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A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, May 1, 2017 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse.

The following members were present:

- Charles R. Peterson, Chairman
- Ray Britt, Vice Chairman
- Arthur Bullock
- G. Michael Cogdell
- Daniel Dowless
- David R. Gooden
- Ophelia Munn-Goins
- Russell Priest
- Ashley Trivette

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

ITEM 1. Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order.

Reverend Larry Hayes, Good News Baptist Church, provided the Invocation. Guest 4H'er Arriel Staten led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2. Consent Items:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent Items:

- A. Agenda.
- B. Minutes of April 18, 2017 Regular Meeting
- C. Minutes of April 24, 2017 Special Meeting
- D. Budget Amendments, as follows:

Tax Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104500.192	Professional Services Legal	4,000.00	
104500.192.002	Foreclosures	5,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	9,000.00	

Foreclosures.

Sheriff

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105100.738	Crime Scene Grant	24,095.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103270.024	Sheriff-Crime Scene Grant	24,095.00	

Governors Crime Commission Grant PROJ011897 for tasers.

Health

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105900.5905.200	Supplies	10,906.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103330.061	DHHS-Environmental Health	10,906.00	

Additional state funding.

Health

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105900.5960.499.052	Safe Kids	1,350.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103530.162	Safe Kids	1,350.00	

Safe Kids Grant.

Parks and Recreation

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106600.803	Insurance & Utilities		420.00
106600.910	Special Appropriations		200.00
106600.352	M/R-Equipment		991.00
106600.499	Miscellaneous Expense	2,751.00	
106600.350	M/R Building & Grounds	991.00	
106600.395	Schools & Meetings		69.95
106600.491	Dues & Subscriptions	4.95	
106600.493	Refunds	65.00	
106600.310	Travel		477.55
106600.499.008	Deputies	477.55	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103660.012	Concession Revenue	868.00	
103660.006	Recreation-Other Vendors	263.00	
103190.010	Misc Revenue	1,000.00	

Accounts needed for year end.

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Library

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106700.234	Electronic Materials	13,490.58	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103630.011	LSTA Grant	13,490.58	

Money from Grant to pay for new circulation system.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.6160.565	Day Care	326.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.310	Day Care	326.00	

Title IVE funds allocated for Non Smart Start.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.6160.650.002	Child Abuse Awareness	100.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143190.028	Child Abuse Awareness	100.00	

Donation for Child Abuse Awareness.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.6160.650.002	Child Abuse Awareness	80.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143190.028	Child Abuse Awareness	80.00	

Donations for the Child Abuse Awareness event.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.6160.650.002	Child Abuse Awareness	250.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143190.028	Child Abuse Awareness	250.00	

Donations for the Child Abuse Awareness event.

Tobermory FD

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
335333.900.003	Vehicle Fee Collection	20.00	
335333.990	Contingency		20.00

Funding for year end.

Ammon FD

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
345334.900.003	Vehicle Fee Collection	65.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
343101.015	NCVTS Current	65.00	

Funding for year end.

Clarkton FD

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
355335.900.003	Vehicle Fee Collection	100.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
353101.015	NCVTS Current	100.00	

Funding for year end.

East Arcadia FD

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
365336.900.003	Vehicle Fee Collection	50.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
363101.015	NCVTS Current	50.00	

Funding for year end.

Hickory Grove FD

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
375337.900.003	Vehicle Fee Collection	60.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
373101.015	NCVTS Current	60.00	

Funding for year end.

Kelly FD

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
385338.900.003	Vehicle Fee Collection	50.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
383101.015	NCVTS Current	50.00	

Funding for year end.

White Lake FD

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
395339.900.003	Vehicle Fee Collection	60.00	
395339.990	Contingency		60.00

Funding for year end.

White Oak FD

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<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
405340.900.003	Vehicle Fee Collection	90.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
403101.015	NCVTS Current	90.00	

Funding for year end.

TarHeel FD

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
415341.900.003	Vehicle Fee Collection	80.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
413101.015	NCVTS Current	80.00	

Funding for year end.

Bladenboro FD

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
425342.900.003	Vehicle Fee Collection	200.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
423101.015	NCVTS Current	200.00	

Funding for year end.

Carvers Creek FD

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
435343.900.003	Vehicle Fee Collection	40.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
433101.015	NCVTS Current	40.00	

Funding for year end.

Lisbon Fd

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
445344.900.003	Vehicle Fee Collection	100.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
443180.010	Interest Earnings	100.00	

Funding for year end.

Elizabethtown FD

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
455345.900.003	Vehicle Fee Collection	200.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
453101.015	NCVTS Current	200.00	

Funding for year end.

Dublin FD

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
465346.900.003	Vehicle Fee Collection	205.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
463101.015	NCVTS Current	205.00	

Funding for year end.

Bay Tree FD

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
475347.900.003	Vehicle Fee Collection	65.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
473101.015	NCVTS Current	65.00	

Funding for year end.

General Services FD

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
485348.900.003	Vehicle Fee Collection	40.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
483101.015	NCVTS Current	40.00	

Funding for year end.

Atkinson FD

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
495349.610	Contract Services	1,662.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
493101.010	Taxes - Current	1,257.00	
493101.015	NCVTS Current	15.00	
493101.020	Taxes - Last Year	275.00	
493110.050	Article 40 Sales Tax	115.00	

Funding for year end.

Rowan FD

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
505350.610	Contract Services	4,716.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
503101.010	Taxes - Current	2,502.00	
503110.040	Article 39 Sales Tax	792.00	
503110.050	Article 40 Sales Tax	933.00	
503110.060	Article 42 Sales Tax	489.00	

Funding for year end.

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E. County Attorney Invoices.

Date	Department	Amount
2/03/17	Economic Development	\$ 2,800.00
4/11/17	Health Department	\$ 700.00
4/12/17	Economic Development	\$ 525.00
4/17/17	Sheriff's Office	\$ 700.00
4/19/17	Human Resources/Administration	\$ 725.00
4/19/17	Sheriff's Office	\$ 1,450.00
	Total	\$ 6,900.00

F. The following Older Americans Awareness Month Proclamation:



G. The following National Nurses Week Proclamation:



H. Spectrum Business Class Agreement for Clarkton and Bridger Memorial Libraries' Internet Service.

I. The following Resolution for Bladen County's Application for Building Reuse Program Grant Funding for Project All Star:



J. Agreement with EMS Management & Consultants to Provide Medical Billing Services.

ITEM 3. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

- A. Chairman Peterson and the entire Board recognized Division on Aging Director Kelly Robeson and presented her with an Older Americans Month Proclamation. Mrs. Robeson expressed her appreciation.
- B. Chairman Peterson and the entire Board recognized Registered Nurses representing Bladen County Health Department and Cape Fear Valley-Bladen County Hospital. Framed proclamations were presented to each group with the Board's appreciation.

ITEM 4. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one in attendance addressed the Board.

ITEM 5. Hope4NC: (Martha Brommel, Ashlee Smith and Kathleen Edge)

- A. Representatives from Hope4NC, Ms. Brommel, Ms. Smith and Ms. Edge, presented an overview of outreach services available through Hope4NC. They explained that this program, which is funded through a FEMA grant, is new. Representatives will be in Bladen County in the coming weeks to visit Hurricane Matthew-affected areas to identify individuals who are still in need of services, including referrals for crisis counseling and other mental health services.
Following discussion, the Board expressed appreciation to Hope4NC representatives, Ms. Brommel, Ms. Smith and Ms. Edge.

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ITEM 6. Bladen County Water District: (Randy Garner, Director)

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously exited Regular Session and entered Session as Water District Board of Directors.
- B. LKC Engineering representative Tim Carpenter and USDA-Rural Development Area Specialist Steven Smith addressed the Board regarding funding of a Phase IV Water System Expansion Project. Mr. Carpenter provided a brief overview of the aspects of the project. Mr. Smith provided an overview of the USDA required paperwork in order to request an obligation of funds for the expansion project.
Following discussion, upon a motion by Commissioner Trivette, seconded by Commissioner Britt, the Board unanimously adopted the following Resolution Accepting USDA Letter of Conditions regarding financing of a Phase IV Water System Expansion Project:



- C. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously exited Bladen County Water District Board of Directors and reentered regular session.

ITEM 7. Bladen Community College: (Dr. William Findt, President)

- A. Dr. Findt expressed appreciation for having an opportunity to address the Board. He also introduced Board of Trustees Chair Dennis Troy, Vice President for Finance and Administration Jay Stanley and Assistant System Administrator Director Phillip Pope. Mr. Troy also expressed his appreciation to the Board.
Dr. Findt provided an overview of provided services and Spring 2017 enrollment figures. He also provided an update regarding a Continuing Education Building project, which is partially being funded through a Golden LEAF Grant and an Economic Development Administration Grant.
Dr. Findt also provided highlights of a 2017-18 Budget Requests, which included continuation of funding Sheriff Deputies for security, scholarship funding increase and funding for employees and capital improvements.
Dr. Findt expressed appreciation to the Board for its continued support of BCC.

ITEM 8. Revenue Department: (Renee Davis, Tax Administrator)

- A. Mrs. Davis provided an overview of a bid submitted by Mr. Ronald Ferguson in the amount of \$10,500 for county-owned property (Parcel ID: 0028262), located on John T. Council Cemetery Lane, White Oak. Mrs. Davis stated that the county's expense at the time of foreclosure in 2016 was \$10,400.
Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Britt, the Board unanimously accepted a bid submitted by Mr. Ferguson in the amount of \$10,500 for Parcel ID 0028262 to begin an upset bid procedure.

ITEM 9. Economic Development Department: (Chuck Heustess, Director)

- A. Mr. Heustess provided an overview of amended By-Laws developed for the Economic Development Commission. He stated that the By-Laws were entirely re-written to follow the intent of the Commission.
Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously adopted the following Economic Development Commission By-Laws:

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- B. Mr. Heustess stated that the amended By-Laws provide for a second Commissioner to be appointed to the Economic Development Commission. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously appointed Commissioner Ray Britt to an initial two-year term of service, with the term expiring December 31, 2018.

ITEM 10. Advisory Board Appointments:

- A. **Bladenboro Rural Fire District Committee (3):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously appointed Pete Freeman to a three-year term of service, with the term expiring April 4, 2020. Other appointments were not addressed. They will be included on the May 15, 2017 meeting agenda.

ITEM 11. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration during May 15, 2017 Meeting:

- A. Bay Tree Lakes Fire District Committee (1)
- B. Dublin Fire District Committee (3)
- C. Keep Bladen Beautiful (1)
- D. White Lake Planning & Zoning (ETJ) (1)

ITEM 12. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed Board calendars for May and June 2017. During calendar review, upon a motion by Commissioner Trivette, seconded by Commissioner Britt, the Board unanimously scheduled a Special Meeting regarding mental health services for 4:00pm on Monday, May 15, 2017.
- B. Mr. Martin reviewed a proposed amendment to a Courthouse Security Ordinance, specifically regarding replacing ID access cards. A second reading of the proposed amendment to the Ordinance is required. During the first reading, two (2) Commissioners were absent. Following is the proposed amendment to the ordinance:
- Access to Restricted Areas:**
2. Local attorney, Judicial Officials and staff, out-of-county attorneys and their employees may apply for an ID access card by filling out an application with the Sheriff's Office. One no-fee card will be issued per applicant, and if necessary one (1) replacement card will be issued at no cost. There will be a \$5.00 fee for additional replacement cards. Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Britt, the Board approved the amendment.
- C. Please see item 12A above. During calendar review, a Special Meeting was scheduled for 4:00pm on Monday, May 15, 2017.

ITEM 14. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address the Board:

No one in attendance addressed the Board.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Charles R. Peterson, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners