

**October 3, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, October 3, 2016 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse.

The following members were present:

- Russell Priest, Chairman
- Arthur Bullock, Vice Chairman
- Charles R. Peterson
- Daniel Dowless
- Dr. Delilah Blanks
- Billy R. Pait
- Wayne Edge
- G. Michael Cogdell
- James G. "Jimmie" Smith

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

**ITEM 1.** Chairman Priest called the meeting to order.

Reverend Larry Hayes, Good News Baptist Church of Bladenboro, provided the Invocation. Guest 4-H member Emily Barnes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM 2. Consent Items:**

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

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

**Sheriff's Office**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>105100.739</b>	Non-Inventorable		4,397.45
<b>105100.5120.610</b>	Contract Services		8,000.00
<b>105100.5140.610</b>	Contract Services		10,000.00
<b>105100.5170.200</b>	Supplies & Materials		4,000.00
<b>105100.120</b>	Salaries	28,322.85	
<b>105100.122</b>	Bonus	173.71	
<b>105100.181</b>	FICA	2,179.99	
<b>105100.182</b>	Retirement	2,279.73	
<b>105100.185</b>	Retiree Health Insurance	1,595.81	
<b>105100.186</b>	LEO 401K	1,424.83	
<b>105100.183</b>	Group Insurance	4,438.44	
<b>Revenues</b>			
<b>103270.012</b>	Sheriff-BOE Deputies	14,017.91	

Establish joint positions with schools – Training and School Safety Coordinator.

**Parks & Recreation**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>106600.740</b>	Capital Outlay – Equipment		525,525.00
<b>Revenues</b>			
<b>103190.050</b>	Fund Balance Appropriated		262,763.00
<b>103660.013</b>	Recreation – PARTF Funds		262,762.00

Funding for PARTF Grant for 16-17 was declined.

**Library**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>106700.234</b>	Electronic Materials	233.48	
<b>Revenues</b>			
<b>103190.010</b>	Miscellaneous Revenue	233.48	

Unclaimed New York Time Money due to Library.

**Hickory Grove FD**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>375337.499</b>	Miscellaneous Expense	9,000.00	
<b>Revenues</b>			
<b>373190.050</b>	Fund Balance Appropriation	9,000.00	

For purchase of a pumper/tanker and one full set of turnout gear.

E. County Attorney Invoices.

Date	Department	Amount
8/25/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 375.00
9/16/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 645.00
9/19/16	Health Department	\$ 320.00
9/19/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 680.00
9/21/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 270.00
9/21/16	Board of Elections	\$ 650.00
9/21/16	Administration	\$ 2,025.00
9/23/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 375.00
9/26/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 370.00
9/27/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 270.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,980.00</b>

F. The following Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation:



G. The following National 4-H Week Proclamation:



H. Bladen Community College FY 2016-2017 Budget Template

I. US Economic Development Administration Amendment to Financial Assistance Award Regarding a STEM Facility Construction Project on Bladen Community College's Campus.

J. Memorandum of Agreement with State of North Carolina Regarding a Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$66,000 to purchase a Regional Rehab Trailer.

K. Memorandum of Agreement with State of North Carolina Regarding a Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$28,000 to purchase a Search and Rescue Equipment Trailer.

L. The following FY 2018 Human Service Agency Transportation Resolution:



M. Public Hearing Scheduled for 6:30pm on Monday, October 17, 2016 regarding a Community Transportation Program Grant.

**ITEM 3. Public Hearing:**

- A. Chairman Priest declared open the Public Hearing to receive comments regarding an Intent to Sell the Medicare-certified Bladen County Home Health Agency, pursuant to NCGS 131E-13. No one in attendance addressed the Board. Chairman Priest declared closed the Public Hearing.

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

- A. Chairman Priest recognized Health and Human Services Agency Director David Howard to address the Board. Mr. Howard introduced Division on Aging Director Kelly Robeson, who began her duties on August 26, 2016. Ms. Robeson expressed her appreciation to the Board and her intent to assist Seniors in the county.
- B. Mr. Howard recognized Women, Infant, Children (WIC) supervisor Amy D'Angelo. Ms. D'Angelo introduced Twanna McDonald-Lewis, who was in attendance, and Persandra McKinley, who was attending a conference. Both Ms. McDonald-Lewis and Ms. McKinley were recognized at a North Carolina

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statewide WIC conference and were awarded WIC Staff Members of the Year.

- C. Chairman Priest and Vice Chairman Bullock recognized Extension Agent Stacie Kinlaw, 4-H Youth Development Program Director. Ms. Kinlaw asked the 4-H'ers in attendance to come up as well. Chairman Priest read aloud a National 4-H Week Proclamation and presented the proclamation to Emily Barnes, who serves as the County 4-H President. Chairman Priest congratulated those in attendance and encouraged all Bladen County citizens to recognize 4-H activities. Following is a list of the 4-H'ers in attendance:

Allayah Jarmon	Jordan Jarmon	Seth Faircloth
Ryder Faircloth	Everlee Nance	Jacie Kinlaw
Cole Brisson	Brennan Faircloth	Arriel Staten
Emily Barnes	Lee Barnes	Isaiah Lacewell
Giordan Graham	Sonita Hayes	Shonita Hayes
James Monk	Malik Hogan	

Chairman Priest recognized Allayah Jarmon to present a report of her 4-H activities as a Youth Delegate during a recent NC Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) conference.

- D. Chairman Priest and Vice Chairman Bullock recognized Families First Local Director Marjorie Walker. Chairman Priest read aloud a Proclamation and presented it to Ms. Walker.

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

- A. Eastpointe Chief Executive Officer Sarah Stroud, at the Board's invitation, provided an overview of Eastpointe's services and community reinvestment plans. Ms. Stroud expressed appreciation for the opportunity to address the Board and provided additional information regarding Eastpointe's activities in the community.  
Following the presentation and discussion, the Board thanked Ms. Stroud for her presentation.

**ITEM 6. Sheriff's Office: (Captain Jeff Singletary, Administrative Officer)**

- A. Captain Singletary provided an overview of a request for a new position within the Sheriff's Office with responsibilities including training and school safety coordination. Captain Singletary indicated that the proposed position would be full time and partially funded by the Board of Education. Following discussion, Commissioner Peterson made a motion to approve the proposed position pending the Board of Education's continuation of funding for the position in the future. Commissioner Smith provided a second. Upon a vote of eight (8) AYES (Peterson, Smith, Blanks, Priest, Bullock, Dowless, Pait, Edge) to one (1) NO (Cogdell), the motion was approved.

**ITEM 7. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration During the October 17, 2016 Board Meeting:**

- A. **East Arcadia Fire Service District Committee (3)**  
B. **Keep Bladen Beautiful (1)**

Commissioner Peterson asked that an appointment to the Health and Human Services Agency Advisory Board be included on the October 17, 2016 following Ms. Patty Yoder's resignation.

**ITEM 8. County Manager: (Greg Martin)**

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed Board calendars for the months of October and November 2016.

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Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

ATTEST:

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Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

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Russell Priest, Chairman  
Bladen County Board of Commissioners