

May 15, 2017

The Bladen County Board of Commissioners held a Special Meeting regarding mental health services at 4:00pm 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

G. Michael Cogdell

Daniel Dowless

Arthur Bullock

David Gooden

Ashley Trivette

Ophelia Munn-Goins

Russell Priest

ITEM 1. Call to Order

Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order.

A. An invocation was provided by Chairman Peterson.

B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by County Manager Greg Martin.

ITEM 2. Eastpointe and Mental Health Providers:

A. Eastpointe Chief Operating Officer Sarah Stroud, Eastpointe Representatives Victoria Jackson, and Karen Salaki expressed appreciation to the Board. The Eastpointe representatives addressed the Board regarding mental health services, its website, how staff responds to callers, among many other specifics.

Mrs. Stroud expressed appreciation to the providers who were in attendance.

Mr. Kelly Williamson and Mrs. Stacy Williamson of Coastal Southeastern United Care, located in Bladenboro, were recognized to address the Board. Mr. and Mrs. Williamson expressed appreciation to the Board. Mrs. Williamson stated that the company provides outpatient substance abuse services through several different programs, which encompass children, and adults. Referral psychiatric services are also available through its location in Bladenboro.

The meeting was recessed at 5:30pm in order for the Board to enter a Board of Equalization and Review meeting. It was announced that the special meeting regarding mental health services would resume during the regular meeting scheduled to begin at 6:30pm, immediately following a Board of Equalization and Review meeting.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Charles R. Peterson, Chairman