

**December 16, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, December 16, 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: Allen 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. Chairman Smith stated that since this was the final Board of Commissioners meeting in 2013, he wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**ITEM 2. Consent Items:**  
Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie the Board approved the following Consent Items:  
 A. Agenda.  
 B. Minutes of Regular Meeting on December 9, 2013.  
 C. Budget Amendments as follows:

**Sheriff**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
<b>105100.200.016</b>	Supplies - Surplus Proceeds	10,626.80	
<b>105100.395.006</b>	Schools - GREAT	1,429.10	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>103170.040</b>	Sale of Assets	10,626.80	
<b>103270.023</b>	Sheriff - GREAT	1,429.10	

To cover actual and up coming expenses.

**Library**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
<b>106700.231</b>	Library Books	8,757.60	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>10363.011</b>	LSTA Grant	8,757.60	

To cover expenses in the above account.

**Tobermory FD**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
<b>335333.900.003</b>	Vehicle Fees Collected	100.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>333190.050</b>	Fund Balance Appropriated	100.00	

To cover NCVTS charges.

**Ammon FD**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
<b>345334.900.003</b>	Vehicle Fees Collected	100.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>343190.050</b>	Fund Balance Appropriated	100.00	

To cover NCVTS charges.

**Clarkton FD**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
<b>355335.900.003</b>	Vehicle Fees Collected	175.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>353190.050</b>	Fund Balance Appropriated	175.00	

To cover NCVTS charges.

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**East Arcadia FD**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
<b>365336.900.003</b>	Vehicle Fees Collected	50.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>363190.050</b>	Fund Balance Appropriated	50.00	

To cover NCVTS charges.

**Hickory Grove FD**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
<b>375337.900.003</b>	Vehicle Fees Collected	100.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>373190.050</b>	Fund Balance Appropriated	100.00	

To cover NCVTS charges.

**Kelly FD**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
<b>385338.900.003</b>	Vehicle Fees Collected	50.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>383190.050</b>	Fund Balance Appropriated	50.00	

To cover NCVTS charges.

**White Lake FD**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
<b>395339.900.003</b>	Vehicle Fees Collected	100.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>393190.050</b>	Fund Balance Appropriated	100.00	

To cover NCVTS charges.

**White Oak FD**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
<b>405340.900.003</b>	Vehicle Fees Collected	120.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>403190.050</b>	Fund Balance Appropriated	120.00	

To cover NCVTS charges.

**Tar Heel FD**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
<b>415341.900.003</b>	Vehicle Fees Collected	130.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>413190.050</b>	Fund Balance Appropriated	130.00	

To cover NCVTS charges.

**Bladenboro FD**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
<b>425342.900.003</b>	Vehicle Fees Collected	350.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>423190.050</b>	Fund Balance Appropriated	350.00	

To cover NCVTS charges.

**Carvers Creek FD**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
<b>435343.900.003</b>	Vehicle Fees Collected	100.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>433190.050</b>	Fund Balance Appropriated	100.00	

To cover NCVTS charges.

**Lisbon FD**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
<b>445344.900.003</b>	Vehicle Fees Collected	110.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>443190.050</b>	Fund Balance Appropriated	110.00	

To cover NCVTS charges.

**Elizabethtown FD**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
<b>455345.900.003</b>	Vehicle Fees Collected	200.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>453190.050</b>	Fund Balance Appropriated	200.00	

To cover NCVTS charges.

**Dublin FD**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
<b>465346.900.003</b>	Vehicle Fees Collected	350.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>463190.050</b>	Fund Balance Appropriated	350.00	

To cover NCVTS charges.

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**Bay Tree FD**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
475347.900.003	Vehicle Fees Collected	50.00	
475347.710	VIPER Radio Payment	91.80	
<i>Revenues</i>			
473190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	141.80	

To cover NCVTS charges and VIPER.

**General Services FD**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
485348.900.003	Vehicle Fees Collected	50.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
483190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	50.00	

To cover NCVTS charges.

**Atkinson FD**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
495349.900.003	Vehicle Fees Collected	1.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
493190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	1.00	

To cover NCVTS charges.

D. County Attorney Invoices:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
12/11/13	Economic Development Commission	\$ 475.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 475.00</b>

- E. Monthly Community Development Block Grant Reports for November, 2013  
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**ITEM 3. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:**

No issues were brought to the floor.

**ITEM 4. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:**

No one in attendance wished to address the Board.

**ITEM 5. Finance Department: (Lisa Coleman, Director)**

- A. Mrs. Lisa Coleman provided an overview of the financial dashboard for fiscal year 2015, period ending November 30, 2013.

**ITEM 6. General Services: (Robert Mazur, Director)**

- A. County Manager Greg Martin provided an update related to the US 701/NC 87 Interchange Project. NC Department of Transportation has proposed utilizing Bladen County's now-closed landfill, which is in close proximity of the planned interchange, to dispose of approximately 10,000 dump truck loads of excavated soil from the project. During a recent meeting Mr. Mazur and Mr. Martin attended with NCDOT representatives and representatives from Smith+Gardner, Bladen County's solid waste consulting engineering firm, the proposed use of the county landfill for the disposal of the excavated soil appears to be a "win-win" situation. However, more studies are to be completed. Should the results from the studies be positive, there will be a Memorandum of Agreement brought to the Board for consideration in the next several months. Commissioner Cogdell asked Mr. Martin if there had been any consideration of extending the town's sewer line on the south of the US 701/NC 87 Bypass interchange in the Elizabethtown ETJ. Mr. Martin stated the he would follow-up on Commissioner Cogdell's request for information.

**ITEM 7. Health & Human Services Department: (Cris Harrelson, Director)**

- A. Carol Strickland and Marianne Valentiner, Health Educators, presented the 2013-16 Strategic Plan and the Action Plans for Bladen County Health Department. Carol Strickland reviewed the requirements for the Strategic Plan as it relates to the Accreditation process. Baseline data for Bladen was compared to North Carolina 2020 health objectives. Mrs. Strickland reviewed the health priorities from the 2013 Community Health Assessment and the Goals set for each priority. Each goal has specific objectives for the Health Department and partners to address. Also reviewed were the new emerging

issues that were determined from the survey results of the 2013 Community Health Assessment (CHA). The new emerging areas that resulted from the CHA included an increase in Asthma and Unintentional Motor Vehicle deaths. The Strategic Plan presents objectives and goals as it relates to each individual department and ways to address issues. The Strategic Plan is updated each year and new programming in the county is added.

Marianne Valentiner reviewed the 2013-16 Bladen County Action Plans with the Bladen Board of Commissioners. The Action Plans are to reflect on an issue presented in the 2013 Community Health Assessment. Action Plans are required by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and are also required in the Accreditation process. Action Plans have to be "SMART" objectives, Specific, Measureable, Achievable, Realistic, and Timely. Our Action Plan for 2013-16 focuses on our #1 cause of death in Bladen, chronic disease. DHHS required that the Action Plans contain at least three Evidence Based Programs (EBI) addressing the issue. Our three EBI programs are: Faithful Families Eating Smart Moving More, Eat Smart Move More, Weigh Less, and Chronic Disease Self-Management, Diabetes. These programs are 9-15 week education programs and will be offered in communities and churches throughout Bladen County. Results of the programming are included on the Action Plans that will be submitted to the DHHS and as proof in the Accreditation process.

- B. Health and Human Services Director Cris Harrelson asked the Board of Commissioners to consider lifting the fee waiver for pregnancy tests and to increase the fee from \$15 to \$25. Mr. Harrelson provided documentation to support this request, which included increased cost for supplies and tests. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board unanimously approved lifting the fee waiver and increasing pregnancy test fees from \$15 to \$25 per test administered.

**ITEM 8. Advisory Board Appointments:**

- A. **Bladen County Division on Aging Advisory Committee (2):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board waived the policy regarding term limits, and unanimously reappointed Mrs. Louella Thompson, with the term expiring 12/31/2016. There was no action taken on the second appointment to the Division on Aging Advisory Committee.
- B. **Bladen County Economic Development Commission (3):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board waived the policy regarding term limits and unanimously reappointed Larry Sessoms and John White, and unanimously appointed Vernon L. Richardson, with terms expiring 12/31/2016.
- C. **Bladen County Library Board (2):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, the Board waived the policy regarding term limits and unanimously reappointed Phyllis Swindell, with the term expiring 12/31/2016. The other appointment was tabled until the next Board meeting.

**ITEM 9. County Manager: (Greg Martin)**

- A. County Manager Greg Martin reviewed the calendars for December, 2013 and January, 2014.
- B. Mr. Martin asked that the Board consider scheduling a Planning session for January 16, 2014 in conjunction with the Division Managers. Dr. Mitch Owen, who has worked with Bladen County in past years, has indicated to Mr. Martin that he will gladly work with the Board and Division Managers during the Planning sessions. Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board scheduled a Planning session for January 16, 2014 at 4pm.

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Commissioner Peterson asked Mr. Martin to update the Board on several issues, including land for a fire fighting training facility, an expansion of County water service and Clarkton's EMS and responsiveness to calls. Mr. Martin stated that information will be provided and these issues may be included in the Planning session with Dr. Owen.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm.

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James G. Smith, Chairman  
Bladen County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board