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A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, June 5, 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 Chelsea Lesane led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2. Consent Items:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Trivette, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent Items:

- A. Agenda.
- B. Minutes of May 15, 2017 Special Meeting.
- C. Minutes of May 15, 2017 Regular Meeting.
- D. Minutes of May 22, 2017 Special Meeting.
- E. Budget Amendments, as follows:

Administration

<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation		75,000.00
103180.010	Interest on Investments	75,000.00	

Budgeted for revenues received.

Administration

<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation		1,901,000.00
103170.040	Sale of Assets	1,901,000.00	

Budgeted for revenues received.

Administration

<i>Revenues</i>			
103101.010	Taxes-Current Year Ad Valorem	210,009.00	
103101.011	Current Year Public Utilities	29,991.00	
103101.020	Taxes-Last Year Ad Valorem		80,000.00
103101.030	Taxes-Prior Year Ad Valorem		160,000.00

To reclassify actual funding.

Central Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105000.350	M/R Building & Grounds	4,460.59	
105900.200	Supplies & Materials	691.38	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.011	Insurance Claims	5,151.97	

To replace laptop and bookcase at Health Department and reimburse Central Services from water damage.

Motor Pool

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105010.357	Vehicle Repair	146.05	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.011	Insurance Claims	146.05	

To repair #1789 2016 Dodge Charger.

Sheriff

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105100.200.016	Supplies - Surplus	32,600.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103170.040	Sale of Assets	32,600.00	

Funds from sale of old vehicles.

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Sheriff

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105100.200.022	Supplies – GREAT	1,276.00	
105100.200	Supplies		256.00
<i>Revenues</i>			
103270.023	Sheriff – GREAT	1,020.00	

Funds to purchase GREAT T-shirts for students.

Division on Aging

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106200.6230.287	Food-Ensure	10,000.00	
106200.6220.285	Food-Nutrition	6,354.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103530.024	Ensure	16,354.00	

Funding for Ensure and Nutrition programs.

Parks & Recreation

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106600.126	Part-time Salaries	10,260.00	
106600.181	FICA	785.00	
106600.499	Miscellaneous	1,682.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103180.010	Interest on Investments	12,727.00	

Summer Recreation Program June 26th thru July 27th. 9-1 M-Th.

Parks & Recreation

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106600.331	Batting Cage	945.00	
106600.493	Refunds	70.00	
106600.900.001	Credit Card Fees	225.00	
106600.499	Misc Recreation	3204.00	
106600.610	Contract Services		3,000.00
106600.126	Part-time Salaries	3,000.00	2,628.00
<i>Revenues</i>			
103660.000	Recreation – Insurance Fees	1,040.00	
103660.005	Batting Cage	345.00	
103660.006	Recreation – Other Vendors	70.00	
103660.010	Recreation Fees	2,989.00	

Clean up accounts and no contract for softball umpires and be paid out of part-time salaries.

Library

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106700.200	Supplies & Materials	1,040.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.010	Misc Revenue	1,040.00	

Donation from the Community Foundation of the New River Valley.

Facilities Fees

<i>Revenues</i>			
123190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation		25,000.00
123261.010	Facilities Fees	25,000.00	

Budget for revenue received.

Facilities Fees

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
126601.499	Facilities Fees Misc Exp	7,309.74	
<i>Revenues</i>			
123190.011	Insurance Claims	7,309.74	

Storm damage from Hurricane Matthew.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.689	Energy Neighbor	454.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.031	Energy Neighbor	454.00	

Funding Authorization #13.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.6160.571	United Way – Caring for Kids	1,500.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.344	United Way – Caring for Kids	1,500.00	

Donation from United Way.

Bay Tree FD

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
475347.711	Truck Payment	15,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
473190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	15,000.00	

Funding to pay down loan.

F. County Attorney Invoices.

Date	Department	Amount
4/24/2017	Sheriff's Office	\$ 475.00
4/28/2017	Sheriff's Office	\$ 1,975.00
5/16/2017	Administration	\$ 975.00
5/24/2017	Administration	\$ 3,825.00
5/26/2017	E M S	\$ 625.00
	Total	\$ 7,875.00

- G. Tax Releases No. 4-17, incorporated by reference and made a part of these Minutes.
- H. Request for Waiver of Permit Fees for Charles Adams.
- I. NCACC Risk Pool Workers Compensation and General Liability Insurance Renewals for FY 2017-18.
- J. Fireworks Display at Bay Tree Lakes POA on July 1, 2017 or an undetermined rain date in Accordance with NCGS 14.410-413.
- K. Fireworks Display at Goldston's Beach on July 4, 2017 or an undetermined rain date in Accordance with NCGS 14.410-413.
- L. Medical Director's Contract with Dr. Kenneth Carter for Bladen County Emergency Medical Services.
- M. The following Elder Abuse Awareness Day Proclamation:



- N. Use Agreement with USDA-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services-Wildlife Services.
- O. Full-Time In-Home Aide Position for Division on Aging.

ITEM 3. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

- A. Chairman Peterson recognized Department of Social Services Director Vickie Smith and Division on Aging Director Kelly Robeson and asked each of them to come forward. Chairman Peterson read aloud an Elder Abuse Awareness Day Proclamation. He and the entire Board presented Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Robeson framed Proclamations. Each of the recipients expressed appreciation to the Board.
- B. Chairman Peterson shared information with the Board regarding information recently received from the US Motto Action Committee. This committee works to promote and assist in the awareness of our US motto, "In God We Trust". It sponsors a program to install the US motto on public buildings, structures, and monuments, at no cost to the recipient.
Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Trivette, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously approved participation in the program for the US Motto Action Committee to install the US motto on county facilities.

Chairman Peterson recognized Commissioner Cogdell to address the Board. Commissioner Cogdell provided an update of a recent NCACC Board of Directors meeting. He stated that the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, Dr. Mandy Cohen, was in attendance. Commissioner Cogdell had the opportunity to express concern to Dr. Cohen regarding mental health and substance abuse services in Bladen County. Commissioner Cogdell also stated that NCACC President Fred McClure has also started an opioid forum initiative to assist in addressing the opioid crisis. The proposed forum would involve law enforcement, pharmaceutical companies, pharmacists, medical staff, county agencies, and judicial staff. Commissioner Cogdell reached out to the Chairman and Vice Chairman to work with him to assist the NCACC District 5 Initiative. Chairman Peterson recognized Commissioner Britt to address the Board. Commissioner Britt shared that he had received a phone call from a concerned citizen regarding Senior Citizen meals being delivered to county nutrition sites

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being reduced from five to three days a week through June 30, 2017. Mr. Martin stated that he would certainly look into the Division on Aging budget constraints and work with Director Kelly Robeson on a solution. Mr. Martin stated that the funds for this program came from a block grant.

Chairman Peterson recognized Commissioner Bullock to address the Board. Commissioner Bullock asked the Board to consider looking into the purchase of electronic stretchers for Bladen County EMS. He stated it could reduce workers compensation claims and back injuries. Mr. Martin stated that he would research the matter and report back to the Board.

ITEM 4. Public Hearings:

A. Chairman Peterson declared open a Public Hearing to receive comments regarding Fiscal Year 2017-18 Proposed Budget.

Mrs. Lillian Graham and Ms. Brianna Graham presented information regarding a park project in progress in East Arcadia. A basketball court and playground has already been constructed. Funding to complete the park development is estimated to be \$115,000. Mrs. Graham requested a portion of that amount to continue park development. Mrs. Graham stated that whatever the county could fund, the Town of East Arcadia would match or surpass that amount, through fundraisers, grants, and other means. Mrs. Lillian Graham and Ms. Brianna Graham expressed appreciation to the Board. Hearing no further comments, Chairman Peterson declared closed the Public Hearing regarding Fiscal Year 2017-18 Proposed Budget.

B. Chairman Peterson declared open a Public Hearing to receive comments regarding proposed Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget for Economic Development.

Hearing no comments, Chairman Peterson declared closed the Public Hearing regarding Fiscal Year 2017-18 Proposed Budget for Economic Development.

ITEM 5. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one in attendance addressed the Board.

ITEM 6. Revenue Department: (Renee Davis, Tax Administrator)

A. Mrs. Davis provided information regarding a recent bid to purchase County-owned property (Parcel ID's: 0013878 and 0013879) submitted by Sarah Kelly in the amount of \$15,750. Mrs. Davis stated that the property was foreclosed by the County of Bladen in 2016. The County's expense at the time of foreclosure was \$15,750. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously accepted Ms. Kelly's bid in the amount of \$15,750 to begin the upset bid process.

ITEM 7. Health and Human Services Agency: (David Howard, Director)

A. Mr. Howard provided information regarding a proposed Affordable Care Act repeal letter which has been developed to request Congress to carefully attend to critical Public Health infrastructure funding when negotiating the ACA and to consider the potential negative impact any eliminations or reductions in funding will have on state and local Public Health efforts to promote, protect, and enhance the health of all Americans. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously accepted an Affordable Care Act (ACA) Repeal Letter.

ITEM 8. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration during June 19, 2017 Meeting:

- A. Animal Control Board (4)
- B. Bladen Community College Board of Trustees (2)
- C. Carvers Creek Fire Service District Committee (2)
- D. Hickory Grove Fire Service District Committee (2)
- E. Kelly Fire Service District Committee (2)
- F. Local Emergency Planning Committee (6)

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- G. Lumber River Workforce Development Board (2)
- H. Bladen County Planning Board (1)
- I. Bladen County Recreation Committee (4)
- J. Tar Heel Fire Service District Committee (2)
- K. Tobermory Fire Service District Committee (2)
- L. White Lake Fire Service District Committee (2)
- M. White Oak Fire Service District Committee (2)

ITEM 9. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed Board calendars for June and July 2017.
- B. Mr. Martin provided an update regarding Board of Commissioners photos for installation in approximately fourteen (14) county-owned facilities. Mr. Martin stated that funding of approximately \$1,450 would be required to complete the project for the first year. This would include a new group photo, framing and matting. Mr. Martin stated that the framing and matting would be an expense in the amount of approximately \$700, which is included in the \$1,450 estimate. The framing and matting would be designed to be reused for a number of years.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board approved the project by a vote of five AYES (Cogdell, Bullock, Priest, Britt, Munn-Goins) to four NOES (Peterson, Gooden, Trivette, Dowless).

ITEM 10. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address the Board:

No one in attendance addressed the Board.

ITEM 11. Closed Session:

Chairman Peterson stated that there was no need for a Closed Session at this time.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Trivette, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Charles R. Peterson, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners