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A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, May 15, 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
 Leslie 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'ers Jacie Kinlaw, Ellie Kinlaw and KK Kinlaw led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2. Consent Items:

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

- A. Amended Agenda, to include a recessed Special Meeting regarding mental health services.
- B. Minutes of May 1, 2017 Regular Meeting
- C. Budget Amendments, as follows:

Governing Board

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104100.192	Professional Services Legal	52,765.00	
104100.395	Schools	6,889.00	
104100.491	Dues & Subscriptions	25.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	59,679.00	

To cover current and future expenditures.

Motor Pool

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105010.357	Vehicle Repair	442.55	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.011	Insurance Claims	442.55	

To repair 2015 Dodge Charger #0923.

Sheriff

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105100.739	Non-Inventorable	15,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103270.009	Sheriff-Donations	15,000.00	

Donated funds to purchase medical kits and AEDs.

Emergency Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105300.739	Non-Inventorable	3,583.50	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103230.030	EMPG Grant	3,583.50	

To purchase tables and chairs for classrooms.

Health

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105900.5986.395	Schools and Meetings	608.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103530.150	Communicable Disease	608.00	

Grant for additional training.

Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106800.810	Storms/Disasters	34,550.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	34,550.00	

To cover line item for Hurricane Matthew.

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Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106900.903	To DSS		2,628.00
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation		2,628.00

Funding Authorization #2.

Department of Social Services

<i>Revenues</i>			
143550.033	TANF CPS	2,628.00	
143550.080	Fm-General Fund		2,628.00

Funding Authorization #2.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.6160.550	Smart Start	8,378.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143690.000	Smart Start	8,378.00	

Funding Authorization #3.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.6160.650.002	Child Abuse Awareness	270.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143190.028	Child Abuse Awareness	270.00	

Donations for the Child Abuse Awareness event.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.6160.565	Day Care	13,449.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.310	Day Care	13,449.00	

Funding Authorization #5.

Emergency Medical Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
325302.251	Vehicle Fuels		36,664.00
325302.325	Schools & Meeting		600.00
325302.353	Copier		540.00
325302.357	Maintenance	840.00	
325302.321	Telephone	300.00	
325302.741	Capital Outlay-Vehicles	71,846.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
323190.011	Insurance Claims	35,182.00	

To cover loss of one EMS Ambulance due to collision.

D. County Attorney Invoices.

Date	Department	Amount
4/25/17	Sheriff's Office	\$ 775.00
4/25/17	EMS	\$ 650.00
5/01/17	Retainer for May-17	\$ 300.00
5/03/17	Sheriff's Office	\$ 3,275.00
5/09/17	Human Services	\$ 2,525.00
	Total	\$ 7,525.00

- E. Renewal Agreement for Clinical Affiliation between Bladen Community College and Bladen County EMS.
- F. Scheduled a Public Hearing for 6:30pm on Monday, June 5, 2017 regarding Proposed FY 2018 Economic Development Appropriations
- G. Scheduled a Public Hearing for 6:30pm on Monday, June 5, 2017 regarding FY 2017-18 Proposed Budget.
- H. Financial Advisory Services Agreement with First Tryon, Inc.
- I. Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement and Assistance Agreement
- J. Summer 2017 Recreation Program.

Continuation of Special Meeting regarding mental health services:

Chairman Peterson recognized Ms. Melanie Campbell of Carolinas Home Care. Carolinas Home Care provides mental health services, specifically to individuals dealing with intellectual developmental disabilities (IDD). Monarch is located in Elizabethtown, serving clients from two (2) locations.

Chairman Peterson recognized representatives of Monarch. Mrs. Bass and Mrs. Locklear provided an overview of mental health services which are provided locally.

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Chairman Peterson recognized Eastpointe representatives to address the Board regarding mental health services and the process by which Bladen County citizens can receive services through the Eastpointe network.

The Board expressed appreciation to each of the Eastpointe representatives and provider representatives.

ITEM 3. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

Chairman Peterson recognized Commissioner Munn-Goins to address the Board. Commissioner Munn-Goins stated that the Public Safety Training Facility, which Commissioner Britt and she recently toured, is an asset to Bladen County. She commended Emergency Services Director Bradley Kinlaw, Sheriff Jim McVicker, and all of the volunteers who have worked diligently to make it such a nice training facility.

ITEM 4. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

Chairman Peterson recognized Mr. Donald Melvin to address the Board. Mr. Melvin expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to address the Board. Mr. Melvin provided an overview of his interactions with the Bladen County Sheriff's Office.

Chairman Peterson recommended that Mr. Melvin address his concerns with the Court system.

Mr. Melvin expressed appreciation to the Board.

Chairman Peterson recognized Mrs. Charlotte Smith to address the Board. Mrs. Smith expressed appreciation for the opportunity to address the Board. She shared a few questions regarding mental health services and expressed concern regarding a percentage of citizens who are not being served. Mrs. Smith suggested that Eastpointe advertise its toll free number, instead of local providers advertising services. This would provide additional assistance to an individual or a family seeking assistance.

ITEM 5. Finance Department: (Lisa Coleman, Finance Officer)

A. Mrs. Coleman reviewed a financial dashboard for the 10-month period ending April 30, 2017.

ITEM 6. Health and Human Services Agency: (David Howard, Director)

A. Mr. Howard provided an overview of an amendment to a Young Families Connect program. He stated that additional funding was required for Child Care. He stated that budgeted funding for transportation was available to be moved to Child Care. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously approved a change order to appropriate funding for child care from a transportation line item.

B. Mr. Howard provided an update regarding a recent Parvo virus outbreak at the Bladen County Animal Shelter. Mr. Howard stated that the parvo virus was introduced into the Animal Shelter during the first week of May. Steps were taken as quickly as possible to sanitize the facility in an attempt to eliminate other dogs being affected. Veterinarian of Record Dr. Hamby recommended closure of the Animal Shelter for a period of seven (7) days. He stated that it is anticipated that the shelter will reopen on Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

ITEM 7. Advisory Board Appointments:

A. **Bay Tree Lakes Fire District Committee (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously appointed John A. Hemingway to an unexpired term, with the term expiring November 3, 2017.

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- B. Bladenboro Rural Fire District Committee (3):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board, waiving the rules on term limits, unanimously reappointed Charles Wiggins and Greg Lennon to three-year terms of service, with terms expiring April 4, 2020.
- C. Dublin Fire District Committee (3):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board, waiving rules on term limits, unanimously reappointed Dennis Troy and Jason Britt to three-year terms of service, and reappointed Ronnie Skinner to a three-year term of service, with each of the terms expiring May 19, 2020.
- D. Keep Bladen Beautiful (3):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Bullock, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously appointed Ms. Billie Hall to a three-year term, with the term expiring March 31, 2020; and appointed Ms. Tracy Smith and Ms. Marlena Diehm to unexpired terms, with the terms expiring September 30, 2018 and September 17, 2017, respectively.
- E. White Lake Planning & Zoning (ETJ) (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Trivette, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously reappointed Alisha Evans Ortega to a three-year term, with the term expiring May 20, 2020.

ITEM 8. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed Board calendars for May and June 2017.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously scheduled a Special Meeting for 5:30pm on Monday, May 22, 2017 regarding the FY 2017-18 Proposed Budget.
- C. Following discussion regarding property (.63 acres) owned by Bladen County Board of Education which has been offered to the Bladen Youth Focus Project, Inc. The Board of Education recently adopted a resolution in support of the property transfer. The Board of Education is required to offer the property to the County prior to deed transfer. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Britt, the Board unanimously agreed for the the Board of Education to transfer the subject property to Bladen Youth Focus Project, Inc.

ITEM 9. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address the Board:

Chairman Peterson recognized Mrs. Minnie Price to address the Board. Mrs. Price stated that she was president of the Bladen County Youth Focus Project. She stated that the subject property would be used only for education.

ITEM 10. Closed Session:

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board entered Closed Session at 7:34pm, in Accordance with NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (2) Attorney Client Privilege.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Trivette, seconded by Commissioner Britt, the Board unanimously exited Closed Session at 8:20pm.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Charles R. Peterson, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners