

May 21, 2012

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 21, 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: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order. Reverend Chris Denny, Pastor, Elizabethtown Presbyterian Church, Elizabethtown, NC provided the Invocation and County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Peterson asked that Item 11 Consider Entering Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) Attorney Client be deleted from Agenda.

ITEM 1. Consent Items:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board approved to delete Item 11 from the agenda and the following Consent Items:

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes of May 7, 2012
- C. Budget Amendments as follows:

Department and

Account Number

Account Description

Increase

Decrease

Recreation

Department and Account Number	Account Description	Increase	Decrease
Expenditures			
106600.303	Insurance	765.00	
Revenue			
103660.000	Insurance Rec Fees	765.00	

Insurance for Girls Softball.

Water

Department and Account Number	Account Description	Increase	Decrease
Expenditures			
254702.744	Debt Service-Principal	19,765.83	
254702.745	Debt Service-Interest	22,424.43	
254702.990	Contingency		7,134.60
254702.123	On Call Pay	6,000.00	
254702.125	Overtime	100.00	
254702.200.007	Supplies-Water	20,000.00	
254702.700	Bank Charges	1,300.00	

254702.740	Capital Outlay-Equip.	2,200.00	
Revenues			
253180.010	Interest	800.00	
253420.004	Tap Fees	18,475.00	
253190.050	FBA	45,380.66	

To budget for advance payment for Bay Tree Water Project and additional expenses for year end.

Clarkton Fire Department

Expenditures			
355335.711	Truck Payment	15,000.00	
Revenues			
353190.050	FBA	15,000.00	

Funding necessary for truck payment.

D. County Attorney Invoices as follows:

5-01-2012	\$ 300.00	Retainer for May 2012
5-14-2012	\$ 500.00	Piedmont Natural Gas
5-15-2012	\$ 150.00	Forbearance Agreement
Total	\$ 950.00	

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ITEM 2. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

- Chairman Peterson recognized Dan Weatherly as the new Cape Fear Valley-Bladen County Hospital President. Mr. Weatherly replaced Cameron Highsmith, who resigned in October. A native of Harrisburg, Ill., Weatherly has more than 16 years of healthcare experience and had held the position of interim CEO at Bladen County Hospital.

ITEM 3. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

- Chairman Peterson announced the following winners of the Keep Bladen Beautiful Poster and Essay Contests:
 - A. Hayley Hall, 16 year old student at West Bladen High School, was the Essay Contest Winner and Whitney Mclean, 7 year old student at Bladenboro Primary, was the Poster Contest Winner. Each winner was presented a certificate and a check in the amount of \$100.00.
 - B. Luke Hill was recognized for his service to the Keep Bladen Beautiful Committee.

ITEM 4. Lumber River Council of Governments: (Adrian Lowery, Housing Coordinator)

- **Public Hearing:** Chairman Peterson declared the Second Required Public Hearing opened to receive public comments regarding an Application for FY 2011 Community Development Block Grant Funding under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act. No one spoke. Chairman Peterson declared the Public Hearing Closed.

ITEM 5. Health Department: (Wayne Stewart, Director)

A. Cathy Kinlaw, Executive Director of Healthy Bladen appeared before the Board and advised that Bladen County had been awarded the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust Grant to promote a Community Healthy Activities Project (CHAP). The grant will fund one year of health and wellness activities in Bladenboro, and one year of health and wellness activities in East Arcadia. The award amount will include the creation of a new county position for a community health organizer. The grant award is \$162,000 for two years.

Ms. Kinlaw also advised that the Health Department would hold a free health screening for Bladen County residents on May 30, 2012, from 10 AM – 6 PM, in the parking lot of Food Lion.

B. Mr. Stewart asked the Board to consider approving an increase of Animal Control adoption fees. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board approved to increase adoption fees which would also include a rabies vaccination of \$40.00 for dogs and cats; \$15.00 for animals released to rescues and \$5.00 for animals under 4 months old; \$30.00 for return to owner and \$20.00 return to owner if the animal has a current rabies vaccination.

ITEM 6. Finance Department: (Lisa Coleman, Director)

A. Ms. Coleman reviewed the Financial Dashboard for the period of April 2012.

B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, the Board approved a Lottery Fund Application in the amount of \$107,000 to pave the bus parking lot at Elizabethtown Middle School.

ITEM 7. Bladen County Water District: (Randy Garner, Director)

A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board Entered Session as Bladen County Water District Board of Directors.

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B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, the Board approved a rate extension of 1.53% for the financing of the District's Water System Revenue Bond Anticipation Note until December 31, 2012.

C. Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board Exited Session as Bladen County Water District Board of Directors.

ITEM 8. Advisory Board Appointments:

A. Bladen County Nursing Home Advisory Committee: Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, the Board

appointed Pat Jessup to fill the unexpired term of Judy Bowen with an expiration date of 2-28-2013.

- B. Kelly Water Dike Drainage District Committee: Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board appointed Ennis Robeson with an expiration date of 2-28-2013.
- C. Keep Bladen Beautiful Committee: Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board appointed Hayley Hall, student at East Bladen High School, and Brooke Smith, student at West Bladen High School with an expiration date of April 20, 2015. These students replace Luke Hill.

ITEM 9. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. County Manager Greg Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.
- B. Upon a Motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board approved to accept donation of park benches for the courthouse lawn as follows: Commissioner Russell Priest in honor of Carl McCulloch, Register of Deeds from 1958 to 1990 and Commissioner James G. "Jimmie" Smith in memory of his grandfather, G. F. Melvin, magistrate and last full time jailer in the old jail.
- C. County Manager Greg Martin presented the FY 2013 Proposed Budget.
- D. Upon a Motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board approved to schedule Special Meetings for Tuesday, May 29, 2012 and Thursday May 31, 2012 to discuss the FY 2013 Budget.

ITEM 10. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

- Shelly Wiggins appeared before the Board to share her observations regarding the County Park and Playground.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Dowless the Board adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Charles Ray Peterson, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioner

ATTEST:

Sara S. West, Clerk