

April 5, 2017

A special meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 in the Commissioners Room on the lower level of the Bladen County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss mental health services and Parks & Recreation and healthy activities.

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

Ashley S. Trivette

Russell Priest

Daniel Dowless

David R. Gooden

ITEM 1. Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order at 5:04pm.

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

ITEM 2. Eastpointe/Cardinal Innovations – Managed Care Organizations for Mental Health Services:

A. Eastpointe Chief Executive Officer Sarah Stroud and Cardinal Innovations Chief Executive Officer Richard Topping were recognized and invited to address the Board.

Mrs. Stroud confirmed that Eastpointe's Board of Directors decided to consolidate with Cardinal Innovations.

Mr. Topping stated that North Carolina is changing the way it pays for mental health services. Services now will be competitively bid to insurance companies. He indicated that Eastpointe and Cardinal are partnering to provide county-based, community-based solutions. Size, scale and scope of services and capabilities will allow for added value to local mental health services.

Mr. Topping indicated that this plan is an attempt to return to local providers and local mental health services, efficiently and effectively. He indicated that advertising, outreach and leveraging services locally will be a part of the plan moving forward.

Following discussion, Mrs. Stroud and Mr. Topping each expressed appreciation to the Board.

ITEM 3. Parks & Recreation and Healthy Activities:

A. Health Educator Marianne Valentiner and Parks & Recreation Director Grant Pait provided an overview of a proposed Healthy Bladen Kids program.

The purpose of the program is to promote healthy activities, community outreach and nutrition during the summer. This proposed program is designed to run for five-weeks from June 26 through July 28, 2017 and be open from 9am until 1pm for ages 6-15. Proposed sites would include East Arcadia School, Clarkton School of Discovery, Bladenboro Middle School and Tar Heel Middle School. Daily recreational activities would be scheduled, along with a nutrition curriculum once a week. Partnering with Bladen County Schools, a feeding program would also be offered. An estimated cost of the program is \$6,500, which would cover part-time wages.

Following discussion regarding target ages and number of participants for each location, the Commissioners expressed appreciation to Mrs. Valentiner and Mr. Pait. It is understood that additional part-time employees would be required to supervise a wider range of ages.

The Board asked Mrs. Valentiner and Mr. Pait to determine a number of children who may wish to participate and to return to the Board with additional information.

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Commissioner Bullock requested additional information regarding Bladen's Bloomin'/Agri-Industrial appointments to their board of directors. Chairman Peterson stated that he, as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, is an ex officio member of BBAI's Executive Board and Board of Directors. The BBAI Board of Directors also appointed Commissioner Ashley Trivette to serve as a Board member.

Commissioner Munn-Goins inquired if BBAI's mission had changed. Chairman Peterson stated that its mission had not changed.

Chairman Peterson stated that Commissioner Cogdell serves on the Economic Development Commission. Mr. Martin stated that the Economic Development Commission would be requesting the Board of Commissioners to appoint a second Commissioner to serve on its Board, which will increase membership to twelve (12).

Upon a motion by Commissioner Bullock, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the meeting was adjourned at 5:47pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Charles R. Peterson, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners