

March 30, 2017

A special meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 5:00 pm on Thursday, March 30, 2017 in the Commissioners Room on the lower level of the Bladen County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was to enter session as Bladen County Water District Board of Directors.

The following Board of Commission members were present:

Charles R. Peterson, Chairman

Ray Britt, Vice Chairman

G. Michael Cogdell

Arthur Bullock

Dr. Ophelia Munn-Goins

Excused: Ashley S. Trivette
Russell Priest
Daniel Dowless
David R. Gooden

ITEM 1. Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Chairman Peterson provided an invocation. Following an invocation, Chairman Peterson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Peterson stated that Commissioners Trivette and Priest had informed him of their necessity to be excused.

ITEM 2. Bladen County Water District: (Randy Garner, Director)

A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously exited regular session and entered Bladen County Water District Board of Directors.

B. LKC Engineering representative Adam Kiker expressed his appreciation to the Board.

Following a recent Water District Board of Directors session, Mr. Kiker presented a revised overview of a proposed Phase IV Water System Expansion Project to include private roads. Mr. Kiker reminded the Board that Bladen County's water system has experienced little organic growth over the years. He explained that significant growth has been realized during expansions of the system.

Mr. Kiker stated that USDA representatives had shown great interest in funding a water system expansion project in Bladen County, and an application deadline of May 5, 2017 has been identified. He further explained that sizeable federal grants currently available in North Carolina will likely not be available again for several years. A federal grant program administered through USDA may earmark different states in the near future.

Following discussion regarding timing of an application and project completion, the Board indicated its willingness to continue the paperwork process.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously directed Mr. Kiker to complete reports required by USDA for a proposed Bladen County Water System Phase IV Expansion Project.

C. Revisions to the Bladen County Water District Rules & Regulations were not discussed. Proposed revisions are directly related to a proposed expansion project.

D. Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously exited Bladen County Water District Board of Directors and reentered regular session.

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ITEM 3. Other Matters:

No other matters were brought to the floor for discussion.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Charles R. Peterson, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners