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A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, October 7, 2019. The meeting was held in the Commissioners’ Room, located on the lower level of the Bladen County Courthouse, 106 East Broad Street, Elizabethtown.

The following members were present:

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

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

ITEM 1. Reverend Darrell Copeland, Wesley’s Chapel United Methodist Church, provided an invocation. Guest Cub Scout Pack 600 Webelos Topher Callihan, Andrew Runion, Brady Marlowe, Jaylen Smith, and Loyalty McNeil led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2. Consent Items:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Trivette, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent Items, including revising item 4A. Update Regarding Renaming Championship Drive at Bladen County Park to an Action Item, and moving item 2E. Schedule a Public Hearing for 6:30pm on Monday, October 21, 2019 to Receive Comments Regarding an Amendment to the Bladen County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance to Item 16A; and moving item 2G. Business Agreement with Rayne’s Italian Ice to Item 8B.

- A. Agenda (moving item 2E to 16A, and moving item 2G to 8B).
- B. Minutes of the September 16, 2019 Regular Meeting.
- C. Budget Amendments, as follows:

Central Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105000.610.006	Inmate Labor	25,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	25,000.00	

Rollover 18-19 contract amount - to be paid in 19-20.

Motor Pool

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105010.357	M/R Vehicles	386.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.011	Insurance Claims	386.00	

Insurance claim for 2735-2017 Dodge Charger.

Sheriff

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105100.738.003	DPS-Body Cameras	12,715.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103270.005	Sheriff-DPS Grant for Body Cameras	12,715.00	

NCDPS Grant for Body Cameras and Docking Stations.

Jail

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105100.5110.499.071	Jail Diversion Grant	50,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103260.016	Jail Diversion Grant	50,000.00	

Eastpointe Grant for Jail Diversion 19-20.

Sheriff - Aviation

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105100.5130.740	Duke Energy Grant – FLIR	15,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103270.006	Sheriff – Duke Energy Grant – FLIR	15,000.00	

Duke Energy Grant for a FLIR.

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Jail

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105300.120	Salaries	25,044.00	
105300.181	FICA	1,916.00	
105300.182	Retirement	2,256.00	
105300.183	Group Insurance	4,318.00	
105300.185	Retiree Health Insurance	1,620.00	
106900.904	To EMS		35,154.00

Reduction of Advanced EMT position to be eliminated 10/12/2019.

SARF-DRA5369-023

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105307.960.001	Admin	15,000.00	
105307.960.022	SARF-DRA5369-023	166,500.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103230.051	SARF-DRA5369-023	181,500.00	

State Acquisition Relocation Funds Grant approved 04/21/2019.

Division on Aging

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106200.493	Refunds	52,562.32	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	52,562.32	

ROAP unspent for FY 2019.

Division on Aging

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106200.6230.287	Ensure	3,357.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103530.024	Ensure	3,357.00	

Transfer ensure revenue to expenses for purchase of ensure.

Extension

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106500.6501.126	Part-time Salaries	4,800.00	
106500.6501.181	FICA	480.00	
106500.6501.760	Learning Materials	800.00	
106500.6501.761	Chicken Feed	420.00	
106500.6501.762	Materials/Equipment	500.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103230.028	Extension-Innovation Grant	7,000.00	

Extension Grant that will impact youth learning about raising chickens and the livestock industry.

Parks & Recreation

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106600.803	Insurance & Utilities	1,470.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103660.000	Recreation-Insurance Fees	1,470.00	

Transfer for football and cheer insurance.

Library

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106700.232	Audiovisuals	152.40	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.010	Miscellaneous Revenue	152.40	

Donation from Clarkton Presbyterian Church.

Library

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106700.310	Travel	167.62	
106700.395	Schools & Meetings	420.95	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103630.011	LSTA Grants	588.57	

LSTA Grant reimbursement for attending Fall NCPLDA meeting.

JCPC

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106805.640	JCPC-State Refund	1,085.00	
106806.640	JCPC-State Refund	16.57	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	1,101.57	

JCPC refunds due for 4-H Juvenile Services and Administration.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.6161.990	Contingency		1,000.00
146100.6161.310	NC Shift Travel	1,000.00	

To pay current and future Every Teen Counts expenses.

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EMS

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
325302.120	Salaries		25,044.00
325302.181	FICA		1,916.00
325302.182	Retirement		2,256.00
325302.183	Group Insurance		4,318.00
325302.185	Retiree Health Insurance		1,620.00
Revenues			
323422.002	Fm General Fund		35,154.00

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CDBG-2019 CRI-SRA

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
784992.960.001	Admin	2,250.00	
784992.960.012	Infrastructure	45,000.00	
Revenues			
783970.026	CDBR-2019 CRI-SRA	47,250.00	

CDBG Disaster Recovery Grant.

D. County Attorney Invoices.

Date	Department	Amount
9/13/2019	Water District	1,525.00
9/20/2019	Sheriff's Office	725.00
9/16/2019	Water District	1,525.00
9/27/2019	Water District	2,025.00
10/03/2019	October-19 Retainer	300.00
	Total	\$ 6,100.00

E. Moved to Item 16A.

F. Scheduled a Public Hearing for 6:30pm on Monday, October 21, 2019 to Receive Comments Regarding a FY 2020-21 Community Transportation Program Application.

G. Moved to Item 8B.

H. The following 4-H Week Proclamation:



I. The following Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation:



J. FY 2019-20 State Appropriation for Senior Centers, Senior Center General Purpose Funding Application

K. Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Sub-Recipient Agreement with NC Department of Public Safety, Office of Recovery and Resiliency, regarding a drainage study for the benefit of the Town of Bladenboro.

L. FY 2019-20 White Lake Water Rescue Funding Agreement and Automatic Aid Agreement.

M. Charitable Donation Appropriation of \$200 to Bladen County United Way Day of Caring.

N. Public Auction Scheduled for 10am on Saturday, November 2, 2019 to be held at the Bladen County Operations Office, 272 Smith Circle, Elizabethtown.

ITEM 3. Special Recognition:

A. The entire Board recognized 4-H'ers in attendance representing three (3) Bladen County 4-H Clubs. Representing the Super Clover Club were adult volunteers Kim White and Lisa Barnes. Representing Green Team Club were youth members Cooper Mills, Kynslie Kinlaw, Ellie Kinlaw, Jacie Kinlaw,

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Chastity Singletary and adult volunteers; Dana Mills and Stacie Kinlaw. Representing Down East Club as youth members; Jordan Jarmon, Jalil Hayes, Shonita Hayes, and Sonita Hayes; and as adult volunteers; Luella Wills, Thonda Hayes, and Annie Powell. A recently adopted Proclamation was presented to Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development Agent Stacie Kinlaw and 4-H'ers. Chairman Peterson read aloud a 4-H Week Proclamation.

- B. Chairman Peterson and the entire Board recognized Families First representative Marjorie Lewis to receive a recently adopted Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation. Ms. Lewis expressed appreciation. Clerk to the Board Maria Edwards read aloud the proclamation.

ITEM 4. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

- A. Chairman Peterson provided an update regarding a request to consider renaming Championship Drive at the Bladen County Park, located on Hwy. 701, south of Elizabethtown. He stated that Robert Mazur had worked many years with Bladen County, initially as the Parks and Recreation Director, then as General Services Director until his retirement in 2016. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Britt, the Board unanimously approved the renaming of Championship Drive in recognition of Robert Mazur. The proposed name was Robert Mazur Drive.

ITEM 5. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one in attendance addressed the Board.

ITEM 6. Public Hearing:

- A. Chairman Peterson declared open a Public Hearing to receive comments regarding a Rezoning Request submitted by Mr. Billy G. Blanks. Mr. Blanks' request for consideration of rezoning a 1.0 acre tract of land from Residential/Agriculture to Commercial was approved by the Planning Board on September 17, 2019 for recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners. The intended purpose of the rezoning request was to develop a used car lot.

No one addressed the Board.

Chairman Peterson declared closed the Public Hearing

- B. Following discussion the Board determined that the rezoning of the 1.0 acre tract of land was consistent with the adopted 2013-2030 Bladen County Land Use Plan; and it was reasonable and was in the public interest. Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously approved a Rezoning Request (from Residential Agriculture RA to Commercial C) submitted by Mr. Billy G. Blanks related to property located at 13660 NC Hwy. 87 East, Council (PIN No. 1267-0081-5771), for the purpose of developing a used car lot.

ITEM 7. Bladen Community College/Bladen County Sheriff's Office Joint Project: (Sondra Guyton, BCC Vice President for Workforce and Continuing Education)

- A. Ms. Guyton provided an overview of a driving pad project to be constructed on the Bladen County Training Center property. She stated that the plans include two (2) different driving pads; one to be used for truck driver training and the second one to be used for law enforcement training. She stated that currently there is an Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant opportunity which requires a 20% match to assist in funding an estimated \$6,500,000 project. A successful EDA grant application could generate 80% (\$5.2M). A successfully received Golden LEAF Foundation grant could provide the 20% match (\$1.3M).

Ms. Guyton stressed the timelines of the two grant opportunities. The EDA grant is considered to be "first come, first served", and therefore a sense of urgency to submit the grant application as quickly as possible.

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Ms. Guyton further stated that the Golden LEAF grant application process will not be completed until April, 2020. The Joint Project will need to request that the Board of Commissioners submit a letter of support to provide the 20% match until the Golden LEAF grant may be awarded. However, she further reminded the Board that there are no guarantees that either one of the grants would be successfully received.

Following further discussion, the Board expressed appreciation.

Ms. Guyton and Chairman Charles Peterson indicated that an action item will be included on the October 21, 2019 Board meeting agenda to request approval of the EDA grant application and letter of support.

ITEM 8. Parks and Recreation Department: (Grant Pait, Director)

- A. Mr. Pait presented a recently received request for assistance from the Town of Bladenboro. Town officials requested assistance of Mr. Pait regarding its recently awarded PARTF grant. Town Administrator Blake Proctor indicated that with Mr. Pait's experience, advice, direction and informal support would be greatly appreciated.

Following a brief discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously approved the Town of Bladenboro's request for advice, direction and informal support of the PARTF grant process.

- B. Mr. Pait presented a Business Agreement with Rayne's Italian Ice to be a vendor at the County park during the fall recreation season. He stated that Rayne's Italian Ice would supply a copy of its certificate of insurance. He further stated that the agreement with Sunset Slush was to provide product during the spring and summer seasons. Upon a motion by Commissioners Britt, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously approved a Business Agreement with Rayne's Italian Ice.

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

- A. Ms. Davis provided an overview of a bid in the amount of \$7,100 for County-owned property (PIN No. 0350-0014-3293) located at 170 Rosewood Drive, Bladenboro, which carries an assessed tax value of \$40,240. The bid submitted by Ms. Raneshia Spivey, a former occupant of the property, requested a private sale and ninety (90) day extended terms. She further stated that the bid of \$7,100 does cover the County's investment of \$7,100. Upon a motion by Commissioner Trivette, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously accepted the bid in the amount of \$7,100 for the 1.07 acre tract of land (PIN No. 0350-0014-3293). By accepting the bid submitted by Ms. Spivey, the upset bid process was not required.

- B. Ms. Davis provided a brief overview of a bid in the amount of \$4,300 for County-owned property (PIN No. 1311-0759-3339) located at 801 Nobie Street, Elizabethtown. Mr. Jeffrey Pridgen submitted the bid on September 19, 2019. She stated that the .17 acre tract of land carries an assessed tax value of \$6,470, with an investment to the County of \$4,300. Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously accepted the bid in the amount of \$4,300 for the County-owned property (PIN No. 1311-0759-3339). By accepting the bid, the upset bid process was initiated.

ITEM 10. Emergency Services: (Nathan Dowless, Director)

- A. Mr. Dowless presented two (2) Private Road Petitions submitted to E-911 Addressing for consideration of naming two private roads which were established when the US 701/NC 87 interchange was constructed.

Mr. Dowless stated that the portion of the existing road from Old 242 Hwy. to the State Employees' Credit Union and the portion from Old 242 Hwy. to Sampson-Bladen Oil Company have been requested to be renamed Member's Circle and Hugo Lane, respectfully. Mr. Dowless further stated that the NC Department of Transportation maintain the roads.

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Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously approved the following road names; Member's Circle and Hugo Lane.

ITEM 11. Computer Operations: (Robin Hewett, Director)

- A. Mr. Hewett presented a Tools4Ever Software and Support Agreement to provide password management software. Mr. Hewett stated that this initial agreement would be for one year and in the amount of \$756. Following brief discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously approved a Tools4Ever Software and Support Agreement for a one-year period and in the amount of \$756.
- B. Mr. Hewett presented a Bladen County Technology Use Policy for consideration. Following discussion and upon motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Britt, the Board unanimously approved a Bladen County Technology Use Policy.

ITEM 12. Advisory Board Appointments:

- A. **Beaver Management Program Advisory Committee (6):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Trivette, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board unanimously appointed the following members:

Member Info	Bladen Co. District	Term Exp
Dan Ward	District 1	September 30, 2021
E. W. Bowen	District 1	September 30, 2022
Ikie Guyton	District 2	September 30, 2021
Hunter Walters	District 2	September 30, 2022
Ray Marlowe	District 3	September 30, 2021
Steve Guyton	District 3	September 30, 2022

Commissioner David Gooden (with a term expiration date of September 30, 2022) and as a staff member, Soil and Water Conservation District Director Dean Morris will also serve on this newly established advisory board.

- B. **Watershed Review Board (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Munn-Goins, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously appointed E. W. Bowen to a three-year term, with the term expiring September 6, 2022.

ITEM 13. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration During October 21, 2019 Meeting:

- A. East Arcadia Fire District Advisory Committee (3)
- B. Keep Bladen Beautiful (1): During review, the Board will consider including a high school representative from East Bladen and West Bladen High Schools.

ITEM 14. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration During November 18, 2019 Meeting:

- A. Bay Tree Lakes Fire District Committee (1)
- B. Clarkton Fire District Committee (2)

ITEM 15. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed Board calendars for the months of October and November 2019.
- B. Mr. Martin provided an overview of a Golden LEAF Foundation Community Based Grants Initiative opportunity. He reminded the Board that this was the hopeful grant opportunity that, if successfully received, could provide the 20% match for the driving pad project to be constructed on the Bladen County Training Center property. He stated that the deadline to submit the letter of

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interest is noon on November 1, 2019. It is anticipated that projects from a particular county could be awarded up to \$1.5M for one to three projects. The Foundation board is scheduled to meet in December and notify the most competitive projects to submit full applications. A final decision has been scheduled for April 2020.

Mr. Martin reminded the Board that this route for funds was not a certainty, as there are a number of projects which may be submitted for consideration.

ITEM 16. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one in attendance addressed the Board.

- A. Chairman Peterson asked the Board to consider scheduling a Public Hearing for 6:30pm on Monday, October 21, 2019 to Receive Comments Regarding an Amendment to the Bladen County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Planning Director Greg Elkins stated that the State of North Carolina, following a survey and research related to the National Flood Insurance Program, stated that state officials requested the amendment to flood damage prevention ordinances in coastal and non-coastal counties. Following brief discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously scheduled a Public Hearing to Receive Comments Regarding an Amendment to the Bladen County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.

ITEM 17. Closed Session:

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously entered Closed Session in Accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4) Industry/Economic Development and NCGS 143-318.11(1)(6) Personnel sy 7:42pm.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously exited Closed Session at 8:23pm.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board

Charles R. Peterson, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners