvenile age designation from 16 years old to 18 years old. Vice Chairman Britt expressed his appreciation to the Board for having been allowed to serve the County as Voting Delegate during the Conference.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Charles R. Peterson, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners