

April 4, 2016

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, April 4, 2016 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse.

The following members were present:

- Russell Priest, Chairman
- Arthur Bullock, Vice Chairman
- Charles R. Peterson
- Billy Ray Pait
- G. Michael Cogdell
- Dr. Delilah Blanks
- Daniel Dowless
- Wayne Edge
- James G. "Jimmie" Smith

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

ITEM 1. Chairman Priest called the meeting to order.

Reverend Larry Hayes, Good News Baptist Church of Bladenboro, provided the Invocation. County Manager Gregory J. Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2. Consent Items:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board approved the following Consent Items:

- A. Revised Agenda, to delete item 7A & 7B; regarding an Economic Development update, a request from Bladen's Bloomin' Agri-Industrial, Inc. and a request to consider scheduling a Public Hearing regarding proposed funding to Bladen's Bloomin' Agri-Industrial, Inc.
- B. Minutes of March 21, 2016 Regular Meeting.
- C. Budget Amendments, as follows:

Solid Waste

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
205800.611.045	Electronics Recycling	668.62	
<i>Revenues</i>			
203190.008	Electronics Management Program	668.62	

Transfer of funds to cover electronics recycling expenses.

Bladenboro Fire Department

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
425342.499	Miscellaneous Expense	16,000.00	
425342.990	Contingency		16,000.00

Purchases needed for station and operations equipment.

Bay Tree Fire Department

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
475347.499	Miscellaneous Expense	1,000.00	
475347.990	Contingency		1,000.00

Money to Bladen County Fire Association for the training center.

D. County Attorney Invoices.

Date	Department	Amount
3/18/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 860.00
3/21/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 825.00
3/22/16	Parks & Recreation	\$ 260.00
3/24/16	Detention & Law Enforcement Ctr Construction	\$ 4,975.00
3/30/16	BARTS	\$ 760.00
	Total	\$ 7,680.00

E. The following Child Abuse Awareness Month Proclamation:



F. Department of Social Services Records Retention & Disposition Schedule.

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- G. Acceptance of a Third Annual United Way Grant to the Department of Social Services in the Amount of \$3,000
- H. Issuance of Checks for Employee Years of Service Recognition
- I. NCACC Joint Risk Management Agency's Insurance proposals for FY 2017 for liability & property (\$254,268) and worker's compensation coverage (\$298,966).

ITEM 3. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

No Commissioner brought a topic of discussion to the Board.

ITEM 4. Individuals / Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one in attendance addressed the Board.

ITEM 5. Bladen County Board of Education: (Dr. Robert Taylor, Superintendent)

- A. Dr. Taylor expressed appreciation to the Board for the opportunity to provide an update regarding school facility utilization, specifically related to Booker T. Washington School. Dr. Taylor reported that the school was originally constructed in 1947, with additions built in 1957 and 1972. The roof over the cafeteria was replaced approximately two years ago at a cost of \$40,000. Lighting upgrades were completed in 2007 throughout the district, including Booker T. Washington School. Dr. Taylor reports that the roof over the 1957 addition is in need of major repair, as several classrooms have been unusable as a result of leaks. He stated that there are no deficiencies identified regarding electric or plumbing at the facility. Currently there are 194 PreK-5th grade students enrolled, with plans to enroll students for the 2016-17 school year. A proposal is being considered to maintain the building for professional development and training purposes should it not be utilized for PreK-5th grade students.
Dr. Taylor reminded the Board that the Department of Public Instruction plans to visit Bladen County in May 2016 to review school facilities and assist the Board of Education with a possible consolidation of school facilities.
Following discussion, the Board expressed its appreciation to Dr. Taylor for the update.

ITEM 6. Department of Social Services: (Vickie Smith, Director)

- A. Chairman Priest presented a Child Abuse Awareness Month Proclamation to Mrs. Smith and Child Protective Services Supervisor Jill Sampson. Vice Chairman Bullock read aloud the proclamation. Mrs. Smith expressed her appreciation to the Board for its support.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board unanimously approved use of the Courthouse lawn on Saturday, April 30, 2016 for a DSS Child Abuse Awareness Event. Mrs. Smith invited the Board to attend and participate in the event.
- C. Mrs. Smith and Food and Nutrition Services Supervisor Brenda Burney provided an update regarding recent and upcoming developments related to Food and Nutrition Services processing requirements. Counties could realize a collective loss of \$80 million in federal administrative funds if processing rates do not meet federal standard mandates. Mrs. Smith also indicated that the NCACC and USDA recommend that a Board of Commissioners liaison be identified to regularly communicate with the county manager and local DSS. Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board unanimously appointed Charles R. Peterson to serve as liaison between DSS and the Board of Commissioners.
The Board expressed its appreciation to the DSS staff, supervisors and director for all of their hard work, achieving excellent results.

ITEM 7. Economic Development: (Chuck Heustess, Director)

This item was deleted from the Agenda during the approval of consent items.

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ITEM 8. Computer Operations: Robin Hewett, Director)

- A. Mr. Hewett provided a brief update and overview regarding a recently completed Request for Proposals process for copier services. At the original proposal opening, Systel had included an option for refurbished machines. Mr. Hewett asked each of the respondents to resubmit proposals for refurbished machines as well. Systel and Coeco submitted favorable cost-effective proposals, but Systel indicated its ability to supply a consolidated fleet of Ricoh copier/printer/scanners. Mr. Hewett stated that he would return to make a request of the Board at a future meeting for consideration of entering into a contract for services with Systel.
The Board expressed its appreciation to Mr. Hewett for his research and presentation.

ITEM 9. Advisory Board Appointments:

- A. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board unanimously appointed Antonia Beatty for a one-year term of service, with the term expiring June 30, 2017.

ITEM 10. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration during April 18, 2016 Meeting:

- A. Bladenboro Rural Fire District Committee (2)**
B. Cape Fear Assembly (1)
C. Carvers Creek Fire District Committee (3)
D. Elizabethtown Rural Fire District Committee (2)

ITEM 11. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed Board calendars for the months of April and May 2016.
B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board unanimously scheduled a Special meeting with the Legislative Delegation at 7pm on April 14, 2016, to be held in the Health Department Conference Room.
C. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board unanimously scheduled a Board of Equalization and Review at 5:30pm for Monday, April 18, 2016.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

ATTEST:

Gregory J. Martin, Deputy Clerk to the Board

Russell Priest, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners