

**March 12, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 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

Attorney: Leslie Johnson and Will Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order. Commissioner Smith 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 Dowelss, the Board approved the following Consent Items:

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes of February 20, 2012 meeting
- C. County Attorney Invoices as follows:

2-16-2012	\$ 2,950.00	Financing Bay Tree Lakes
2-23-2012	\$ 750.00	Health Department
2-29-2012	\$ 300.00	Licensing Agreement NCAOC
3-01-2012	\$ 300.00	Retainer for March 2012
	\$ 4,300.00	

- D. Budget Amendments as follows:

**Department and Account Number**  
**Administration**

	Account Description	Increase	Decrease
Expenditures			
106800.450	Insurance and Bonds		5,340.00
1051005110.352	M/R Equipment	5,340.00	

Equipment and turnkey cost to add the Medical Isolation Room to the existing systems.

**Administration**

Expenditures			
106200.499	Miscellaneous Expense	1,239.06	
106800.450	Insurance and Bonds		1,239.06

Expense related to accident at US Postal Service

**Administration**

Expenditures			
106900.901	To Economic Development	13,653.66	
Revenue			
103190.050	FBA	13,653.66	

Economic Grant regarding Incubator Building. Total Grant \$16,200.00 less unspent incentives \$2,546.34.

**Economic Development**

Expenditures			
307200.910	Special Appropriations	13,653.66	
Revenues			
303422.002	Fm General Fund	13,653.66	

Economic Grant regarding Incubator Building. Total Grant \$16,200.00 less unspent incentives \$2,546.34.

**White Lake FD**

Expenditures			
395339.712	Matching Grant	4,177.98	
Revenue			
393190.050	FBA	4,177.98	

Funds necessary for match to the 2011 AFG Fire Grant.

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**Department and  
Account Number**  
**Health**

**Account Description**

**Increase**

**Decrease**

Expenditures			
1059005920.200	Supplies	16,315.00	
Revenues			
103530.090	DHHS-Family Planning	16,315.00	

Additional grant received from the State.

**Health**

Expenditures			
1059005985.200	Supplies	2,698.70	
Revenues			
103530.103	DHHS-IAP	2,698.70	

Additional grant received from the State.

**Health**

Expenditures			
1059005940.200	Supplies	2,330.00	
Revenues			
103530.070	DHHS-TB	2,330.00	

Additional grant received from the State.

**Health**

Expenditures			
105900.200	Supplies	18,667.57	
Revenues			
103560.082	Hep B/Flu	18,667.57	

Budgeting fees collected.

**Health**

Expenditures			
105200.200	Supplies	8,294.00	
Revenues			
103260.040	Animal Control Fees	8,294.00	

Budgeting fees collected.

**Tax Administration**

Expenditures			
104500.325	Postage	4,500.00	
Revenues			
103190.050	FBA	4,500.00	

Postage need for remaining of the year to mail bills.

**Tax Administration**

Expenditures			
104500.192	Legal Fees	8,610.00	
Revenues			
103190.050	FBA	8,610.00	

Legal Fees

**Division on Aging**

Expenditures			
106200.499	Miscellaneous Expense	13,535.00	
Revenues			
103190.050	FBA	13,535.00	

Rollover of unspent ROAP Employment Funds.

**DSS**

Expenditures			
146100.689	Energy Neighbor	428.00	
Revenues			
143531.031	Energy Neighbor	428.00	

State funding authorization #12.

**DSS**

Expenditures			
146100.689	Energy Neighbor	486.00	
Revenues			
143531.031	Energy Neighbor	486.00	

State funding authorization #13.

**Hickory Grover Fire Department**

Expenditures			
375337.712	Matching Grant	4,975.00	
Revenues			
373190.050	FBA	4,975.00	

Matching 2011 AFG Fire Grant.

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**Department and Account Number**

**Account Description**

**Increase**

**Decrease**

**Clarkton Fire Department**

Expenditures			
355335.712	Matching Grant	9,500.00	
Revenues			
353190.050	FBA	9,500.00	

Matching 2011 AFG Fire Grant.

**Kelly Fire Department**

Expenditures			
385338.712	Matching Grant	3,000.00	
Revenues			
383190.050	FBA	3,000.00	

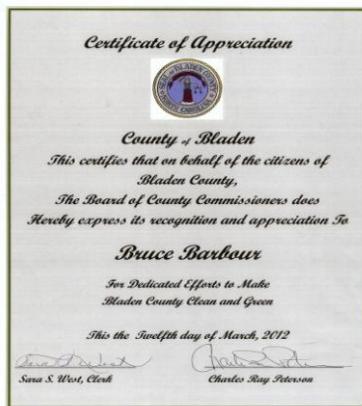
Matching 2011 AFG Fire Grant.

- E. Acceptance of Donated Equipment from Dupont
- F. Licensing Agreement with the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts (NCAOC)

**ITEM 2. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:**

Commissioner Smith requested that County Manager Greg Martin provide the Board with an updated list of tax exempt properties at a Board meeting in early April.

- A. Chairman Peterson presented the following Certificate of Appreciation to Bruce Barbour for his efforts to keep Bladen County Clean and Green:



- A. Chairman Peterson recognized Sandy Merritt Upon Her Retirement as Director of Soil and Water Conservation.

**ITEM 3. Old Business:**

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board approved an Economic Development Grant Agreement in the amount of \$32,000 with Bladen's Bloomin' Agri-Industrial, Inc.

- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board approved an upgrade for the E. F. Johnson radios with P25 compliant software.

Emergency Services Director Bradley Kinlaw provided the Board an update on the Training Exercise held at East Bladen High School on March 19, 2012. Bradley thanked Bladen Community College and all agencies that made the exercise a success.

**ITEM 4. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:**

- Bay Tree Lakes Rural Fire District Chairman Bob Latham appeared before the Board to request the installation of fire hydrants in the Bay Tree Lakes Subdivision. Chairman Peterson advised Mr. Latham that engineers were working on an estimate for the pressurized fire hydrants and when completed, the Board would advise the Fire District.

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**ITEM 5. Public Hearing to Receive Public Comments Regarding the BARTS FY 2013 Community Transportation Program Application:**

- BARTS Supervisor Kent Porter advised the Public Hearing was necessary because a Spanish version of the public notice was not published along with the English version of the public notice required for the Public Hearing held on January 17, 2012. A Spanish version was published in the Bladen Journal on March 2, 2012 that satisfied the requirements of the North Carolina Department of Transportation in filing the FY 2013 Community Transportation Program Application. 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.

**ITEM 6. Planning Department: (Greg Elkins, Director)**

- Planning Director Greg Elkins appeared before the Board to discuss current planning and land use issues and obtain feedback from the Board regarding land uses. He advised the Board of a recent concern regarding turkey shoots. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board approved to take no action at this time relating to the regulation of turkey shoots. Shanelle Bullock, Community Development Planner with the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Community Planning presented a power point presentation on Bladen County Land Use Plan Update 2012. Ms. Bullock stated that the purpose of the presentation was to explain the role of the Division of Community Assistance (DCP); define the roles of elected officials, appointed boards and staff; explain the planning process; and provide information about the components of the land use plan.

**ITEM 7. Emergency Medical Services: (Jeanene Green, Director)**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board approved the following EMS Fee Schedule Revision as requested by EMS Director:

Medicare 2012 Allowable Amounts  
Rural Primary Zip 28337

Bladen County EMS	Current Charge	2012 Medicare Allowable (Rural)	EMS/MC Recommended Charges
ALS NE A0426	\$350.00	\$251.54	\$315.00
ALS E A0427	\$375.00	\$398.27	\$498.00
BLS NE A0428	\$300.00	\$209.62	\$262.00
BLS E A0429	\$325.00	\$335.39	\$419.00
ALS 2 A0433	\$550.00	\$576.44	\$720.00
Specialty Care A0434	\$0.00	\$681.25	\$851.00
Urban Mileage or Rural Mileage 18+ A0425	\$0.00	\$6.93	
Rural Mileage 1 - 17	\$9.92	\$7.10	

Prepared by: EMS Management & Consultants, Inc.

**ITEM 8. Advisory Board Appointments to be considered at the Board Meeting on March 19, 2012:**

- Bladen County Nursing Home Advisory Committee (1)
- Elizabethtown Rural Fire District Committee (1)
- Lumber River Workforce Development Board (1)

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**ITEM 9. County Manager: (Greg Martin)**

- A. County Manager Greg Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.
- B. Mr. Martin requested that the Board consider appointing, at the Board meeting on March 19, 2012, a Budget Committee for the development of the FY 2012-2013 budget.
- C. Mr. Martin provided the Board with the following update of the Phase III-B Water project: As of March 12, 2012, 275 applications for tie-in to Phase III-B have been received. The elevated storage tank is almost completed and the well has been drilled with construction beginning soon on the well house. The contractors are on schedule and making good progress with the following results:
  - Contract 1 is 95% complete
  - Contract 2 is 60 % complete
  - Contract 1 change orders 54% complete
  - Contract 2 Additional Roads 75% complete

**ITEM 10. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:**

- No one addressed the Commissioners.

**ITEM 11.** Upon a Motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board Entered Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) Attorney Client (a)(5) Real Property Purchase/Contracts/Leases.

Upon a Motion by Commissioner Priest, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board Exited Closed Session and re-entered Open Session.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Pait the Board adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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Charles Ray Peterson, Chairman  
Bladen County Board of Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Sara S. West, Clerk