

**January 3, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, January 3, 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 Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent Items:

- A. Agenda.
- B. Minutes of December 19, 2016 Organizational Meeting.
- C. Minutes of December 19, 2016 Regular Meeting.
- D. Budget Amendments, as follows:

**Administration**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104220.125	Overtime	589.18	
104220.181	FICA	45.07	
104220.182	Retirement	43.25	
104220.185	Retiree Health Insurance	33.00	
104230.125	Overtime	42.10	
104230.181	FICA	3.22	
104230.182	Retirement	3.09	
104230.185	Retiree Health Insurance	2.36	
104400.125	Overtime	421.49	
104400.181	FICA	32.23	
104400.182	Retirement	30.93	
104400.185	Retiree Health Insurance	23.61	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.012	FEMA Reimbursements	1,269.53	

To cover cost associated with Hurricane Matthew.

**Administration**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104600.125	Overtime	703.24	
104600.181	FICA	53.79	
104600.182	Retirement	51.62	
104600.185	Retiree Health Insurance	39.38	
104700.125	Overtime	4,273.82	
104700.181	FICA	326.95	
104700.182	Retirement	313.70	
104700.185	Retiree Health Insurance	239.33	
105000.125	Overtime	1,630.00	
105000.181	FICA	124.68	
105000.182	Retirement	119.64	
105000.185	Retiree Health Insurance	91.29	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.012	FEMA Reimbursements	7,967.44	

To cover cost associated with Hurricane Matthew.

**Administration**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105010.125	Overtime	232.27	
105010.181	FICA	17.77	
105010.182	Retirement	17.05	
105010.185	Retiree Health Insurance	13.01	
105020.125	Overtime	112.07	
105020.181	FICA	8.58	

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105020.182	Retirement	8.23	
105020.185	Retiree Health Insurance	6.28	
105100.125	Overtime	18,921.64	
105100.181	FICA	1,447.45	
105100.182	Retirement	1,485.66	
105100.185	Retiree Health Insurance	1,039.97	
<b>Revenues</b>			
103190.012	FEMA Reimbursements	23,309.98	

To cover cost associated with Hurricane Matthew.

**Administration**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105100.5120.125	Overtime	6,858.81	
105100.5120.181	FICA	524.70	
105100.5120.182	Retirement	503.42	
105100.5120.185	Retiree Health Insurance	384.10	
105100.5160.125	Overtime	1,568.63	
105100.5160.181	FICA	120.01	
105100.5160.182	Retirement	125.49	
105100.5160.185	Retiree Health Insurance	87.85	
105100.5170.125	Overtime	557.13	
105100.5170.181	FICA	42.62	
105100.5170.182	Retirement	44.57	
105100.5170.185	Retiree Health Insurance	31.20	
<b>Revenues</b>			
103190.012	FEMA Reimbursements	10,848.53	

To cover cost associated with Hurricane Matthew.

**Administration**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105100.5175.125	Overtime	412.58	
105100.5175.181	FICA	31.56	
105100.5175.182	Retirement	33.01	
105100.5175.185	Retiree Health Insurance	23.10	
105200.125	Overtime	1,511.66	
105200.181	FICA	115.64	
105200.182	Retirement	110.95	
105200.185	Retiree Health Insurance	84.66	
105300.125	Overtime	5,757.13	
105300.181	FICA	440.41	
105300.182	Retirement	422.58	
105300.185	Retiree Health Insurance	322.40	
<b>Revenues</b>			
103190.012	FEMA Reimbursements	9,265.68	

To cover cost associated with Hurricane Matthew.

**Administration**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105400.125	Overtime	114.11	
105400.181	FICA	8.73	
105400.182	Retirement	8.38	
105400.185	Retiree Health Insurance	6.39	
105900.125	Overtime	4,069.13	
105900.181	FICA	311.29	
105900.182	Retirement	297.74	
105900.185	Retiree Health Insurance	227.16	
105900.5905.125	Overtime	640.73	
105900.5905.181	FICA	49.01	
105900.5905.182	Retirement	47.03	
105900.5905.185	Retiree Health Insurance	35.87	
<b>Revenues</b>			
103190.012	FEMA Reimbursements	5,815.57	

To cover cost associated with Hurricane Matthew.

**Administration**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105900.5920.125	Overtime	905.66	
105900.5920.181	FICA	69.29	
105900.5920.182	Retirement	66.48	
105900.5920.185	Retiree Health Insurance	50.72	
105900.5930.125	Overtime	435.82	
105900.5930.181	FICA	33.34	
105900.5930.182	Retirement	31.99	
105900.5930.185	Retiree Health Insurance	24.40	
105900.5940.125	Overtime	417.38	
105900.5940.181	FICA	31.93	
105900.5940.182	Retirement	30.63	
105900.5940.185	Retiree Health Insurance	23.37	
<b>Revenues</b>			

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103190.012	FEMA Reimbursements	2,121.01	
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To cover cost associated with Hurricane Matthew.

**Administration**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105900.5950.125	Overtime	842.69	
105900.5950.181	FICA	64.46	
105900.5950.182	Retirement	61.85	
105900.5950.185	Retiree Health Insurance	47.19	
105900.5951.125	Overtime	880.81	
105900.5951.181	FICA	67.39	
105900.5951.182	Retirement	64.66	
105900.5951.185	Retiree Health Insurance	49.32	
105900.5960.125	Overtime	309.24	
105900.5960.181	FICA	23.65	
105900.5960.182	Retirement	22.70	
105900.5960.185	Retiree Health Insurance	17.32	
<b>Revenues</b>			
103190.012	FEMA Reimbursements	2,451.28	

To cover cost associated with Hurricane Matthew.

**Administration**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105900.5970.125	Overtime	675.51	
105900.5970.181	FICA	51.67	
105900.5970.182	Retirement	49.59	
105900.5970.185	Retiree Health Insurance	37.83	
105900.5988.125	Overtime	157.62	
105900.5988.181	FICA	12.06	
105900.5988.182	Retirement	11.57	
105900.5988.185	Retiree Health Insurance	8.83	
106200.125	Overtime	35.52	
106200.181	FICA	2.71	
106200.182	Retirement	2.61	
106200.185	Retiree Health Insurance	1.99	
<b>Revenues</b>			
103190.012	FEMA Reimbursements	1,047.51	

To cover cost associated with Hurricane Matthew.

**Administration**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106200.6201.125	Overtime	760.96	
106200.6201.181	FICA	58.24	
106200.6201.182	Retirement	55.86	
106200.6201.185	Retiree Health Insurance	42.61	
106200.6205.125	Overtime	19.12	
106200.6205.181	FICA	1.47	
106200.6205.182	Retirement	1.40	
106200.6205.185	Retiree Health Insurance	1.07	
106200.6220.125	Overtime	222.54	
106200.6220.181	FICA	17.02	
106200.6220.182	Retirement	16.33	
106200.6220.185	Retiree Health Insurance	12.46	
<b>Revenues</b>			
103190.012	FEMA Reimbursements	1,209.08	

To cover cost associated with Hurricane Matthew.

**Administration**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106600.125	Overtime	70.91	
106600.181	FICA	5.42	
106600.182	Retirement	5.20	
106600.185	Retiree Health Insurance	3.97	
<b>Revenues</b>			
103190.012	FEMA Reimbursements	85.50	

To cover cost associated with Hurricane Matthew.

**Administration**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.125	Overtime	53,573.87	
146100.181	FICA	4,098.46	
146100.182	Retirement	3,932.31	
146100.185	Retiree Health Insurance	3,000.12	
<b>Revenues</b>			
143190.012	FEMA Reimbursements	64,604.76	

To cover cost associated with Hurricane Matthew.

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**Administration**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
205800.125	Overtime	2,777.44	
205800.181	FICA	212.48	
205800.182	Retirement	203.87	
205800.185	Retiree Health Insurance	155.53	
205805.125	Overtime	1,172.20	
205805.181	FICA	89.68	
205805.182	Retirement	86.04	
205805.185	Retiree Health Insurance	65.64	
<i>Revenues</i>			
203190.012	FEMA Reimbursements	4,762.88	

To cover cost associated with Hurricane Matthew.

**Administration**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
254702.125	Overtime	1,565.15	
254702.181	FICA	119.72	
254702.182	Retirement	114.89	
254702.185	Retiree Health Insurance	87.65	
<i>Revenues</i>			
253190.012	FEMA Reimbursements	1,887.41	

To cover cost associated with Hurricane Matthew.

**Administration**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
325302.125	Overtime	19,827.62	
325302.181	FICA	1,516.78	
325302.182	Retirement	1,249.51	
325302.185	Retiree Health Insurance	953.30	
<i>Revenues</i>			
323190.012	FEMA Reimbursements	23,547.21	

To cover cost associated with Hurricane Matthew.

**Tax Administration**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104500.192	Professional Services – Legal	10,000.00	
104500.192.002	Professional Services – Foreclosures	28,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	38,000.00	

Foreclosures.

**Sheriff's Office**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105100.740	Capital Outlay – Equipment	18,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103270.016	SHP – Rent	18,000.00	

Fund construction of new communications tower at new law enforcement center.

**Health**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105900.5915.499.057	Ebola	5,163.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103530.105	DHHS – BioTerrorism	5,163.00	

Additional State funding.

**Health**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105900.5930.200	Supplies	1,385.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103530.100	DHHS – Maternal Health	1,385.00	

Additional State funding.

**Division on Aging**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106200.6230.287	Food – Ensure	16,102.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103530.024	DOA-In Home Health	16,102.00	

Funding received for ensure purchases.

**Department of Social Services**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.689	Energy Neighbor Fund	446.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.031	Energy Neighbor Fund	446.00	

Funding Authorization #7.

**Department of Social Services**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.689	Energy Neighbor Fund	444.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.031	Energy Neighbor Fund	444.00	

Funding Authorization #8.

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**Department of Social Services**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>146100.6160.571</b>	United Way – Caring for Kids	750.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>143531.344</b>	United Way – Caring for Kids	750.00	

United Way Donation.

**Department of Social Services**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>146100.6160.650.001</b>	Foster Care Donation	100.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>143190.027</b>	Foster Care Donation	100.00	

Foster Care Donation.

**Water**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>254702.330</b>	Utilities	141.76	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>253190.010</b>	Misc Revenue	141.76	

Capital credit refund from Four County EMC.

**TarHeel Fire Department**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>415341.499</b>	Miscellaneous Expense	75,062.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>413190.050</b>	Fund Balance Appropriated	75,062.00	

To purchase airpacks.

**Lisbon Fire Department**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>445344.191</b>	Professional Services – Audit	2,750.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>443190.050</b>	Fund Balance Appropriated	2,750.00	

Audit work for year ending June 30, 2016.

**E. County Attorney Invoices.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
12/09/16	Sheriff’s Office	\$ 675.00
12/12/16	Sheriff’s Office	\$ 775.00
12/12/16	Health Department	\$ 575.00
12/14/16	Sheriff’s Office	\$ 495.00
12/15/16	Bladen County Water District	\$ 1,525.00
12/19*16	Administration	\$ 1,695.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,740.00</b>

F. Agreement with Gary Piner Appraisal Services, Inc. for real estate appraisal services, with a termination date of December 31, 2017.

**ITEM 3. Recognition of Outgoing Chairperson:**

A. Chairman Peterson recognized Commissioner Russell Priest and presented a plaque in appreciation of his service to the County of Bladen as Chairman. The entire Board congratulated Commissioner Priest for his tenure as Chair. Mr. Martin expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Priest as well.

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

Chairman Peterson recognized Commissioner Bullock to address the Board. Commissioner Bullock, as a member of Elizabethtown Rescue Squad, expressed his appreciation to the Board for allowing the squad to use an available building in the Industrial Park following catastrophic damages to the Elizabethtown Rescue Squad building during Hurricane Matthew. Commissioner Bullock asked for consideration in allowing the squad to use the Bladen County EMS Facility which would offer additional security features. Chairman Peterson requested Mr. Martin to talk with EMS Director David Howell and Fire Marshal Bradley Kinlaw for review and consideration prior to the Board acting upon this request.

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

No one in attendance addressed the Board.

**ITEM 6. Revenue Department: (Renee Davis, Tax Administrator)**

- A. Mrs. Davis provided an overview of parcels 0043620 and 0043355, previously owned by Elizabeth Chritain, and located on Outfield Drive in Bladenboro, totaling 1.34 acres. These parcels were foreclosed by the County of Bladen in 2016. Ms. Chritain offered a bid of \$9,900 on December 20, 2016. Ms. Chritain has requested a private sale pursuant to NCGS 105-376C. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board unanimously accepted Ms. Chritain's bid of \$9,900 and recognized her right to request a private sale.
- B. Mrs. Davis provided information regarding parcel 0007463, previously owned by Elouise McDowell and located at 40 Ella Bell Road, Clarkton. The parcel was foreclosed by the County in 2016. Mr. Ronnie McLean has offered a bid for this property in the amount of \$12,210 on December 28, 2016. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Trivette, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously accepted a bid of \$12,210 submitted by Mr. McLean, to begin an upset bid process.
- C. Mrs. Davis provided an overview of parcel 0017659 previously owned by Helen Brown, and which is located at 1206 Lightwood Knot Road, Kelly. The property was foreclosed by the County of Bladen in 2009. Ms. Taleshia R. Henry offered a bid of \$2,400 on December 28, 2016. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Priest, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously accepted Ms. Henry's bid of \$2,400, to begin an upset bid process.

**ITEM 7. Advisory Board Appointments:**

- A. **Ammon Fire Department Firefighter's Relief Fund Advisory Board (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board unanimously reappointed Abby Wilson to a three-year term, with the term expiring December 31, 2019.
- B. **Bay Tree Fire Department Firefighter's Relief Fund Advisory Board (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board unanimously reappointed Albert Beatty to a three-year term, with the term expiring December 31, 2019.
- C. **Clarkton Fire District Committee (2):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Bullock, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously tabled appointments to a future meeting.
- D. **Division on Aging Advisory Committee (2):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Bullock, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously appointed Rachel Mitchell and Meredith C. Snowden to three-year terms, with the terms expiring December 31, 2019.
- E. **East Arcadia Fire Dept Firefighter's Relief Fund Advisory Board (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Munn-Goins, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously reappointed Calene Brown to a three-year term, with the term expiring December 31, 2019.
- F. **Economic Development Commission Advisory Council (3):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously reappointed Vernon Richardson and, waiving the policy on term limits, reappointed Larry Sessoms and John White to three-year terms, with the terms expiring December 31, 2019.
- G. **Health and Human Services Agency Advisory Council (4):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously reappointed Rebecca Hester, Tommy Thompson, Charles R. Peterson and Dr. Mollie Glenn to three year terms, with the terms expiring December 31, 2019.
- H. **Hickory Grove Fire Department Firefighter's Relief Fund Advisory Board (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously reappointed Gary McMillan to a three-year term, with the term expiring December 31, 2019.
- I. **Kelly Fire Department Firefighter's Relief Fund Advisory Board (1):L** Upon a motion by Commissioner Trivette, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously reappointed Jerry Potter to a three-year term, with the term expiring December 31, 2019.
- J. **Local Emergency Planning Council (2):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously

appointed Pete Batten of the Dublin Fire Department to an unexpired term, with the term expiring June 30, 2019. A proposed appointment for an unexpired term, with the term to expire June 30, 2018, was removed from consideration.

- K. Library Board (2):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously reappointed Sharon K. Anderson and, waiving the policy on term limits, reappointed Phyllis Swindell to three-year terms, with the terms expiring December 31, 2019.
- L. Lisbon Fire Department Firefighter's Relief Fund Advisory Board (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously reappointed George Barber to a three-year term, with the term expiring December 31, 2019.
- M. Lumber River Council of Governments Board of Directors (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Britt, the Board unanimously appointed Chairman Peterson to serve on the Lumber River Council of Governments Board of Directors for an unspecified term of service, as it coincides with the Commissioner's term of elected service.
- N. Tar Heel Fire Department Firefighter's Relief Fund Advisory Board (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Trivette, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously reappointed Terry Herring to a three-year term, with the term expiring December 31, 2019.
- O. Tobermory Fire Department Firefighter's Relief Fund Advisory Board (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Trivette, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously reappointed Johnathan M. Register to a three-year term of service, with the term expiring December 31, 2019.
- P. White Oak Fire Department Firefighter's Relief Fund Advisory Board (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Munn-Goins, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously reappointed David Price to a three-year term of service, with the term expiring December 31, 2019.

**ITEM 12. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration during January 17, 2017 Meeting:**

- A. Bladen County Airport Appeals Board (2)
- B. Elizabethtown Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustments (ETJ) (1)
- C. Southeastern Community & Family Services, Inc. Board of Directors (1)

**ITEM 13. County Manager: (Greg Martin)**

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed Board calendars for the months of January and February 2017.
- B. Mr. Martin provided a status update regarding a law enforcement and detention center construction project. He stated that the project is on schedule and on budget. Approximately 69% of the budget has been expended and the facility is approximately 63% complete. A substantial completion date is anticipated for May 22, 2017, with final completion by June 22, 2017. Certification for inmates to be housed is expected to be complete by July 21, 2017. The Sheriff's Office anticipates the possibility of moving from their current offices in late May, 2017.
- C. Mr. Martin provided an overview of a Change Order to include a solid waste grinder/interceptor, required by the Town of Elizabethtown. A Muffin Monster Grinder was initially included when an application for a special use permit was submitted to the Town of Elizabethtown. During a value engineering process, the grinder/interceptor was deleted from the scope of work, in order to reduce the cost of the construction project. However, the Town of Elizabethtown has required that a grinder/interceptor be included. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Munn-Goins, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously approved a Change Order in the amount of \$81,293 to include a Muffin Monster Grinder Solids Interceptor into the scope of work.
- D. Mr. Martin and Chairman Peterson reviewed an agenda for an upcoming Board Planning Session, scheduled at 5:00 Monday, January 9, 2017.
- E. Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously scheduled a Board Planning Session for 5:30pm on Monday, January 30, 2017. Department heads will be asked to participate as well. The meeting will be held at the Powell-Melvin Agricultural Center located at 450 Smith Circle, Elizabethtown.

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Commissioner Dowless requested Mr. Martin to provide an update regarding washed out roads throughout the County. Mr. Martin stated that he would request an updated schedule from the NC Department of Transportation.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

ATTEST:

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Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

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Charles R. Peterson, Chairman  
Bladen County Board of Commissioners