

**April 16, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 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, Johnson Law Firm

Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order. Reverend Larry Hayes, Good News Baptist 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 April 2, 2012 (Regular Meeting)
- C. Minutes of Special Meetings:
  - i. April 2, 2012
  - ii. April 9, 2012
- D. Budget Amendments as follows:

**Department and Account Number Elections**

	Account Description	Increase	Decrease
Expenditures			
104300.200	Supplies	12,617.08	
Revenue			
103170.051	Election Reimbursement	12,617.08	

To cover cost of supplies needed for primary on May 8, 2012.

**Motor Pool**

Expenditures			
105010.357	Vehicle Repair	3,862.16	
Revenue			
103190.011	Insurance Claims	3,862.16	

Insurance payment for 09 Ford F150/Water Dept.

**Sheriff**

Expenditure			
1051005130.352	M/R Equipment	5,507.15	
Revenue			
103270.018	Sheriff-HELO	5,507.15	

To pay for required repairs to the departmental helicopter.

**Library**

Expenditure			
106700.200	Supplies	500.00	
Revenue			
103190.010	Miscellaneous Revenue	500.00	

Walmart Donation for Supplies.

**E. County Attorney Invoices as follows:**

4-01-2012	\$ 300.00	Retainer for April
4-09-2012	375.00	Affidavit of Fire Marshal
4-10-2012	400.00	Animal Shelter Contract
4-11-2012	300.00	Medical Services Agreement
4-11-2012	900.00	Sheriff Dept. Case
	\$ 9,039.00	

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- F. Tax Refunds and Releases No. 3-12
- G. Board of Equalization and Review Meeting Scheduled for May 7, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.
- H. Public Hearing Scheduled for May 7, 2012 at 6:30 pm to Receive Public Comments Regarding a Rezoning Request
- I. Medical Service Agreement with East Coast Migrant Head Start Project
- J. Senior Center General Purpose Funding FY 2011-2012 Application Packet
- K. Breast and Cervical Cancer Screenings Project for Health Department

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

- Commissioner Gooden stated that he had been advised that there was only one (1) fire hydrant in eyesight of Highway 701 at the intersection of Highway 210 and 701 and no hydrants near MurphyTown Road. County Manager Greg Martin was asked to verify information and report back to the Commissioners.
- Commissioner Smith asked the County Manager to check with the North Carolina Department of Transportation regarding the status of installation of road signs designating communities for Susie Sand Hill, Wam Squam and Coble Cross Road.
- Commissioner Dowless stated that he had received a call regarding discolored water in the Center Road area of the County.

**ITEM 3. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:**

- No one addressed the Commissioners.

**ITEM 4. Public Hearing**

- Chairman Peterson declared the Public Hearing Opened to receive public comments regarding an Application for a \$250,000 Community Development Block Grant Small Business & Entrepreneurial Assistance Grant.  
No one spoke.  
Chairman Peterson declared the Public Hearing Closed.

**ITEM 5. Finance Department: (Lisa Coleman, Director)**

- A. Finance Director, Lisa Coleman reviewed the Financial Dashboard for the reporting period of March 2012.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board adopted a Resolution Approving Financing Terms with BB&T at the rate of 1.49% for two (2) 2012 Chevrolet C3500 4x2 McCoy Miller Medic 142" SE ambulances.
- C. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board approved a Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse regarding the financing of the ambulances.

**ITEM 6. Advisory Board Appointments :**

- A. **Bladen County Nursing Home Advisory Committee:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board tabled the appointment held by Judy Bowen.
- B. **Elizabethtown Rural Fire District Committee:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board reappointed Billy Smith and Bizzel Davis with an expiration date of April 7, 2015.
- C. **Keep Bladen Beautiful:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board reappointed Luke Hill with an expiration date of April 20, 2012.

**ITEM 8. County Manager: (Greg Martin)**

- A. County Manager Greg Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.

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- B. Mr. Martin provided the Board with an update regarding the Bladen Bluffs dedication ceremony held on April 9, 2012. Mr. Martin presented a picture of the Bladen Bluffs facility to the Commissioners on behalf of Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer.

**ITEM 9. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:**

- No one addressed the Commissioners.

**ITEM 10.** Upon a Motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, 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 Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board Exited Closed Session and re-entered Open Session.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Gooden the Board adjourned at 7:17 pm.

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Charles Ray Peterson, Chairman  
Bladen County Board of Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Sara S. West, Clerk