

April 24, 2017

The Bladen County Board of Commissioners held a Special Meeting regarding Budget at 5:30pm on Monday, April 24, 2017 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse.

The following members were present:

Charles R. Peterson, Chairman

Ray Britt

G. Michael Cogdell

Daniel Dowless

Arthur Bullock

David Gooden

Ashley Trivette

Ophelia Munn-Goins

Russell Priest

ITEM 1. Call to Order

Chairman Priest called the meeting to order.

- A. An invocation was provided by Chairman Peterson.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by County Manager Greg Martin.

ITEM 2. Animal Control Advisory Board: (Mike Jackson, Chairman)

- A. Mr. Jackson provided a brief overview of an estimated minimum staffing formula for determining kennel staffing needs which was completed at the direction of the Animal Control Advisory Board. Results from this formula indicated a need for two additional staff positions.
Mr. Jackson indicated a recent need for employees to assist in the shelter which has created a delay in responding to nuisance animal calls.
Mr. Jackson expressed appreciation to the Board.

ITEM 3. Sheriff's Office: (Jim McVicker)

- A. Sheriff McVicker and Captain Jeff Singletary addressed the Board regarding a request for two (2) additional Deputy positions and three (3) additional Detention Officers. Following discussion regarding additional staffing costs on the current year budget and upon a motion by Commissioner Priest, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously approved two (2) additional Deputy positions and three (3) additional Detention Officer positions.
Sheriff McVicker expressed appreciation to the Board.

ITEM 4. Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget Information and Discussion:

- A. Mr. Martin provided an overview of a draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Mr. Martin highlighted several issues which will impact the Budget as follows:
 - Public Safety
 - Employee Compensation
 - Capital and Non-Inventorable ItemsMr. Martin also reviewed an Article 44 sales tax expansion which is earmarked specifically for public education, community college and economic development.
Mr. Martin stated that Bladen County Board of Education FY 2017-18 budget request has not yet been received, but based the preliminary budget at FY 2016-17 funding levels.

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ITEM 5 Other Items:

- A. Mr. Martin stated that he had been in contact with Eastpointe CEO Sarah Stroud regarding an available meeting date to further discuss mental health services. For consideration, a date of Tuesday, May 16, was suggested. Following discussion, it was determined that May 16 was not convenient to a number of Board members. Mr. Martin stated that he would work with Mrs. Stroud to determine an alternate date.

Mr. Martin and Emergency Services Director Bradley Kinlaw extended an invitation to the Board members who wish to tour the Public Safety Training facility. Mr. Kinlaw stated that he would be on hand at 5:00pm prior to the May 1, 2017 Regular Board meeting for Board members to have an opportunity to visit the facility.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Priest, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously adjourned the meeting at 7:26pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Charles R. Peterson, Chairman