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A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, December 17, 2018 in the Commissioners’ Room located on the lower level of the Bladen County Courthouse.

The following members were present:

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

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

ITEM 1. Reverend Larry Hayes of Good News Baptist Church provided the Invocation. County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2. Consent Items:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Britt, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent Items.

- A. Agenda.
- B. Minutes of December 3, 2018 Special Meeting.
- C. Minutes of December 3, 2018 Regular Meeting.
- D. Budget Amendments, as follows:

Tax Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104500.192	Professional Services Legal	2,925.00	
104500.192.002	Professional Services Foreclosures	7,075.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriations	10,000.00	

Foreclosures/Attorney fees.

Sheriff

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105100.610	Contract Services		5,500.00
105100.200	Supplies	5,000.00	
105100.310	Travel	500.00	
105100.200.016	Supplies-Surplus	3,050.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103270.018	Sheriff-HELO	3,050.00	

Moving funds to cover anticipated future costs to ensure sufficient funding.

Animal Control

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105200.499.028	Spay/Neuter Grant	3,238.02	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103260.041	Spay/Neuter Grant	3,238.02	

July-September 2018 Grant Application.

Health

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105900.5960.211.001	Fire Prevention	400.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103530.162	Safe Kids	400.00	

Fire Prevention Grant.

Library

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106700.200	Supplies & Materials	3,000.00	
106700.395	Schools & Meetings	200.00	
106700.610	Contracted Services	1,587.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103630.010	F/S Library	4,787.00	

Additional State funds.

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Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106900.903	To DSS		3,946.00
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation		3,946.00

Funding Authorization 2 and 3.

Department of Social Services

<i>Revenues</i>			
143550.033	TANF CPS FC/Adopt	2,576.00	
143550.080	Fm-General Fund		2,576.00

Funding Authorization #2.

Department of Social Services

<i>Revenues</i>			
143550.033	TANF CPS FC/Adopt	1,370.00	
143550.080	Fm-General Fund		1,370.00

Funding Authorization #3.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.599	Family Reunification		2,946.00
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.080	Family Reunification		2,946.00

Funding Authorization 1.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.706	LIEAP	57,587.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.033	LIEAP	57,587.00	

Funding Authorization 1.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.6160.650.001	Foster Care Donations	1,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143190.027	Foster Care Donations	1,000.00	

Donations for Foster Children/Christmas.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.6160.650.001	Foster Care Donations	435.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143190.027	Foster Care Donations	435.00	

Donations for Foster Children/Christmas.

Water

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
254702.330	Utilities	585.88	
<i>Revenues</i>			
253190.010	Miscellaneous Revenue	585.88	

Donations for Foster Children/Christmas.

E. County Attorney Invoices.

Date	Department	Amount
11/19/2018	Board of Elections	2,975.00
11/26/2018	BARTS	1,995.00
	Total	\$ 4,970.00

- F. Tax Releases No. 11-18, incorporated by reference and made a part of these Minutes.
- G. Independent Contractor Agreement Regarding the Interim Health and Human Services Agency Director and Health Director.
- H. Designation of Commissioner Michael Cogdell as Voting Delegate for a NCACC Legislative Goals Conference.
- I. Board of County Commissioners Rules of Procedure Review.

ITEM 3. Special Recognition:

- A. Chairman Peterson recognized Rodney Hester upon his retirement effective December 1, 2018 after having served the citizens of Bladen County for twenty-nine (29) years. Captain Jeff Singletary also congratulated Mr. Hester.
- B. Chairman Peterson recognized Hubert Kinlaw upon his retirement effective December 1, 2018, after having served the citizens as Coroner for thirty-two

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(32) years. County Manager Greg Martin also congratulated Mr. Kinlaw on his retirement and tenure.

- C. Chairman Peterson, along with each Board member and Mr. Martin, recognized Ray Britt and expressed appreciation for his leadership as Chairman from December 2017 until December 2018.

Chairman Peterson briefly recessed the meeting at 6:40pm for a reception.

Chairman Peterson reconvened the meeting at 6:51pm.

ITEM 4. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

Chairman Peterson recognized Mr. E. W. Bowen to address the Board. Mr. Bowen expressed concern regarding an over-abundance of beavers in the East Arcadia community and subsequent flooding. He shared that he was not aware of any progress regarding his previous request for assistance, guidance, etc. Chairman Peterson apologized to Mr. Bowen for him not receiving updates associated with his requests.

Commissioner Munn-Goins inquired regarding contracts for an ongoing snagging project. Mr. Martin stated that the bidding process is underway and he anticipates Mr. Morris to come to the Board for contract approval at a future meeting.

Mr. Martin stated that Planning Director Greg Elkins and Soil and Water Conservation Director Dean Morris had reached out to local Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (AHPIS) Supervisor Butch Adams to request a meeting in the near future. Mr. Martin stated that Mr. Bowen and others would be invited to the meeting.

ITEM 5. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

Chairman Peterson recognized Commissioner Bullock to address the Board. Commissioner Bullock inquired regarding a recently received Homeland Security Report associated with a review of the Board of Elections and recommendations for security improvements. Mr. Martin indicated that several of the items listed on the report have been completed, such as the purchase of security cameras, and changing of door locks. Mr. Martin stated that wiring for the cameras is underway.

Chairman Peterson recognized Commissioner Munn-Goins to address the Board. Commissioner Munn-Goins asked about relocating the Veterans office to the Courthouse. Mr. Martin indicated that was a valid option and would be explored.

Chairman Peterson recognized Commissioner Cogdell to address the Board. Commissioner Cogdell stated that he felt the Board of Elections staff may need to be addressed regarding sharing information for which the County has jurisdiction and responsibility, such as recommended/requested renovations, repairs, and security measures. Commissioner Cogdell asked if the Board may need to meet to review a Homeland Security Report regarding Bladen County Board of Elections location.

Chairman Peterson expressed his opinion that the Board of Elections needs to request a meeting with the Board of Commissioners to review the recommendations and come to a consensus regarding an action plan, including the possibility of relocating the Veterans office.

Chairman Peterson recognized Commissioner Munn-Goins to address the Board. Commissioner Munn-Goins inquired regarding an update of the air quality and mold abatement project in the Courthouse. Mr. Martin provided information regarding the immediate remediation process utilizing dehumidifiers and air circulation which has lowered the higher than normal mold spore counts in identified rooms of the courthouse. Mr. Martin stated that the follow up mold inspections reports have been shared with court officials, as well as the Commissioners. The longer term issues with the northeast corner of the courthouse will require extensive work due to water intrusion through the brick and into the interior wall. He stated that General Services Manager Kip McClary is working with a consultant to determine a recommended plan to go about the work. He also stated that Mr. McClary will be bringing a contract to the Board for approval once the best plan is identified.

Chairman Peterson requested the Board consider requesting the State Board of Elections to certify the 9th District of North Carolina Congressional Election, as well as the Bladen County Commissioner District 3 and Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor elections. He stated that the Bladen County Board of Elections certified all election results following the general election in November 2018, noting that no protests were filed by any candidate or elected official. Due to the possibility of scheduling another election, Chairman Peterson expressed his

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concern that if the 9th District results are not soon certified, that citizens within the district will not have representation for an extended period of time.

Chairman Peterson strongly expressed that the intent of the request was not to impede in any way an ongoing investigation into improper political activities. He stated that the process needs to continue. He also shared that, following Hurricane Florence, dealing with the Kelly Dike, among other challenges, the bulk of Bladen County and citizens in other counties may not have representation in Washington.

Commissioner Cogdell expressed his concern regarding such a request, as it may appear that a local Board of Commissioners may be attempting to supersede a determination by the State Board of Elections.

Commissioners Bullock, Trivette, Munn-Goins each expressed concerns regarding making a request to the State Board of Elections at this time. Commissioner Britt expressed concerns regarding the ongoing investigation and not submitting a request to certify election results.

Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board adopted the following Resolution requesting the North Carolina State Board of Elections to certify results of the 9th District of North Carolina Congressional Election and other uncertified Bladen County elections by a vote of five (5) AYES (Gooden, Dowless, Priest, Britt, Peterson) to four (4) NOES (Cogdell, Trivette, Bullock, Munn-Goins):



Chairman Peterson briefly recessed the meeting at 7:32pm

Chairman Peterson reconvened the meeting at 7:37pm

ITEM 5. Matters of Interest to Commissioners (cont'd):

Chairman Peterson recognized Commissioner Priest to address the Board. Commissioner Priest expressed his concerns regarding his uncertified election. He provided an overview of his campaign and how proud he was of his family's involvement.

ITEM 6. Bladen County Schools: (Dr. Robert Taylor, Superintendent)

- A. Dr. Taylor expressed appreciation to the Board. He provided an overview regarding school employees who worked emergency shelters during and immediately following Hurricane Florence. He stated that since the NC Legislature forgave days not able to work within the Hurricane Florence-affected school systems, employees who worked shelters have expressed dismay that it feels as if they worked for minimal compensation, when those who did not report for shelter duty received compensation as if they reported to work. Dr. Taylor shared that since a Bladen County School policy or Memorandum of Understanding have not yet been developed, established, and in place prior to Hurricane Florence, that FEMA would not allow the County to apply for reimbursement for compensating school employees. Bladen County Schools has established itself as an FEMA applicant and may be reimbursed for any overtime compensation paid due to Hurricane Florence. However, Dr. Taylor shared information which indicated the Bladen County Schools may request approximately \$140,000 from the County to compensate regular time to school employees who provided shelter support and a stipend to exempt employees.

Following further discussion, the Board of Commissioners, by consensus, agreed for a committee of the Board of Commissioners to meet with Dr. Taylor and the Board of Education to develop a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Bladen and Bladen County Schools regarding shelter operations.

Commissioner Dowless stepped out of the meeting at 8:14pm

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- B. Finance Officer Sharon Penny provided a brief overview of a Capital Outlay Request in the amount of \$397,915.08 for various capital projects. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously approved a Capital Outlay Request in the amount of \$397,915.08.

In Emergency Service Director Bradley Kinlaw's absence, Chairman Peterson recognized Planning Director Greg Elkins to proceed with Item 8.

Commissioner Dowless returned to the meeting at 8:17pm.

ITEM 8. Planning Department: (Greg Elkins, Director)

- A. Mr. Elkins provided a brief update regarding a flood damage data collection and substantially damaged structure assessment which has been ongoing in the county since Hurricane Florence. He stated that a team of FEMA representatives visited each home located in a flood zone to make a determination if the structure was substantially damaged. He shared that of the 102 homes visited and visually inspected, forty-nine (49) homes received a substantially-damaged designation. Correspondence has been mailed to each of the homeowners to notify them of this designation. He stated that FEMA representatives identified the substantially damaged homes by using a calculation of 50% damage estimate of the county's tax value. As the county participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, it is required to notify homeowners of the determination.
- Mr. Elkins provided additional information regarding required renovations if the structures are to be maintained. He stated that the homes must be elevated and must meet current building codes. He indicated that some homeowners may not attempt to repair the structures.
- Following discussion, the Board expressed appreciation to Mr. Elkins for the update and information.

ITEM 7. Emergency Services: (Bradley Kinlaw, Director)

- A. County Manager Greg Martin recognized Holland Consulting Planners representative Jessie Miars who could address Emergency Services items. Chairman Peterson recognized Ms. Miars to address the Board. Ms. Miars presented an Agreement for the Provision of Limited Professional Services with Chris Holmes, PE & Associates regarding engineering services associated with DRA/HMGP grant programs. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Trivette, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously approved an Agreement with Chris Holmes, PE & Associates for engineering services.
- B. Ms. Miars provided an update regarding appraisal services and lead-based paint inspection services. She stated that there were no responses received from the initial request for proposals published on August 29, 2018 with a deadline to submit by September 14. She shared that a second request for proposals was published with a submittal deadline of October 12, 2018. One proposal was received from Cox Realty and Appraisal, Inc. regarding appraisal services and one proposal was received from Froehling and Robertson of Raleigh regarding lead-based paint inspection services. As there was only one proposal received for each of the Requests for Proposals for professional services, the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management must approve entering into a contractual agreements with the firms.
- Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously approved Holland Consulting Planners representative Jessie Miars to secure agreements for professional services, contingent upon approval by the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management.
- Ms. Miars expressed appreciation to the Board and indicated that she would request Cox Realty and Appraisal, Inc. and Froehling and Robertson to proceed with development of agreements for professional services. She will

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submit the agreements for approval at a future meeting once the Division of Emergency Management provides its approval.

ITEM 9. Department of Social Services: (Vickie Smith, Director)

- A. Mrs. Smith provided an overview of amended performance measures with the NC Department of Health and Human Services. She stated that modifications have been made to the original Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which was approved in June of 2018. She indicated that the modifications were based on feedback and information received from counties following the original MOU execution, as well as ongoing analysis of performance data. Upon a motion by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously approved a Memorandum of Understanding regarding amended Performance Measures with the NC Department of Health and Human Services.

ITEM 10. Animal Control/Environmental Health: (Kory Hair, Director)

- A. Mr. Hair provided an overview regarding a large amount of donated rabies vaccine which will soon expire. In order to utilize the vaccine prior to its expiration date, Mr. Hair requested the Board consider declaring the vaccine as surplus so that it can be distributed by hosting free one-year rabies vaccinations, and donate an amount of local veterinarian offices for use during no-cost rabies clinics. The no-cost vaccinations would continue while the donated supply lasts. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously declared surplus the donated inventory of one-year rabies vaccinations.
- B. Mr. Hair requested the Board consider a reduction of an adoption fee by the \$10 cost associated with rabies vaccination.
- C. Mr. Hair requested the Board consider declaring a donated inventory of donated dog and cat core vaccinations as surplus. He stated that the vaccinations can not be used at the county facility. If declared surplus, the vaccinations can be donated to a local non-profit, A Shelter Friend. Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously approved a reduction of the adoption fee by the \$10 cost associated with a rabies vaccination and declared 250 doses of dog and cat core vaccine as surplus.

ITEM 11. Health and Human Services Agency: (Wayne Raynor, Director)

- A. Mr. Raynor provided a brief overview of a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) Contract. He stated that the contract allows for Bladen County Health Department a fifteen test maximum of waived and moderately reduced complex tests per year. Upon motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously approved a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments Contract.
- B. Mr. Raynor provided an overview of five (5) Memorandums of Understanding with Bladen County Health Department collaborative partners, as follows:
- Eastpointe MCO
 - Department of Social Services
 - Bladen Medical Associates
 - Women's Health Specialists
 - Columbus County Health Department
- Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Munn-Goins, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously approved five (5) MOU's as listed above.
- C. Mr. Raynor and Administrative Officer Djuana Register provided an overview of a Fees, Eligibility, and Billing Policy and Procedures. Mrs. Register indicated that modifications had been included regarding medications for the Family Planning Program. Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously approved a Fees, Eligibility, and Billing Policy and Procedures.

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- D. Mr. Raynor and Mrs. Register provided an overview of an amended Policy and Procedure for Determining Clinical Costs and Fees, which removed language regarding sharing cost analysis with other counties. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Munn-Goins, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously approved an amended Policy and Procedure for Determining Clinical Costs and Fees.

Chairman Peterson briefly recessed the meeting at 8:43pm.

Chairman Peterson reconvened the meeting at 8:49pm.

ITEM 12. Finance Department: (Lisa Coleman, Finance Officer)

- A. Mrs. Coleman reviewed a Financial Dashboard for the five-month period ending November 30, 2018.

ITEM 13. Revenue Department: (Renee Davis, Tax Administrator)

- A. Mrs. Davis requested the Board consider scheduling 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, January 7, 2019.
- B. Mrs. Davis provided an overview of a bid in the amount of \$11,500 for county-owned property (PIN No. 0268-05-08-9696) received on December 4, 2018. She stated that the investment to the county was \$11,500 for the property located at 1101 West Seaboard Street, Bladenboro. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously accepted a bid in the amount of \$11,500 for the county-owned property located at 1101 West Seaboard Street, Bladenboro.

ITEM 14. Advisory Board Appointments:

- A. **Ammon Fire Department Firefighters Relief Fund Board (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously reappointed Veona Hicks to a three-year term of service, with the term expiring December 31, 2021.
- B. **BARTS Advisory Board (5):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Bullock, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously reappointed Faye Collins, and Michelle Wright to three-year terms, with the terms expiring December 31, 2021; and, waiving the rules on term limits, reappointed Wendell Brown, Jerry Graham, and Sharon Anderson to three-year terms, with the terms expiring December 31, 2021.
- C. **Bay Tree Lakes Fire Service District Committee (2):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously tabled appointments.
- D. **Bay Tree Lakes Fire Department Firefighters Relief Fund Board (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously reappointed Lenox Harrelson to a three-year term of service, with the term expiring December 31, 2021.
- E. **Child Fatality Protection Team (2):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Bullock, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously tabled appointments.
- F. **Division on Aging Advisory Committee (3):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board, waiving the rules on term limits, reappointed Linda Bryan and Mary Andrews, and reappointed Commissioner Michael Cogdell to three-year terms, with the terms expiring December 31, 2021.
- G. **East Arcadia Fire Department Firefighters Relief Fund Board (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Munn-Goins, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously reappointed Cathy King to a three-year term of service, with the term expiring December 31, 2021.

- H. **Economic Development Commission (4):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board, waiving the rules on term limits, reappointed Rich Glenn, Warren Dale Graham, and Larry Barnhardt and reappointed Commissioner David Gooden to three-year terms, with the terms expiring December 31, 2021.
- I. **Health and Human Service Agency Advisory Committee (4):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board, waiving the rules on term limits, reappointed Dr. Ray Cross, Linda Gillespie, and Dr. Douglas Gensel, and reappointed Dr. Robert Rich to three-year terms, with the terms expiring December 31, 2021.
- J. **Hickory Grove Fire Department Firefighters Relief Fund Board (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously reappointed Bambi Dove to a three-year term of service, with the term expiring December 31, 2021.
- K. **Keep Bladen Beautiful (3):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously appointed Kathleen McGurgan to an unexpired term, with the term expiring October 30, 2020
- L. **Kelly Fire Department Firefighters Relief Fund Board (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Munn-Goins, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously reappointed Bobby Lee Russ to a three-year term of service, with the term expiring December 31, 2021.
- M. **Library Board (3):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board, waiving the rules on term limits, unanimously reappointed Gloris Lloyd and Barbara Wilkins and reappointed Shonteia Keaton to three-year terms of service, with the terms expiring December 31, 2021.
- N. **Lisbon Fire Department Firefighters Relief Fund Board (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously reappointed Dan Alford to a three-year term of service, with the term expiring December 31, 2021.
- O. **Personnel Advisory Board (2):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board, waiving the rules on term limits, reappointed Betty McLaughlin and reappointed Renee Summerlin to three-year terms of service, with the terms expiring December 31, 2021.
- P. **Tar Heel Fire Department Firefighters Relief Fund Board (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously reappointed Eddie Knight to a three-year term of service, with the term expiring December 31, 2021.
- Q. **Tobermory Fire Department Firefighters Relief Fund Board (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Trivette, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously reappointed Michael S. Underwood to a three-year term of service, with the term expiring December 31, 2021.
- R. **White Lake Planning and Zoning (ETJ) (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Trivette, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously appointed Wade Lowry to a three-year term of service, with the term expiring October 14, 2021.
- S. **White Oak Fire Department Firefighters Relief Fund Board (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Trivette, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously reappointed Ryan Varley to a three-year term of service, with the term expiring December 31, 2021.

ITEM 15. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration During January 22, 2019 Board Meeting:

- A. Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee (2)
- B. Airport Appeals Board (3)
- C. Lisbon Rural Fire Protection District Committee (2)
- D. Lumber River Workforce Development Board (1)

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ITEM 16. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed Board calendars for the months of December 2018 and January 2019.
- B. Mr. Martin provided an overview of a recent grant award by the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust. He stated that the Bladen County Health Department had been awarded a \$157,520 grant award designed to fund a broad-based Opioid Task Force Strategic Plan. Upon a motion by Commissioner Trivette, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously approved a Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust Grant Agreement in the amount of \$157,520.
Mr. Martin expressed appreciation to Chairman Peterson for his leadership of the Bladen County Opioid Task Force and congratulated the entire task force for their consistent hard work.

ITEM 17. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one in attendance addressed the Board.

ITEM 18. Closed Session:

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Trivette, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously entered Closed Session in Accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a) (6) Personnel at 9:01pm.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Bullock, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously exited Closed Session at 9:13pm.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:14pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Charles R. Peterson, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners