

December 19, 2016

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, December 19, 2016 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse.

The following members were present:

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

Attorney: Leslie Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

ITEM 1. Chairman Priest called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

Reverend Larry Hayes, Good News Baptist Church, Bladenboro, provided the Invocation. County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2. Oaths of Office: (Honorable Niki S. Dennis, Clerk of Superior Court)

A. Ms. Dennis administered Oaths of Office to newly elected Commissioners; Dr. Ophelia Munn-Goins, Ashley S. Trivette, Ray Britt, David R. Gooden, Michael Cogdell and Daniel Dowless.

ITEM 3. Election of Board Officers: (Greg Martin, County Manager)

A. Mr. Martin opened nominations for Chairperson. Commissioner Dowless nominated Charles Ray Peterson. Nominations were closed by acclamation. Upon a vote of eight (8) AYES and one (1) NO (Cogdell), Commissioner Peterson was elected as Chairperson for the ensuing year.

B. Mr. Martin opened nominations for Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Trivette nominated Ray Britt. There being no other nominations from the floor, nominations were closed. Upon a unanimous vote, the Board elected Commissioner Britt as Vice Chairperson for the ensuing year.

ITEM 4. Procedural Business:

A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Britt, the Board unanimously approved the following bonds for Public Officials:

Name/Position	Agent	Amount	Premium
Lisa C. Coleman, Finance Officer	Lacy West-Thomas Insurance	\$ 100,000	\$ 350.00
Carol Cain, Tax Collector	Lacy West-Thomas Insurance	\$ 100,000	\$ 750.00
Beverly Parks, Register of Deeds	Lacy West-Thomas Insurance	\$ 50,000	\$ 175.00
Hubert Kinlaw, Coroner	Lacy West-Thomas Insurance	\$ 25,000	\$ 87.50
James McVicker, Sheriff	Lacy West-Thomas Insurance	\$ 25,000	Pd thru 4/2019

Outgoing Chairman Priest invited everyone to a reception in honor of the newly elected Commissioners, Board Officers and Ms. Drusilla Wright, who will be recognized for her retirement.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Charles R. Peterson, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners