

February 6, 2012

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 6, 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
- Lewis Tatum
- Billy Ray Pait
- Russell Priest
- Daniel Dowless

Attorney: Leslie Johnson and Will Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order. Reverend Wilson Bryan, Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church, Bladenboro, 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 Dowless, the Board approved the following Consent Items:

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes of January 17, 2012 meeting
- C. County Attorney Invoices as follows:

12-16-2011	\$ 250.00	Health Department agreement
12-19-2011	\$ 100.00	Grant of Easement/Piedmont Gas
01-17-2012	\$ 4,650.00	EEOC
01-23-2012	\$ 250.00	Parks & Recreation agreement
01-23-2012	\$ 750.00	Election District
01-26-2012	\$ 391.00	McKay Street Deed
01-31-2012	\$ 35.00	Tax Foreclosure recording fees
	\$ 6,426.00	

D. Budget Amendments as follows:

Department and Account Number
Motor Pool

	Account Description	Increase	Decrease
Expenditures			
105010.357	M/R Vehicles	755.60	
Revenue			
103190.010	Miscellaneous	755.60	

Repair payment for 2010 Ford Fusion.

Health

Expenditures			
1059005905.201.002	Supplies-Mosquito	2,220.00	
1059005905.610.002	Contracted-Mosquito	7,138.00	
Revenue			
103330.061	DHHS-Environmental Health	9,358.00	

Additional state funds for Mosquito Control.

Administration

Expenditures			
106900.909.001	To Water Construction	619,370.41	
Revenue			
103190.050	FBA	619,370.41	

For additional roads associated with Phase IIIB. Cannot use Water District funds per USDA. Reimbursement with USDA loan to County.

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Water Construction

Expenditures			
236804.611.039	Contract 1: Herring Rivenbark	186,547.95	
236804.611.040	Contract 2: Herring Rivenbark	402,822.46	
236804.990	Contingency	30,000.00	
Revenues			
233220.015	Fm General Fund	619,370.41	

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- E. Contract with Healthworks Fitness and Wellness Relating to the Young Moms Connect Program Grant

ITEM 2. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

- A. Chairman Peterson presented the following Resolution to the family of Lynn Grey King, Sr.:



- B. Chairman Peterson presented the following Resolution to the family of Robert N. "Buster" Melvin:



- C. Chairman Peterson recognized Kenneth T. Hill upon his retirement as Transportation Specialist with the Division on Aging.
- D. Chairman Peterson presented a plaque to Myra H. Johnson upon her retirement as Public Health Nurse II with the Bladen County Health Department. Health Department Director Wayne Stewart acknowledged Ms. Johnson for the work that she had done while employed with the County. He wished her well upon her retirement and stated that he hoped she would continue to grow as an individual as well as a professional.

ITEM 3. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

- No one addressed the commissioners.

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ITEM 4. Bladen Community College (*Dr. William Findt, President*)

- Bladen Community College President William Findt reported to the board that the college is seeking reaffirmation by The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools this year. The college was first accredited in 1976 and has been accredited continuously since then. The college will file data this spring to begin the peer review process with a visit to the campus in October by representatives of Southern Association. As required, the college is preparing a plan to present to the visiting representatives that will demonstrate student learning in occurring in the classroom. The plan, officially known as the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), has been identified by faculty to be critical thinking. After extensive review, the faculty decided that critical thinking is at the core of student learning and success. For students to succeed, problem solving by thinking critically is the basis for measurable achievement. Following his presentation to the commissioners, Dr. Findt presented to each commissioner a yellow wrist band with the phrase Think Smarter inscribed. He said that these wrist bands are being worn by college staff and students to remind each person of the work of the QEP.

ITEM 5. Health Department (*Cathy Kinlaw, Executive Director of Healthy Bladen*)

- Kathy Kinlaw presented a power point presentation on “*What Healthy Bladen is doing in Bladen County*”. Ms. Kinlaw was asked to present this power point at the State Conference of the North Carolina Society of Health Educators in Greensboro in October 2011.

ITEM 6. Emergency Services (*Bradley Kinlaw, Director*)

- Emergency Services Director Bradley Kinlaw provided the Board with a draft copy of the Bladen County Pet Friendly Shelter Plan. Bradley stated that due to 60% of families having pets, Bladen County Animal Response Team (CART) had recognized the need to provide a Pet Friendly Shelter during emergency incidents in Bladen County. He also advised the Board that the County had received an Emergency Management Performance Grant from the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety for a Companion Animal Mobile Equipment Trailer (CAMET) to house the supplies necessary to set up a Pet Friendly Shelter.

ITEM 7. Bladen County Water District (*Randy Garner, Director*)

- Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board entered Session as the Water District Board of Directors.
- Randy Garner provided the following report on Phase III-B:
As of February 6, 2012, 233 applications have been received for tie-in to Phase III-B water project.
The elevated storage tank has been painted and is about complete. The well has been drilled and construction on the well house will be started soon. The contractors laying pipe are on schedule and making good progress as follows:
93% Contract 1
60% Contract 2
5% Contract 1 Change Orders
51% Contract 2 Additional Roads
Tank Contract 3 Painting Complete
Well Contract 4 Well Drilled
A list of roads to be considered if additional monies are available is being compiled. These roads were in the original project scope and were not approved because of feasibility. Adam Kiker is putting together a project scope of the remaining roads and what potential they may have to add to this phase.

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The customers from Bay Tree Lakes have been added to our system and will receive their first bill on February 15, 2012 for January water usage.

- C. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board exited Session as the Water District Board of Directors.

ITEM 8. Advisory Board Appointments to be considered at the Board Meeting on February 20, 2012:

- A. Bladen County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (5)
B. Bladen County Social Services Board (1)

ITEM 9. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. County Manager Greg Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.
B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board rescheduled the first Board meeting in March, 2012 to Monday, March 12, 2012 at 6:30 pm due to the Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C.
C. County Manager Greg Martin reviewed a request from the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners to submit any federal issues of statewide importance to the Association by Friday, February 10, 2012.
D. Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, the Board approved a Plan of Merger and Agreement relating to Southeastern Regional Mental Health Services.

ITEM 10. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

- No one addressed the commissioners.

ITEM 11. Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board entered Closed Session in accordance with N.C. G. S. 143-318.11(a) (3) Attorney Client (a) (4) Economic Development and (a) (6) Personnel.

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

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

Charles Ray Peterson, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioner

ATTEST:

Sara S. West, Clerk