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A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, November 6, 2017 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse.

The following members were present:

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

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

ITEM 1. Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order.

Prior to the invocation, Chairman Peterson requested a moment of silence in honor of victims and families affected by the tragedy which occurred in the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, TX.

Reverend Richard Smith, Hickory Grove Baptist Church of Garland, provided the Invocation. Guest 4-H'er Aubrey Schwable led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2. Consent Items:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Munn-Goins, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent Items:

- A. Agenda.
- B. Minutes of October 16, 2017 Regular Meeting.
- C. Minutes of October 23, 2017 Special Meeting.
- D. Budget Amendments, as follows:

Governing Board

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104100.499	Miscellaneous Expense	750.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.010	Miscellaneous Revenue	750.00	

Funding for BOC photos.

Tax Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104500.192	Professional Services Legal	206.00	
104500.270	Advertising	999.54	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.010	Miscellaneous Revenue	1,205.54	

Bid preparation deed, fees, & adv on 1130 Murray Haywood Rd.

Tax Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104500.192	Professional Services Legal	187.00	
104500.270	Advertising	114.96	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.010	Miscellaneous Revenue	301.96	

Bid preparation deed, fees, & adv on Sunny/Ln off Twisted Hickory.

Tax Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104500.192	Professional Services Legal	20,000.00	
104500.192.002	Professional Services Foreclosures	45,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	65,000.00	

Foreclosures.

Motor Pool

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105010.357	Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	832.70	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.011	Insurance Claims	832.70	

Insurance pay on 2016 Dodge Charger #0576.

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Motor Pool

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105010.253	Vehicle Parts & Supplies	6,371.80	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.010	Miscellaneous Revenue	6,371.80	

Service and cost for Health Dept vehicles for 16-17.

Sheriff - HELO

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105100.200.016	Surplus	3,000.00	
105100.5140.212	Uniforms (PTR)		500.00
105100.5175.212	Uniforms (BCC)		1,000.00
105100.5176.212	Uniforms (Clarkton)		3,000.00
105100.212	Uniforms	4,500.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103270.018	Sheriff - HELO	3,000.00	

To address funding issues with assorted line items.

Animal Control

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105200.499.028	Spay/Neuter Grant	4,829.60	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	4,829.60	

April-June 2017 Application - funding rolled back to 16-17.

JCPC-Extension

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106805.640	JCPC-Refund to State	386.00	
106806.640	JCPC-Refund to State	45.90	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	431.90	

Reimbursement to NCDPS for unspent JCPC funds for 16-17.

JCPC-Support Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106805.640	JCPC-Refund to State	1,515.93	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.010	Miscellaneous Revenue	1,515.93	

Refund to NCDPS for unspent JCPC Support Services.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.689	Energy Neighbor Fund	458.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.031	Energy Neighbor Fund	458.00	

Funding Authorization #4.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.689	Energy Neighbor Fund	448.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.031	Energy Neighbor Fund	448.00	

Funding Authorization #5

Solid Waste

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
205800.398	KBB/Community Relations	2,184.04	
<i>Revenues</i>			
203190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	2,184.04	

Rollover unspent KBB funds from 16-17.

White Oak Fire

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
405340.191	Professional Services - Audit	600.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
403190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	600.00	

Preparation and compile information for tax exempt status.

CDBG-SBEA

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
784985.960.002	Scattered Site Planning	5,000.00	
784985.960.006	Machinery/Equipment	235,000.00	
784985.960.007	Other Activities	10,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
783970.022	CDBG-SBEA	250,000.00	

Rollover full budget for SBEA Grant.

E. County Attorney Invoices.

Date	Department	Amount
9/20/17	Sheriff's Office	\$ 750.00
9/25/17	Sheriff's Office	\$ 2,525.00

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9/27/17	Sheriff's Office	\$ 800.00
9/28/17	Emergency Services	\$ 675.00
9/28/17	Emergency Services	\$ 475.00
10/01/17	Retainer for Oct-17	\$ 300.00
10/03/17	Health Department	\$ 775.00
10/16/17	Health Department	\$ 1,125.00
10/26/17	Water District	\$ 275.00
	Total	\$ 7,700.00

F. The following National Hospice Palliative Care Month Proclamation:



G. State Disaster Recovery Act (DRA) 2017 Conditional Award in the amount of \$1,000,000.

H. Public Hearing for 6:30pm on Monday, November 20, 2017 Regarding a 2019 Community Transportation Grant Program.

ITEM 3. Individual/Delegates Wishing to Address the Commissioners:

Chairman Peterson recognized Ms. Melissa Hill to address the Board. Ms. Hill inquired about the steps being taken regarding water delivery options for households adjacent to the Chemours location. She stated that her family is being supplied with bottled water. Chairman Peterson and County Manager Greg Martin provided information regarding a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 7. Mr. Martin assured Ms. Hill that he would provide an update following the meeting.

Mr. Martin provided additional information regarding the many options which are being considered to assist residents, from extending county water systems (Bladen and Cumberland), to whole-house filtration systems, providing deeper wells, as well as a combination of solutions being considered.

ITEM 4. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

A. Chairman Peterson and the entire Board recognized Carol Strickland upon her retirement effective November 1, 2017. Health and Human Services Director David Howard provided an overview of Carol's tenure with the County and wished her well in her retirement. Mrs. Strickland expressed appreciation to the Board and the County of Bladen.

B. Chairman Peterson recognized Lower Cape Fear Hospice Community Outreach Coordinator Brooke Hinson to receive a National Hospice Palliative Care Month Proclamation. Ms. Hinson expressed appreciation and provided additional information regarding volunteer opportunities with Lower Cape Fear Hospice.

Chairman Peterson reminded everyone of the upcoming Opioid Forum scheduled for 2pm on Tuesday, November 14 and encouraged the Board to make plans to attend. He stated that focus groups/committees are expected to provide direction to address the opioid crisis.

ITEM 5. General Services Department: (Kip McClary, Director)

A. Mr. McClary provided an overview of an Agreement with Industrial Contract Service Corporation regarding a DSS roof replacement/restoration project. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Trivette, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously approved an Agreement with Industrial Contract Service Corporation in the amount of \$292,475.

B. Mr. McClary provided information regarding the process to waive the competitive bid process under NCGS 143-129(g) and approve the purchase of one front loader garbage truck. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board

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unanimously waived the competitive bid process and approved to purchase a garbage truck from Cavalier Equipment Corporation in the amount of \$234,570.

ITEM 6. Advisory Board Appointments:

- A. **Jury Commission (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board, unanimously reappointed Jerry Graham to a three-year term of service, with the term expiring December 9, 2020.
- B. **Keep Bladen Beautiful (2):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously appointed Cheryl White-Smith to a three-year term of service, with the term expiring October 30, 2020.

ITEM 7. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration at November 20, 2017 Meeting:

- A. Bay Tree Lakes Fire District (2)
- B. Clarkton E T J (2)
- C. Clarkton Fire District Committee (3)

ITEM 8. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed Board calendars for the months of November and December, 2017.
- B. Mr. Martin provided an overview of a request to schedule a Special Meeting regarding Tax Matters. Upon a motion by Commissioner Trivette, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously scheduled a Special Meeting regarding Tax Matters for 5:30pm on Monday, November 20, 2017.

Mr. Martin shared that inmates have been moved from the jail facility located in the Courthouse to the new Detention Center. He stated that inmates who are housed outside the County will be moved in the coming days.

ITEM 9. Closed Session:

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board exited Regular Session and entered Closed Session in Accordance with NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6) Personnel at 6:58pm.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board returned to Regular Session at 7:49pm.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:50pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Charles R. Peterson, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners