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A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, October 1, 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. Bladen County 4-H Officers Shonita Hayes, Kaylee Page, Jalil Hayes, Camron Page, and Nolan Sessoms led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2. Consent Items:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously amended the Agenda to table Item 9 (A-C)-Division on Aging, and Item 10A, Update Regarding NC Department of Revenue Site Visit and Remedies to Enforce. Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously approved the Amended Consent Items.

A. Agenda, with the tabling of Items 9A-C, and 10A.
B. Minutes of September 4, 2018 Regular Meeting.
C. Budget Amendments, as follows:

September 17, 2018 Budget Amendments:

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To construct fence around playground at Bladen County Park.

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To reflect payoff expenses for Jail Construction Loan.

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**October 1, 2018 Budget Amendments:**

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E. Tax Releases No. 8-18, incorporated by reference and made a part of these Minutes.


G. Independent Contractor Agreement Regarding the Interim Health and Human Services Agency Director and Health Director.

H. FY 2018-19 Senior Center General Purpose Funding Application.

I. Adoption of the following National 4-H Week Proclamation:

J. Adoption of the following Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation:

**ITEM 3. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:**

Chairman Britt recognized Commissioner Bullock to address the Board. Commissioner Bullock inquired regarding what the County may be providing as far as compensation to employees who were not able to return to their homes following Hurricane Florence. Mr. Martin stated that
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county offices were closed from Thursday, September 20, 2018 through Wednesday, September 26, 2018. Any county employee who did not report for emergency duties would be compensated through an inclement weather compensation for those five (5) days. However, if an employee was not able to report to work following the inclement weather closure days, the employee would need to utilize personal time in order to be compensated.

Chairman Britt recognized Commissioner Munn-Goins to address the Board. Commissioner Munn-Goins inquired regarding clarification of the inclement weather compensation. Mr. Martin stated that employees who were not required to report to work storm-related efforts would be compensated for the days which the county offices were not open.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) representatives Margeau Valteau and Bill Schmidt were recognized to address the Board regarding Hurricane Florence-related recovery and federal assistance which may be available to Bladen County citizens.

Mr. Schmidt reported that FEMA representatives are in the county, working in communities and with businesses. He stated that he had been working closely with Emergency Services Director Bradley Kinlaw for direction. He encouraged all citizens who had experienced storm damage to register with FEMA as quickly as possible. However, citizens are asked to check with their insurance companies regarding coverage. FEMA will not duplicate reimbursements to homeowners if insurance is in force.

Mr. Schmidt stated that a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) will be established in the county in the upcoming days to assist citizens with registering with FEMA. Small Business Administration, and North Carolina Hazard Mitigation representatives will be at the site as well. Once the site has been in operation, a press release regarding location will be publically announced.

Ms. Valteau urged citizens to check not only homeowners insurance, but also flood insurance, before registering with FEMA. The registration number is 800-621-3362 and the website is www.disasterassistance.gov. She also provided information regarding the availability of interpreters for Spanish speaking residents.

Mr. Schmidt shared that if an area has challenges in reaching the DRC, please let Emergency Services Director Bradley Kinlaw know. FEMA representatives would be able to reach out to assist.

Commissioner Cogdell inquired regarding hazard mitigation funds which have not yet been expended related to Hurricane Matthew-related storm damage. He stated that a number of individuals had asked about Hurricane Florence-related damage which has occurred. Mr. Schmidt indicated that the hazard mitigation program is state funded, but the individuals would still need to register. He indicated that cases with a second occurrence would likely be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Mr. Schmidt stated that FEMA is focused on getting funds to homeowners as quickly as possible. The mitigation program is a longer-term process and remains in the hands of the state.

Chairman Britt inquired regarding relocation of businesses which have been affected not only by Hurricane Matthew, but now Hurricane Florence. Mr. Schmidt indicated that a program such as that would be part of the mitigation program. However, if the property owner participates in a mitigation program, the land could only be used as green space and would be maintained by either the municipality or county, depending on the location. The property would be removed from the tax base, and the possibility of development would not be an option.

Commissioner Munn-Goins inquired regarding the allowance of time for displaced citizens being housed in hotels. Mr. Schmidt did indicate that there are a limited number of days to provide housing for citizens, but that the federal government and state could authorize an extension of time if deemed necessary. Commissioner Munn-Goins inquired regarding securing mobile units for displaced families so that they could return to their home communities. Mr. Schmidt indicated that a team, including Red Cross, Salvation Army, and FEMA, would be on site in the Kelly area on Tuesday to assess the possibility of transitioning families for return.

Commissioner Peterson inquired regarding the Bladenboro community. Mr. Schmidt indicated that a team had been in the Clarkton area for several days and FEMA representatives have been in Bladenboro, making assessments. Mr. Schmidt assured Commissioner Peterson that if mobile
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housing was needed, FEMA would assist those in need. Mr. Schmidt assured Commissioner Peterson that a team would be working Bladenboro for assessment for mobile housing.

Chairman Britt expressed appreciation and commended the employees, staff, department heads, and commissioners who provided assistance and support. He remembered the out of state teams who left their families to assist Bladen County.

Commissioner Cogdell expressed appreciation to the county staff as well. He stated that he remained in contact with Emergency Services Director Bradley Kinlaw to help citizens secure tarps for roof damage.

Chairman Britt also commended Bladen County Schools Superintendent Robert Taylor and staff for their support, involvment, and expertise.

Commissioner Bullock also expressed appreciation to the county staff who manned the Emergency Operations Center and to the Emergency Services Department.

Commissioner Munn-Goins addressed the Board regarding her request on the agenda. She stated that between FEMA representatives Bill Schmidt and Margeau Valteau, Emergency Services Director Bradley Kinlaw, and County Manager Greg Martin, that each of her concerns had already been addressed. Each of the requests related to ongoing recovery efforts in the Kelly community, including providing mobile units until home repairs could be completed, debris containers, waive solid waste fees, and provide interpreters for Spanish-speaking residents. She stated that the North Carolina Department of Transportation will provide debris removal services, but that the debris would need to be sorted. Construction and demolition materials should be separated from vegetative debris.

Commissioner Munn-Goins also expressed appreciation to the county staff, Emergency Services Department and Commissioner Cogdell for support during the storm and immediate aftermath. She also commended Acme Delco-Riegelwood Fire and Rescue for assisting with Bladen County citizens who were cut-off due to flooding, and also for ADR sharing meals with East Arcadia community citizens until Bladen County support services could reach the East Arcadia community

ITEM 4. Individual/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one in attendance addressed the Board.

ITEM 5. Special Recognition:

A. Presentation of a National 4-H Week Proclamation:

Chairman Britt and the entire Board recognized Bladen County 4-H’ers in attendance. 4-H Youth Development Specialist Stacie Kinlaw was joined by the following members, leaders, and parents:

Super Clover 4-H Club, Elizabethtown
Lisa Barnes, Club Leader

Down East 4-H Club, Carvers Creek
Jalil Hayes
Luella Wills, Club Leader

Green Team 4-H Club, Tar Heel
Ellie Kinlaw
Nolan Sessoms

Layla Page
Colman Page

Laney Roberson

Lee Barnes
Shonita Hayes
Paulette Hall, Club Leader
Rhoda Graham, Parent Volunteer

Kynslie Kinlaw
Jacie Kinlaw
Larissa Jackson
Camron Page
Kaylee Page

Connie Kinlaw, Club Leader

The proclamation was read aloud by Clerk to the Board Maria Edwards. The entire Board commended Bladen County’s 4-H program and challenged each 4-Her to continue striving to do their best.

B. Presentation of a Domestic Violence Awareness Proclamation:

Ms. Marjorie Lewis was unable to attend the meeting. However, Clerk to the Board Maria Edwards read aloud the proclamation. Chairman Britt
commended Families First, Inc. for their ongoing efforts in the community to provide support to women and children impacted by domestic violence.

ITEM 6. Board of Elections: (Bobby Ludlum, Chairman)

A. Board of Elections Chairman Bobby Ludlum and County Attorney Leslie Johnson provided an overview of a recently received subpoena issued by the US Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Mr. Johnson stated that the subpoena was overly broad, vague, and an unreasonable request. Mr. Ludlum stated that the subpoena was issued to the State Board of Elections and forty-four County Boards of Elections within the jurisdiction of the US Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina. The request is for any and all poll books, e-poll books, voting records, and/or voter authorization documents, and executed official ballots, including absentee ballots, which were submitted to, filed by, received by, and/or maintained by the Bladen County Board of Elections from August 30, 2013 through August 30, 2018. Mr. Ludlum stated that it would take hundreds of man-hours to copy and redact personal information. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously adopted the following Resolution authorizing Johnson Law Firm to take steps necessary to quash subpoenas and any associated subpoenas on behalf of the Bladen County Board of Elections:

ITEM 7. Parks and Recreation Department: (Grant Pait, Director)

A. Mr. Pait introduced Dr. Deb Jordan, Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies at East Carolina University. Dr. Jordan and Mr. Pait provided an overview of a recently completed Bladen County Comprehensive Park Plan for the Board’s review and consideration.

B. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Munn-Goins, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously approved a Comprehensive Park Plan developed by East Carolina University.

ITEM 8. Health and Human Services Agency: (Wayne Raynor, Director)

A. Bladen County Health Department Health Educators Marianne Valentiner and Monique Travise presented to the Bladen County Board of Commissioners the 2017 State of the County Health Report (SOTCH). A copy of the 2017 SOTCH report was provided to the commissioners prior to the meeting for review. Bladen County Health Department is required to complete a SOTCH report every year and a Community Health Assessment every 3 years in collaboration with the hospital, Cape Fear Valley. The last CHA was completed in 2015 and they are in the CHA cycle now with the next being due the first Tuesday in March of 2019. The 2018 CHA will be presented next year to Commissioners, when a whole new set of priorities will be identified based on survey data and secondary data from the North Carolina Center for State Health Statistics. Mrs. Valentiner stated that the 2015 CHA priorities fell under Chronic Disease with Priority number 1 being identified as Substance Abuse (Tobacco/Vapor Products, Alcohol, Prescription Drug/Use & Misuse), Priority 2 being identified as Obesity/Weight Problem (Nutrition Education and Physical Activity) with the New and Emerging Issue being Teenage Pregnancy. These priorities are identified based on the data, survey responses and the steering committee for the CHA document. Programs are then assessed and implemented as available to combat these issues. Mrs. Valentiner further discussed the top causes of death according to the data for Bladen County. The number 1 cause is Heart Disease where our numbers are
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going down some since the last data set of 2011-2015. Number 2 cause of death is Cancer where numbers are slightly decreasing, smoking is still attributed to the number 1 cause of cancer according to the American Lung Association. Mrs. Valentiner further detailed the cancer rates for Bladen by type, noting that our highest rate of 57.6 was for Trachea, Bronchus and Lung Cancer for 2012-2016 data. Number 3 is Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease which is staying about the same and encompasses COPD, Emphysema, and Chronic Bronchitis, where the rate was 36.5. Number 5 was Cerebrovascular Disease with a rate of 37.3 which is slightly down. Contributors are high blood pressure, smoking and diabetes. Number 6 was Other Unintentional Injuries with a rate of 39.1 which has remained about the same as last reports. Injuries included in the data are falls, drownings, accidental gunfire, motor vehicle and poisoning.

Next, Mrs. Valentiner discussed the 2015 CHA New and Emerging Issue: Teenage Pregnancy. She noted that Bladen’s rate has decreased over time from 36.9 in 2015 to 30.6 in 2016. The actual numbers of total teenage pregnancies by year were presented as 2014- 51, 2015- 37, and 2016- 31. These numbers were also shown in the trend data which reflected a decrease. Mrs. Valentiner asked the Commissioners if there were any questions and Dr. Ophelia Munn-Goins asked why all of the data was from 2016? Mrs. Valentiner reported that the 2016 data is the most current data available. The state is actually working on the 2017 data and that should be available by the end of the year.

Monique Travise reported the New and Existing Programming and Funding for the 2017 year. There was a Healthy Communities Grant for $25,000. Young Families Connect Grant which ended in 2017 of $656,000. Medication Assistance Program for $26,000, and a Medicaid Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP). Ms. Travise then discussed the Community Health Concerns based off of the 2015 CHA document surveys from citizens, which were Substance Abuse/Prescription Misuse and Obesity/Weight Issues. She indicated that the following programs are in place in conjunction with our collaborative partners and within the health department to help combat these issues. The G.R.E.A.T.-Gang Resistance Education and Training with the Bladen County Sheriff’s office is conducted within the schools along with the Generation Rx and PACT 360 programs within the communities. We have Operation Medicine Drop with Safe Kids Bladen and the Sheriff’s Office, the Healthy Corner Store Initiative with the ODHDSP grant, where two stores in Bladen applied and received funding, and the Opioid Task Force. This task force was formed in 2017 and Ms. Travise noted that she and Mrs. Valentiner are active members on this committee where efforts to help those seek treatment if needed for opioid use as well as resources and support services for those with addiction. Ms. Travise asked the Commissioners if there were any questions. Commissioner Michael Cogdell asked what about someone who needs insulin and can’t afford it, how can they get help? Mrs. Valentiner reported that the Medication Assistance Program could help with medication needs. Commissioner Charles Peterson asked what about those with special needs? Mrs. Valentiner reported that the next CHA survey is more detailed and may provide information regarding special needs, but the 2015 CHA did not detail any information regarding those with special needs. With no further questions, the presentation was concluded.

The Board expressed appreciation to Mrs. Valentiner and Ms. Travise.

B. Mr. Wayne Raynor and Environmental Health Program Supervisor Kory Hair addressed the Board regarding a mosquito abatement program. Mr. Raynor stated that of the estimated $4.4 million in funding appropriated by the state, that Bladen County’s budget estimate was $39,000. He expressed his appreciation for the state program, but also shared his concern regarding the amount which had been appropriated to Bladen County. He assured the Board that he would be inquiring regarding the amount. Mr. Hair shared information regarding ongoing mosquito abatement activities. He stated that the entire county has been sprayed, but that spraying would continue. He stated that estimated cost for aerial spraying would be approximately $850,000-$1,300,000.

C. Administrative Officer Djuana Register provided an overview of an Agreement with Bladen Community College regarding phlebotomy clinical students. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Munn-
Goins, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously approved an Agreement with Bladen Community College regarding phlebotomy clinical students.

D. Mrs. Register provided an overview of a CST Data Document Imaging Conversion Services Agreement to convert paper medical records, including purged medical records, to electronic. She stated that once the initial conversion is completed, that ongoing scanning would be completed by county staff. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously approved a CST Data Document Imaging Conversion Services Agreement.

E. Mrs. Register provided a brief overview of a Clinical Instructional Agreement with Fayetteville State University. She stated that the agreement would allow for nursing program students to fulfill requirements for a public health clinical rotation. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Bullock, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously approved a Clinical Instructional Agreement with Fayetteville State University.

F. Mrs. Register provided information regarding Fees, Costs and CPT codes for Rocephin and Bicillin Injections. Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Bullock, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously approved Fees, Costs and CPT Codes for Rocephin and Bicillin Injections.

G. Mrs. Register provided an overview of Fees, Costs, and CPT codes for the flu vaccine. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously approved Fees, Costs and CPT codes for the flu vaccine.

H. Mrs. Register provided a brief overview of the following policies and procedures for the Health Department and Environmental Health:
   - Policy and Procedure for Determining Clinical Costs and Fees
   - Onsite Water Protection Program Policy
   - Environmental Health Water Sampling Procedures
   - Food, Lodging, and Institutional Program Policy
   - Environmental Health Well Program Policy
   - Tattoo Program Policy
   - Public Swimming Pool Policy
   - Environmental Health Migrant Housing Policy

Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board unanimously approved each of the above referenced policies and procedures.

I. Mrs. Register presented a Policy and Procedure for Determining Clinical Costs and Fees and provided an overview. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Bullock, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously approved a Policy and Procedure for Determining Clinical Costs and Fees.

ITEM 9. Division on Aging: (Kelly Robeson, Director)

This item was tabled during the approval of Consent Items (see item 2A).

ITEM 10. Revenue Department: (Renee Davis, Tax Administrator)

A. This item was tabled during the approval of Consent Items (see item 2A).

B. Mr. Martin presented a meeting request on behalf of Mrs. Davis in her absence. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously scheduled a Special Meeting regarding a tax payer’s request for 5:30pm on Monday, November 19, 2018.
ITEM 11.  Finance Department:  (Lisa Coleman, Finance Officer)

A. Mrs. Coleman reviewed a financial dashboard for the two-month period ending August 31, 2018.
B. Mrs. Coleman provided an overview of a request to consider waiving a provision in the County of Bladen Personnel Policy to allow for compensating employees for time earned during Hurricane Florence. She stated that Section 6.0 Compensatory Time, the policy is as follows: In the event of a declared (by the Commissioners) state of emergency or significant event with Bladen County, the Board of Commissioners, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of citizens, may deem it necessary to immediately waive the compensatory time requirement and compensate employees monetarily for overtime worked in conjunction with the emergency or event.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously waived a provision in the County of Bladen’s Personnel Policy in order to compensate employees for time earned during Hurricane Florence.

ITEM 12.  Emergency Services:  (Bradley Kinlaw, Director)

A. Mr. Kinlaw presented a request to the Board to reduce permit fees for storm-related building inspections. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously approved a reduction to $1.00 for permit fees for storm-related building inspection fees.
B. Mr. Kinlaw provided an overview of a request from Robeson County to join the Bladen/Columbus Hazard Mitigation Plan. He stated that allowing Robeson County to join the Plan would further strengthen grant opportunities to update the plan. FEMA requires the plan to be reviewed and updated every five (5) years.
C. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously adopted the following Resolution to include Robeson County and its municipalities in the Bladen/Columbus Hazard Mitigation Plan:

ITEM 13.  Emergency Medical Services:  (David Howell, Director)

A. In Mr. Howell’s absence, Mr. Kinlaw provided an overview of a request for the purchase of a Type I Ambulance Remount. Requests for quote were published and four (4) quotes were received. Mr. Kinlaw stated that due to the value of the conversion warranty offered by one of the respondents, the recommendation was to contract with Southeastern Specialty Vehicles for the purchase of the remount in the amount of $87,423, which includes a 3 year, 36,000 mile warranty. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of a Type I Ambulance Remount from Southeastern Specialty Vehicles.

ITEM 14.  General Services Department:  (Kip McClary, Director)

A. Mr. McClary provided information regarding proposals received for Solid Waste transportation and disposal. He stated that Custom Ecology, Inc. and Hilco Transport, Inc. provided quotes for transportation services, with Custom Ecology being the low bidder. He stated that the current waste disposal
provider Waste Industries did not provide a proposal. However, Waste Industries is now contracting with and manning and Sampson County Disposal, Inc. landfill. The quote received from Sampson County Disposal, Inc. would allow the county to realize approximately $41,000 in savings on an annual basis. Mr. McClary stated that he would request the updated agreements be placed on an upcoming meeting agenda as Consent items.

ITEM 15. Advisory Board Appointments:

A. Keep Bladen Beautiful (5): Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board unanimously tabled appointments.

B. Voluntary Agricultural Districts Committee (2): Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board, waiving rules on term limits, unanimously reappointed Russell Patterson and Joyce Walters to three-year terms of service, with the terms expiring September 30, 2021.

C. Watershed Review Board (3): Upon a motion by Commissioner Munn-Goins, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, the Board unanimously tabled appointments.

ITEM 16. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration at the October 15, 2018 Board Meeting:

A. Child Fatality Protection Team (2)
B. East Arcadia Fire Service District Committee (2)
C. EMS Advisory Committee (15)
D. White Lake Planning and Zoning Board (1)

ITEM 17. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

A. Mr. Martin reviewed Board calendars for the months of October and November 2018.

B. Mr. Martin provided a brief overview for the Board’s consideration of amending the meeting schedule for Monday, November 5, 2018. Following discussion, the Board did not take action. The meeting schedule was not amended.

C. Mr. Martin provided an update regarding the Kelly Water Dike and Drainage District. He introduced Aaron Robinson who was in attendance. Mr. Robinson requested assistance from the Board related to securing direction related to repairs and ongoing maintenance of the Kelly Dike. He stated that the 14-mile long dike failed in a number of locations during Hurricane Florence and immediate aftermath. During discussion, Mr. Robinson stated the Kelly Water Dike and Drainage District Committee members may return to the Board to request reinstating a district tax levy for ongoing maintenance following necessary repairs. He also requested representation of the Board of Commissioners on a committee to develop a plan of action following a Corps of Engineers assessment of the dike. Commissioners Munn-Goins and Peterson indicated their willingness and interest in participating.

D. Mr. Martin provided information related to VIPER-related communications concerns in the Tar Heel and White Oak areas. During Hurricane Florence, it was evident that communications were difficult in the above referenced areas. Sheriff McVicker recommended requesting support for an additional VIPER site in the Tar Heel area which would allow for coverage. The Board agreed by acclamation to make a request of the State Highway Patrol, Technical Services Unit.

E. Mr. Martin briefly provided information regarding a proposed Parks and Recreation Matching Incentive Grant Program. He reminded the Board that during Dr. Deb Jordan’s presentation, it appears that there may be a change of focus toward more community parks. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board voted to establish a committee to make recommendations to the
ITEM 18. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one addressed the Board members.

Upon a motion by Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:27pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Ray Britt, Chairman

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