

February 20, 2017

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, February 20, 2017 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse.

The following members were present:

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

Excused: Ashley Trivette

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

ITEM 1. Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order.

Reverend Larry Hayes, Good News Baptist Church of Bladenboro, provided the Invocation. Guest 4-H'er Aubrey Schwable led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2. Consent Items:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent Items:

- A. Agenda.
- B. Minutes of January 30, 2017 Special Meeting.
- C. Minutes of February 6, 2017 Special Meeting.
- D. Minutes of February 6, 2017 Regular Meeting.
- E. Minutes of February 13, 2017 Special Meeting.
- F. Budget Amendments, as follows:

Tax Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104500.192	Professional Services Legal	201.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103170.040	Sale of Assets	201.00	

Bid preparation deed fee on Ella Bell Rd.

Tax Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104500.192	Professional Services - Legal	8,000.00	
104500.192.002	Professional Services - Foreclosure	12,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	20,000.00	

Foreclosures

Emergency Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105300.350	M/R Equipment	5,623.54	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.011	Insurance Claims	5,623.54	

Lightning strike claim for equipment at training center.

Parks & Recreation

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106600.272	Concession Supplies	2,980.07	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103660.012	Concession Supplies	2,980.07	

Increase concessions for spring sports.

Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106900.903	To DSS	132,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	132,000.00	

Rollover unspent lobby project from 2015-2016.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.740	Capital Outlay-Equipment	132,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143550.080	Fm General Fund	132,000.00	

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Lock & Dam Project

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
794202.930	Alternatives Analysis	80,000.00	
794202.931	Biological Monitoring	233,233.00	
794202.932	Outreach and Education	20,000.00	
794202.990	Contingency	506,302.60	
<i>Revenues</i>			
793190.070	National Fish & Wildlife Foundation	839,535.60	

Setup National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Budget.

G. County Attorney Invoices.

Date	Department	Amount
02/08/2017	Health Department	\$ 2,525.00
02/10/2017	Sheriff's Office	\$ 1,025.00
02/14/2017	Administration/Governing Board	\$ 475.00
	Total	\$ 4,025.00

H. Tax Releases and Refunds No. 1-17, incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

ITEM 3. Public Hearing:

- A. Chairman Peterson declared open a Public Hearing to receive comments regarding proposals to purchase Bladen County Home Health Agency. No one in attendance addressed the Board. Chairman Peterson declared closed the Public Hearing.

ITEM 4. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

No one addressed the Board.

ITEM 5. East Bladen Future Farmers of America (FFA): (Earl Miller, FFA Advisor)

- A. Mr. Miller provided a brief overview of the intended use of funds if a NC Tobacco Trust Fund Commission Grant Application was favorably accepted. The intent is to expand the agriculture program and change curriculum by building a hands-on laboratory. Mr. Miller then introduced FFA Officers Anna Smith and Olivia Barnes to provide additional information. Ms. Smith and Ms. Barnes shared their experiences through 4-H and FFA. They shared research which indicated that Bladen County is currently sixth in the state for farmland value and fourth in the state for livestock and poultry production value.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Priest, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously approved a letter of support for East Bladen High School FFA to the NC Tobacco Trust Fund Commission Grant Application.

ITEM 6. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

Chairman Peterson recognized Commissioner Cogdell to address the Board. Commissioner Cogdell expressed his appreciation to the Board for support during his recent election to the NC Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) Executive Board for the 5th District. He stated that he will keep the Board of County Commissioners informed regarding NCACC activities.

ITEM 7. Revenue Administration: (Renee Davis, Tax Administrator)

- A. Mrs. Davis provided an overview of a bid in the amount of \$4,610 submitted by Mr. Jerry Autry for county-owned property (Parcel 0012618 and 0012619), located on Autrytown Road, Colly Township. Mr. Autry is requesting a private sale in accordance with NCGS 105-376C and an extension of 90 days to pay in full due to an impending construction loan. Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously accepted a \$4,610 bid submitted by Jerry Autry.

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ITEM 8. Finance Department: (Lisa Coleman, Finance Officer)

- A. Mrs. Coleman reviewed a Financial Dashboard for the seven-month period ending January 31, 2017.

ITEM 9. Health and Human Services Agency: (David Howard, Director)

- A. Mr. Howard provided an overview of a Blue Cross/Blue Shield Network Agreement for the Bladen County Home Health Agency. The process by which the Home Health Agency was successfully included in the BC/BS network has been a drawn-out procedure. Mr. Howard also shared that BC/BS now only accepts electronic signatures for agreements. Once an email is received, the agreement is available for signature for only ten days. Once the agreement availability expires, another email must be requested and the process begins again. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously approved an agreement with BC/BS Network participation, subject to legal review.
- B. Mr. Howard provided a brief overview of a Diaper Bank of NC Community Partner Application. He stated that the Young Families Connect program had located this program. The HHSA Advisory Council makes a recommendation for membership in the program to provide diapers for low income families who are on Case Management with certain criteria. Upon a motion by Commissioner Munn-Goins, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously approved a Diaper Bank of NC Community Partner Application.
- C. Mr. Howard updated the Board regarding a request to revise a pay grade for a Physician Extender II position. Mr. Howard stated that this is also known as a Family Nurse Practitioner position, which works under the supervision of the Medical Director. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously approved the Pay Grade revision from Grade 82 to Grade 83, which will increase the annual salary by approximately \$1,328.

ITEM 10. Soil and Water Conservation: (Dean Morris, Director)

- A. Planning Director Greg Elkins, in Mr. Morris' absence, provided information regarding a Hurricane Matthew Storm Debris Removal Project. Mr. Elkins stated that he and Mr. Morris have surveyed areas around South River, Black River and in and around the East Arcadia areas for debris which may be blocking natural flow. Mr. Elkins further explained that only trees and debris identified as Hurricane Matthew debris would be included in this debris removal project.

Mr. Elkins also provided a brief update regarding a Butters/Richardson Drainage project. He stated that a culvert had been replaced and lineal drainage ditches had been established to feed the larger drainage canal.

The Board expressed its appreciation for the update regarding both projects.

ITEM 11. Advisory Board Appointments:

- A. **Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Priest, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously tabled an appointment to a future meeting.
- B. **Health and Human Services Agency Advisory Council (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board unanimously appointed Dr. Robert Rich, Jr. to fill an unexpired term, with the term expiring December 31, 2018.
- C. **Bladen County Nursing Home Advisory Committee (2):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Priest, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously tabled appointments to a future meeting.
- D. **Southeastern Community & Family Services, Inc. Board of Directors (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Bullock, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously tabled an appointment to a future meeting

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ITEM 12. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed Board calendars for the months of February and March 2017.
- B. Mr. Martin provided an update regarding Lock and Dam #2 and #3 Fish Passages. Additional tasks have been identified to be incorporated into the planning phase scope of work, which were addressed at a prior meeting. The identified tasks to be included are as follows:

Task 1:	Alternatives Analysis	\$ 80,000
Task 2:	Biological Monitoring	\$233,233
Task 3:	Outreach and Education	\$ 20,000

Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously approved a revision to a Lock and Dam #2 and #3 Fish Passages Project.

ITEM 13. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address the Board:

No one in attendance addressed the Board.

ITEM 14. Closed Session:

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously entered Closed Session in Accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a) (4) Industry/Economic Development and in Accordance with NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6) Personnel at 6:56 pm.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board unanimously exited Closed Session at 7:32 pm.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Charles R. Peterson, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners