

November 4, 2013

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, November 4, 2013 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse.

The following members were present:

- James G. "Jimmie" Smith, Chairman
- Mark Gillespie, Vice Chairperson
- Charles Ray Peterson
- Delilah Blanks
- Billy Ray Pait
- Russell Priest
- Daniel Dowless
- G. Michael Cogdell
- Wayne Edge

Attorney: Leslie Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

ITEM 1. Chairman Smith called the meeting to order. Reverend Larry Hayes, Good News Baptist Church, Bladenboro, NC provided the Invocation. County Manager Gregory J. Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2. Consent Items:
Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie the Board approved the following Consent Items:
 A. Agenda.
 B. Minutes of Regular Meeting on October 21, 2013.
 C. Budget Amendments as follows:

Central

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
105000.350	M/R Buildings & Grounds	3,484.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.010	Miscellaneous Revenue	3,484.00	

Reimbursement for money used for Memorial @ Courthouse.

Animal Control

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
105200.499.028	Spay/Neuter Program	6,659.13	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103260.041	Spay/Neuter Program	6,659.13	

July-September 2013 application.

Library

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
106700.231	Library Books	242.45	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.010	Miscellaneous Revenue	242.45	

Donation from Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Cox Jr.

Library

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
106700.231	Library Books	25.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.010	Miscellaneous Revenue	25.00	

Donation from John & Dorothy Semotchko.

Library

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
106700.231	Library Books	6,415.07	
106700.325	Postage	5.00	
106700.310	Travel	200.00	
106700.232	Audiovisual	1,500.00	
106700.234	Electronic Material	1,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103630.011	LSTA Grant	9,120.07	

LSTA Grant Funds.

DSS

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
146100.693	Medicaid Transportation	25,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.320	Medicaid Transportation	25,000.00	

To pay current and future expenses. 100% Federal Reimbursement.

D. County Attorney Invoices:

Date	Department	Amount
10/24/13	Finance Department	\$ 750.00
10/28/13	Planning Department	\$ 1,250.00
11/1/13	Sheriff's Office	\$ 3,450.00
	Total	\$ 5,450.00

E. Acceptance of 911 Center Furniture and Other Miscellaneous Items from Moore County Public Safety.

F. Bladen Community College Sidewalk Appropriation Request. \$10,000 will be reallocated from Current Expense (budgeted supplement for the president of the college) to Capital Outlay for sidewalk repairs.

G. Public Hearing for Monday, November 18, 2013 at 6:30pm to Receive Comments Regarding a Community Transportation Program Grant Application.

ITEM 3. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

No issues were brought to the floor.

ITEM 4. Individuals / Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

A. Joel Strickland, Mid-Carolina RPO Transportation Director, presented the 2013 Locally Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan, which addresses medical, educational, employment and recreational needs. The plan is required by the North Carolina Department of Transportation and must be updated every five years. The plan must be in place for public and private transportation providers to apply for funding from NCDOT or to expand transportation services. Mr. Strickland asked for the Board's approval of the plan as presented. In prior years, the Transportation Committee approved the plan. NCDOT now requires the Board of Commissioners' approval of the plan. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board unanimously approved the 2013 Locally Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan as presented.

ITEM 5. Public Hearings:

A. Chairman Smith declared open the Public Hearing to Receive Comments Regarding a Proposed Incentive Grant with Gildan Yarns, LLC. The purpose of the hearing was to receive public comments regarding a proposed five year incentive grant with Gildan Yarns, LLC in the amount of .44 percent of the tax assessors new capital investment for the given tax year. The Improvements and Equipment (including the value of any leasehold interest in the Project) shall comprise a new taxable investment in Bladen County valued within the range of \$9,000,000 to \$15,000,000, as determined by the appraisal of the Bladen County Tax Assessor (the "New Investment"). The Grant is to be based solely on the assessed value of the New Investment.

Hearing no comments from the public, Chairman Smith declared the Public Hearing closed.

B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board unanimously approved the proposed Incentive Grant Agreement with Gildan Yarns, LLC.

ITEM 6. Department of Social Services: (Vickie Smith, Director)

A. Work First Family Assistance Supervisor Lisa Nance presented an overview and presentation related to the services and funding available the citizens of Bladen County through the Work First Unit.

B. DSS Director Vickie Smith provided an update related to the Food and Nutrition Services and the reduction of those services as a result of the sunset of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. A family of four would likely see a reduction in their monthly food benefit of \$36. Mrs. Smith stated that local food banks will experience an increase in their assistance to residents in all probability.

Mrs. Smith also stated that there would be Health Insurance Navigators available to residents of Bladen County at the Employment Security Commission office in Elizabethtown on the 1st Thursday of each month from 9am until 4pm to assist with online health insurance enrollments related to the Affordable Care Act.

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ITEM 7. Revenue Department: (Chris Ellis, Tax Administrator)

- A. Mr. Ellis provided an update and overview of the 2015 Revaluation process. The project has been ongoing since May 1, 2013 and is currently five (5) days ahead of schedule. One of the issues addressed with the most recent revaluation consisted of property owners not being made aware that their property has been visited by a representative of the Tax Department. During this Revaluation, notice of a visit will be made known by way of leaving door hangers noting the date, time and Revaluation representative, if the property owner is not onsite. Canvassing should be completed by June 27, 2014. Notices of revised/updated tax valuation will be ready for mailing by November 28, 2014. The next step will consist of informal Value Review Hearings for both residential, and then commercial, properties, and the field checks and revised notifications to property owners. Board of Equalization and Review appeals are scheduled to begin in April, 2015. The Schedule of Appraisals is due for review by July 1, 2015.

ITEM 8. Advisory Board Appointments to be considered at November 18, 2013 Meeting:

- A. Bay Tree Fire District (1)
B. Bladen County Jury Commission (1)
C. Clarkton Fire District Committee (2)

ITEM 9. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed the calendars for November and December, 2013.
B. Mr. Martin provided an overview of appropriation requests from charitable organizations. The Board will consider approving appropriations at the November 18, 2013 Board meeting.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

James G. Smith, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board