

February 20, 2012

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 20, 2012 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse.

The following members were present:

- Charles Ray Peterson, Chairperson
- James G. "Jimmie" Smith, Vice Chairperson
- Delilah Blanks
- Mark Gillespie
- David Gooden
- Billy Ray Pait
- Russell Priest
- Daniel Dowless
- Lewis Tatum - Absent

Attorney: Leslie Johnson and Will Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order. Reverend Jason Williams, Bethel Baptist Church, Dublin, NC provided the Invocation and County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 1. Consent Items:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board approved the following Consent Items:

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes of February 6, 2012 meeting
- C. County Attorney Invoices as follows:

2-01-2012	\$ 300.00	Retainer for February 2012
2-01-2012	\$ 510.00	Adams Tax Appeal
2-01-2012	\$ 510.00	Dozier Tax Appeal
2-02-2012	\$ 512.50	Purchase of land near ballpark
2-08-2012	\$ 410.00	Professional Consulting Services
	\$ 2,242.50	

D. Budget Amendments as follows:

Department and Account Number Administration

Account Description	Increase	Decrease
Expenditures		
106900.903 To DSS	5,025.00	
Revenue		
103190.050 FBA	5,025.00	

Funding Authorization #1.

Administration

Expenditures		
106900.903 To DSS		12,966.00
Revenue		
103190.050 FBA		12,966.00

Funding Authorization #2.

DSS

Revenue		
143531.221 LIEAP and CIP Adm		5,025.00
143550.080 Fm-General Fund	5,025.00	

Funding Authorization #1.

DSS

Revenue		
143531.221 LIEAP and CIP Adm	12,966.00	
143550.080 Fm-General Fund		12,966.00

Funding Authorization #2.

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**Department and
Account Number
DSS**

	Account Description	Increase	Decrease
Expenditures			
146100.688	Crisis Intervention	112,494.00	
Revenues			
143531.220	Crisis Intervention	112,494.00	

Funding Authorization #4.

DSS

Expenditures			
146100.689	Energy Neighbor	434.00	
Revenues			
143531.031	Energy Neighbor	434.00	

Funding Authorization #10.

DSS

Expenditures			
146100.689	Energy Neighbor	430.00	
Revenues			
143531.031	Energy Neighbor	430.00	

Funding Authorization #11.

DSS

Expenditures			
1461006160.500	USDA Commodities	1,000.00	
Revenues			
143531.260	USDA Commodities	1,000.00	

Current and Future expenses.

DSS

Expenditures			
146100.693	Medicaid Transportation	25,000.00	
Revenues			
143531.320	Medicaid Transportation	25,000.00	

Current and Future expenses.

DSS

Expenditures			
1461006160.535	Medicaid	1,216.12	
Revenues			
143591.010	Client Refund	1,216.12	

EPICS Drafts for October and November 2011.

Register of Deeds

Expenditures			
104800499.036	State General Fund	2,700.00	
Revenues			
103160.015	State General Fund	2,700.00	

EPICS Drafts for October and November 2011.

Register of Deeds

Expenditures			
104800.499.022	Deed of Trust Fee		3,040.00
Revenues			
103160.013	Deed of Trust Fee		3,040.00

Reduction of fees paid and sent to State.

Parks and Recreation

Expenditures			
106600.499	Misc/Recreation	2,023.00	
106600.803	Insurance	470.00	
Revenue			
103190.010	Misc Revenue	2,023.00	
103660.000	Insurance Fees	470.00	

To cover expenses for upcoming programs and Basketball Insurance.

E911 Addressing

Expenditures			
225301.740.003	E911 Allowables	60,000.00	
Revenues			
223190.050	FBA	60,000.00	

Replace CAD server due to equipment failure.

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Department and Account Number Water

Account Description	Increase	Decrease
Expenditures		
254702.357 M/R Vehicles	1,000.00	
254702.275 Bulk Water	70,000.00	
254702.740 Capital Outlay	400,752.00	
Revenues		
253190.050 FBA	71,752.00	
253190.014 Loan Proceeds	400,000.00	

Funding for Bay Tree loan purchase and to cover additional expenses.

Water Construction

Account Description	Increase	Decrease
Expenditures		
236804.197.009 Bay Tree-Detailed Design	18,100.00	
236804.197.010 Bay Tree-Construction Admin	20,200.00	
236804.197.011 Bay Tree-Construction	181,700.00	
Revenues		
233190.014 Loan Proceeds	220,000.00	

Loan proceeds for water connection to Bay Tree.

Extension - Grant

Account Description	Increase	Decrease
Expenditures		
106805.200.009 TC-Supplies & Material	468.00	
106805.200.010 LS-Supplies & Material	1,255.00	
106805.200.013 LS-Capital Outlay	900.00	
106805.721.002 RS-Fixed Charges	1,000.00	
106805.200.011 RS-Supplies & Material	177.00	
106805.720.001 LS-Current Obligations	200.00	
Revenues		
103230.022 JCPC-TC-4H Juvenile	4,000.00	

Increase from NCDJDP for Teen Court, Life Skills and Restitution

- E. Tax Refunds and Releases No. 01-12
- F. Public Hearing Scheduled for March 12, 2012 at 6:30 pm to Receive Public Comments Regarding the BARTS FY 2013 Community Transportation Program Application
- G. Public Hearing Scheduled for March 19, 2012 at 6:30 pm to Receive Public Comments Regarding Department of Transportation Secondary Roads Improvement Program
- H. Professional Services Agreement with Maximus, Inc.

ITEM 2. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

- Chairman Peterson delivered the following State of the County Address:

State of the County Address
County of Bladen
February 20, 2012

Bladen County Citizens:

I am pleased to report to you on the state of Bladen County. County government plays an important role in the lives of our citizens and 2011 has been a productive year for Bladen County with the completion of important projects and initiatives.

The Board of Commissioners, County staff and the many citizens who serve on advisory boards, and in other capacities, have worked together to achieve a number of accomplishments during the past year.

2011 was a year of unusually active weather related events in Bladen County. Snow storms early in the year were followed by two devastating EF2 tornadoes on April 16th, which resulted in four fatalities and extensive property damage in the Arden, Bladenboro and Elizabethtown communities. Also, the lightning sparked Simmons Road Fire in the Live Oak community, on the Bladen-Camferland County line, lasted for fifty-one days during the summer, followed by a hurricane threat in late summer.

The Emergency Services agencies in Bladen County are to be commended for their sacrifice and dedication to service demonstrated throughout the year. Critical assistance, following the April 16th tornado and during the Simmons Road Wildfire, was provided by the North Carolina Forest Service and the Department of Transportation, as well as fire and law enforcement agencies from local governments across the state. Our heartfelt appreciation is extended to many individuals and organizations for their valuable assistance. And from a community perspective, the spirit of teamwork and cooperation, and the outpouring of compassion and assistance demonstrated in response to these events reflect one of the many reasons that Bladen County is such a wonderful place in which to live.

The weather related events throughout the year highlighted the need for an upgraded Emergency Operations Center and for the capability to provide more timely communication with citizens. Fortunately, the Bladen County Health Department received a \$40,000 grant that, in coordination with Emergency Management, was used to establish a new Emergency Operations Center in the courthouse, equipped with modern technology.

Emergency Management also initiated a reverse-911 system, known as DeL-Ann. This technology enables Emergency Services officials to quickly notify citizens by telephone, throughout the county or in a specific geographic area, regarding an emergency event.

In an effort to advance emergency prevention and response capabilities related to hazardous materials, Bladen County established a Local Emergency Planning Committee. This committee, which includes representatives from Emergency Services, private industry, the faith community and the media, is tasked with SARA Title III Environmental Compliance, site specific chemical planning programs, and coordination of chemical information to emergency responders.

On May 2, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners made a significant step forward with regard to the provision of healthcare in Bladen County by adopting a Resolution Approving the Sale of the Assets of Bladen County Hospital, pursuant to a Joint Purchase Agreement between the County of Bladen and Cape Fear Valley Health System. This agreement not only maintains the operation of Bladen County Hospital, which is critical to the physical health of our citizens and to the economic health of our community, it also provides hope that a modern hospital facility will be built in our community in the foreseeable future.

As of July 22, 2011, Bladen County Health Department achieved the distinction of becoming the 41st accredited health department in North Carolina. The focus of North Carolina's Local Health Department Accreditation is on the capacity of the local health department to perform at a prescribed, basic level of quality the three core functions of assessment, policy development, and assurance, as well as the ten essential services of public health.

The Bladen County Health Department also received a grant award of approximately \$600,000 to implement programming to address the needs of non-pregnant, pregnant, and parenting women ages 13-24. Grant funds will provide jobs for two full-time coordinators, who will generate programs that 1) build self-esteem, education and career opportunities; 2) provide health care education and clinical services; and 3) provide home visitations to teach parenting skills and family relations among young women. The grant will continue for a period of twenty-one months.

In an effort to utilize technology to provide services more efficiently, the Board of County Commissioners approved funding for the Department of Social Services to transition to an electronic document management system. This business process automation solution will better enable DNS to address growth in demand for services which has resulted in significant increases in caseloads, an increase in application processing time, and an increase in supply costs to manage and create paper case files. Based on the estimated return on investment, this technology will pay for itself in a relatively short period of time.

In April 2011, as a demonstration of its commitment to provide a safe and healthy workplace for employees and the visiting public, the Board of County Commissioners adopted an Ordinance prohibiting smoking and the use of other tobacco products in County buildings and vehicles and on all County grounds, except in designated areas.

In cooperation with the Board of Education, the Board of County Commissioners authorized approximately \$1,232,280.00 in Qualified School Construction Bonds for necessary facility improvements at Tar Heel Middle School and Bladenboro Middle School. In accordance with provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Bladen County will receive payments from the US Treasury equal to the lesser of 100% of the interest cost on the bonds or the tax credit rate that would apply if the bonds had been sold as tax-credit bonds.

The Bladen County Water District began construction on a major expansion project known as Phase II-B. This approximately \$5.1 million project, funded by a USDA Rural Development loan, will provide a new well and elevated storage tank, as well as approximately thirty-five miles of water lines to residents on the north side of the Cape Fear River, primarily in the Arden, Hickory Grove and Manly town communities. This project will also provide for the connection of the County System to the Bay Tree Lakes Water System, which was purchased by the Bladen County Water District in December 2011.

Because Bladen County is one of forty North Carolina counties covered by Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, it is required that the County's electoral districts be adjusted if necessary, following each Census. Due to 2010 Census figures indicating a population variance in the three electoral districts and by the Bladen County Board of County Commissioners and Board of Education, a Redistricting Plan was developed with technical assistance provided by the Lumber River Council of Governments. Following a Public Hearing to receive comments regarding the proposed plan, a Redistricting Plan was adopted by the Bladen County Board of Commissioners and submitted to the United States Department of Justice. Approval by the Department of Justice has been received.

The Board of County Commissioners recognizes that the performance of County employees is the most important factor in delivering the highest quality and most efficient service to its citizens and that a fair and impartial Personnel Policy is the cornerstone on which to build high-level performance. Therefore, in November 2011, the Board of Commissioners adopted a new Personnel Policy for County employees, which became effective January 1, 2012. The Bladen County Personnel Ordinance, originally adopted in 1976, was repealed by the Board of Commissioners.

The Bladen County Public Library experienced an increase in traffic during the past year. Participation in Summer Reading was up 17% and website hits increased 6.8% over 2010. *Pride and Prejudice: the African-American Resilience Experience* exhibit arrived at the Bladen County Library in late 2011. The exhibit is a grant award from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association. Only 25 sites in the United States were approved for this traveling exhibit composed of 8 B. panels depicting the pioneers of African-American baseball teams.

There is also positive economic development related activity taking place in the county. Bladen County has partnered with Bladen's Bloomin' Agri-Industrial (BBAI), our local non-profit economic development corporation, on three projects that will have a significant impact on our community.

Bladen's Bloomin' Agri-Industrial recently completed an expansion of the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles Call Center, which will create approximately 50 new jobs. This will bring total employment at the site to approximately 150 employees. Also, the County and the Town of Bladenboro are working with BBAI to construct a new healthcare facility in Bladenboro. The facility will offer critical imaging services, not currently available in the community, and approximately 20 new healthcare jobs will be created. Finally, BBAI will soon be constructing its fourth industrial incubator in the Elizabethtown Airport Industrial Park. This project will allow DeL-Ann to expand its machining operations by approximately 17,000 square feet, creating new high and medium skilled manufacturing jobs.

2011 has been a productive year - thanks to the dedication and hard work of many individuals. We are fortunate to have a great team of elected officials, staff and volunteer citizens who work so well together for the betterment of Bladen County.

In looking ahead, budget challenges are expected to continue at the federal and state levels, which can largely impact an already difficult budget situation at the county level. Difficult decisions will be required.

We look forward to working together to strategically invest our limited resources in an effort to ensure that our citizens have a safe environment, access to quality healthcare, well educated students prepared to succeed in the 21st century, and a positive business environment that attracts jobs and investment to Bladen County.

We will continue to work cooperatively as we strive to follow the County's vision of "providing customer focused County services efficiently and responsibly."

Sincerely,

Charles Ray Peterson, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners

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ITEM 3. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

- No one addressed the commissioners.

ITEM 4. Public Hearing to Receive Public Comments Regarding a Proposed Economic Development Grant Agreement with Bladen's Bloomin' Agri-Industrial, Inc.

Director of Economic Development Chuck Heustess spoke to the need for the grant in the amount of \$32,000.00. Chairman Peterson declared the Public Hearing opened and asked the public to offer comments. Hearing no comments from the public, Chairman Peterson declared the Public Hearing closed. Chairman Peterson advised Mr. Heustess the Board would consider the grant agreement at the Board meeting of March 12, 2012.

ITEM 5. Emergency Services (Bradley Kinlaw, Director)

- A. Lt. Jeff Singletary spoke to the Board regarding the required upgrade for the E. F. Johnson Radios with P25 compliant software. The cost will be approximately \$212.00 per radio, with a total cost estimated at \$96,000. Lt. Singletary stated that funds have been identified in the current budget to pay for the upgrade. A budget amendment will be presented to the Board at the meeting of March 12, 2012.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board approved the following Resolution Designation of Applicant's Agent to as requested by Finance Director Lisa Coleman. The purpose of this Resolution is to designate applicant's agent to execute and file applications for federal and/or state assistance on behalf of Bladen County for reimbursement for the Simmons Road fire.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT'S AGENT	
Organization Name: Bladen County Department of Emergency Management	District Number: _____
City or Town: Bladen	County: Bladen
Applicant's State: North Carolina	Applicant's State: North Carolina
Applicant's Federal Employer's Identification Number: 56-6000-277	Month: July Day: 1
Applicant's Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Number: 85-00000-00	
PRIMARY AGENT	
Agent's Name: Bradley Kinlaw	Agent's Name: Lisa Coleman
Organization: Bladen County	Organization: Bladen County
Official Position: Deputy Director	Official Position: Director of Finance
Meeting Address: Lee Marshall	Meeting Address: Director of Finance
City/State/Zip: P. O. Box 1658	City/State/Zip: P. O. Box 365
Telephone: (910) 862-6741	Telephone: (910) 862-6741
Fax Number: (910) 862-6741	Fax Number: (910) 862-6741
Pager or Cell Number: (910) 878-2500	Pager or Cell Number: _____
SECONDARY AGENT	
Agent's Name: Lisa Coleman	Agent's Name: Lisa Coleman
Organization: Bladen County	Organization: Bladen County
Official Position: Director of Finance	Official Position: Director of Finance
Meeting Address: Director of Finance	Meeting Address: Director of Finance
City/State/Zip: P. O. Box 365	City/State/Zip: P. O. Box 365
Telephone: (910) 862-6741	Telephone: (910) 862-6741
Fax Number: (910) 862-6741	Fax Number: (910) 862-6741
Pager or Cell Number: _____	Pager or Cell Number: _____
GOVERNING BODY	
Chair: Lee Marshall	Chair: Lee Marshall
Name and Title: Bladen County Board of Commissioners	Name and Title: Bladen County Board of Commissioners
Address: Bladen County	Address: Bladen County
Phone: (910) 862-1600	Phone: (910) 862-1600
CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	
Name and Title: Charles Ray Peterson	Name and Title: Charles Ray Peterson
Address: Bladen County	Address: Bladen County
Phone: (910) 862-1600	Phone: (910) 862-1600
CERTIFICATION	
I, Steve S. Meist , (Name) duly appointed and Clark to the Board (Title)	I, Steve S. Meist , (Name) duly appointed and Clark to the Board (Title)
of the Governing Body, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed and approved by the Governing Body of Bladen County , (Organization) on the 20th day of February , 2012. (Organization)	of the Governing Body, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed and approved by the Governing Body of Bladen County , (Organization) on the 20th day of February , 2012. (Organization)
Date: 2-20-12	Date: 2-20-12
Signature: _____	Signature: _____

ITEM 6. Finance Department: (Lisa Coleman, Finance Director):

- A. Finance Director Lisa Coleman reviewed the following Monthly Financial Dashboard for the reporting period of January 2012

Bladen County, North Carolina
Monthly Financial Dashboard
FISCAL YEAR ENDING June 30, 2012
Reporting Period: January 2012

OUR CASH FLOWS		COMPARISON OF FYTD %	
GENERAL FUND REVENUES & EXPENSES	Fiscal Year Budget	Fiscal Year to Date	Comparison of FYTD %
General Fund Revenues	\$ 41,830,000	\$ 44,537,284	106.5%
General Fund Expenses	\$ 20,510,772	\$ 20,510,772	100.0%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ 21,319,228	\$ 24,026,512	112.7%
OUR PROPERTY TAXES		COMPARISON OF FYTD %	
Local Property	\$ 11,888,888	\$ 14,714,150	123.8%
State	\$ 778,875	\$ 778,875	100.0%
County	\$ 1,842,250	\$ 1,842,250	100.0%
TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 14,509,913	\$ 17,335,275	119.5%
OUR FINANCING SOURCES		COMPARISON OF FYTD %	
General Fund	\$ 2,201,000	\$ 2,201,000	100.0%
State	\$ 1,780,485	\$ 1,780,485	100.0%
County	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	100.0%
TOTAL FINANCING SOURCES	\$ 6,981,485	\$ 6,981,485	100.0%

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B. Lisa reviewed the following proposed FY 2012-2013 budget calendar:



**County of Bladen
Proposed Budget Calendar
FY 2012-2013**

March 1, 2012	Salaries, Benefits, Operating Budget Instructions and CIP Forms Distributed to Department Heads 8-Month FY 11-12 Budget Summaries and Revenue Projection Forms Distributed to Department Heads
March 30, 2012	Revenue Projections and Budget Requests Due to County Manager's Office
April 9, 2012 – April 13, 2012	Manager's Meetings with Department Managers (Review of Requests)
May 21, 2012	Proposed Budget Presentation
May 25, 2012	Advertise Public Hearing on Budget
June 4, 2012	Public Hearing on Budget (Tentative)
May 16, 2012 – June 7, 2012	Board of Commissioners Budget Work Sessions (As Needed)
June 18, 2012	Board of Commissioners Adopts Tax Levy and Budget Ordinance (Tentative)
July 1, 2012	FY 2011-2012 Budget in Effect

Distribution:
County Commissioners
Division/Agency/Department Heads
Finance Officer (Lisa Coleman)
Revenue Director (Chris Ellis)
Budget Assistant (Sara West)

ITEM 7. Sheriff's Office: (Sheriff Benston and Sergeant Thomas Atkinson)

- Sheriff Prentis Benston and Sergeant Thomas Atkinson provided an update on the Pretrial Release Program. Sheriff Benston stated that there has been a cost savings to the County of greater than \$450,000 as a result of this program.

ITEM 8. Tax Office: (Chris Ellis, Tax Administrator and Carol Cain, Tax Collector)

- A. Tax Administrator Chris Ellis advised the Board that the outstanding balance of the unpaid 2011 real and personal property taxes plus uncollected charges totaled \$3,366,239.58.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board approved March 30, 2012 as the date to advertise uncollected taxes which are liens on real property.

ITEM 9. Bladen County Water District (Randy Garner, Director)

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board entered Session as the Water District Board of Directors.
- B. Director Randy Garner provided the following update on Phase III-B: 253 applications have been received for tie-in to Phase III-B. The contractors laying pipe are on schedule as follows:
Contract 1 – 95% complete
Contract 2 – 60 % complete
Contract 1 Change Orders – 15%
Contract 2 Additional Roads – 70%
Tank Contract 3 Painting Complete
Well Contract 4 Well Drilled
A list of roads has been prepared to be considered for funding with remaining available funds. Most of these roads were in the original project scope and were not approved because of feasibility.
- C. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board tabled consideration of adding additional roads to Phase III-B Project and scheduled a Special Meeting to review and consider approving.
Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board scheduled a Special Meeting on March 12, 2012 at 5:30 to consider adding additional roads to Phase III-B Project.

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- D. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board tabled Approving Agreement Regarding Loan.
Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board approved to withdraw motion to table Approving Agreement Regarding Loan.
Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board agreed to approve Agreement Regarding Loan.
- E. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board tabled Revised Phase III-B Water Construction Capital Project Ordinance.
Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board approved to withdraw motion to table Revised Phase III-B Water Construction Capital Project Ordinance.
Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, the Board agreed to approve Revised Phase III-B Water Construction Capital Project Ordinance.
- F. Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, the Board exited Session as the Water District Board of Directors.

ITEM 10. Advisory Board Appointments:

- A. **Bladen County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board approved the following appointments recommended by the JCPC Council:

<u>Appointments Recommended by the JCPC Council</u>	<u>Position</u>
Larry Hayes	Member of Faith Community
Yolanda Lewis	Substance Abuse Professional
Christian Ryckeley	Juvenile Under 18
Xavier Daniels	Juvenile Under 18
Andrew Wall	Juvenile Defense Attorney

- B. **Bladen County Social Services Board:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board appointed Tommy Thompson to fill the unexpired term of Roland McKoy with an expiration date of 6/30/2013.

ITEM 11. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. County Manager Greg Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.
- B. County Manager Greg Martin recognized Amy Pharr as the new Human Resources Director. Mr. Martin stated that Ms. Pharr worked at Smithfield for 15 years where she served as an accountant and Assistant Comptroller.
Ms. Pharr stated that she was excited and looked forward to the challenge.

ITEM 12. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

- Chairman Peterson stated that there would be a BBQ plate sell and auction on March 3, 2012 at the Bladenboro Historical Building beginning at 4:00 pm and an auction at 5:30 to assist four (4) needy families.

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- Mr. W. T. Davis addressed the Board and asked the Board to consider adding Davis Road from Townsend Road to Green Sea Road to the Phase III-B project.
- Ms. Clara Johnson addressed the Board and wanted to commend Randy Garner and the Water Department for the good job they are doing.

ITEM 13. Upon a motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board entered Closed Session in accordance with N.C. G. S. 143-318.11(a) (3) Attorney Client and (a) (6) Personnel.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board exited Closed Session and re-entered Open Session.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Priest the Board adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Charles Ray Peterson, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioner

ATTEST:

Sara S. West, Clerk