

June 6, 2016

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, June 6, 2016 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse.

The following members were present:

- Russell Priest, Chairman
- Arthur Bullock, Vice Chairman
- Charles R. Peterson
- G. Michael Cogdell
- Daniel Dowless
- Dr. Delilah Blanks
- Billy R. Pait
- Wayne Edge
- James G. "Jimmie" Smith

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

ITEM 1. Chairman Priest called the meeting to order.

Reverend Larry Hayes, Good News Baptist Church of Bladenboro, provided the Invocation. County Manager Gregory J. Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2. Consent Items:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, the Board approved the following Consent Items:

- A. Agenda.
- B. Minutes of May 16, 2016 Special Meeting.
- C. Minutes of May 16, 2016 Regular Meeting.
- D. Minutes of May 23, 2016 Special Meeting.
- E. Budget Amendments, as follows:

Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104100.126	Part-Time Salaries	1,050.00	
104100.181	FICA	81.00	
106930.990	Contingency		1,131.00

Summer Intern.

Central Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105000.120	Salaries	5,000.00	
105000.126	Part-Time Salaries	8,900.00	
105000.181	FICA	500.00	
105000.182	Retirement		300.00
105000.183	Group Insurance		600.00
105000.200	Supplies	4,000.00	
105000.325	Postage	50.00	
105000.350	M/R Building & Grounds	13,000.00	
105000.352	M/R Equipment		13,000.00
105000.353	Copier Maintenance	425.00	
105000.395	Schools		250.00
106930.990	Contingency		17,725.00

To cover year end.

Animal Control

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105200.499.028	Spay/Neuter Grant	3,308.72	
Revenues			
103260.041	Spay/Neuter Grant	3,308.72	

Spay/Neuter Grant for Jan-March 2016.

Library

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106700.120	Salaries	450.00	
106700.181	FICA		700.00
106700.183	Group Insurance	2,600.00	
106700.185	Retiree Health Insurance	130.00	
106700.126	Part-Time Salaries		1,000.00
106700.182	Retirement		150.00
106930.990	Contingency		1,330.00

To cover year end.

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<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106700.499	Miscellaneous Expense	500.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.010	Miscellaneous Revenue	500.00	

Donation from Woodman of the World.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.689	Energy Neighbor Fund	460.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.031	Energy Neighbor Fund	460.00	

Funding Authorization #12.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.693	Medicaid Transportation	65,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.320	Medicaid Transportation	65,000.00	

100% Federal for current and future expenses.

F. County Attorney Invoices.

Date	Department	Amount
5/20/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 500.00
5/25/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 360.00
5/27/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 520.00
6/01/16	Emergency Medical Services	\$ 270.00
6/01/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 1,520.00
-	Total	\$ 3,170.00

G. Bladen County Detention Center Health Plan.

H. Fireworks Display at Goldston's Beach on July 4, 2016 or an Undetermined Rain Date in Accordance with NCGS 14-410.413.

I. Bladen County FY 2011 CDBG Program Fair Housing Plan; Recipient's Plan to Further Fair Housing.

J. Home and Community Care Block Grant for FY 2016-17.

K. Tyler Technologies Software Maintenance Agreement.

L. EZEde Technology Grant Agreement, in the amount of \$3,156.

M. Memorandum of Agreement with the County of Sampson Regarding a 911 Backup Location.

ITEM 3. Special Recognition

A. Chairman Priest recognized Deloise A. Lucy upon her retirement effective June 1, 2016. Ms. Lucy was unable to attend the Commissioners meeting. However, In-Home Aid Supervisor Romall Watson accepted the plaque on Ms. Lucy's behalf.

B. Dr. Darrel Page and Roy Allen, representing Employer Support of The Guard and Reserve (ESGR), presented a Seven Seals Award to the Board of County Commissioners. The Seven Seals Award is in recognition of significant organizational support that promotes the ESGR mission, to include the efforts of the more than 4,700 volunteers who carry out ESGR's mission across the nation on a daily basis.

Chairman Priest received the award with appreciation on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners.

Dr. Page and Mr. Allen presented a Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve for the Board's consideration at a future meeting.

ITEM 4. Public Hearings:

A. Chairman Priest declared open a Public Hearing to receive public comments regarding the FY 2016-17 Proposed Budget.

Mr. Horace Munn spoke in opposition of a proposed Advisory Sales Tax Referendum

Mr. Dennis Troy, representing Bladen Community College, expressed the Board of Trustees' appreciation of the Board of Commissioners' ongoing financial support of the college and its mission.

Bladen County Schools' Superintendent Dr. Robert Taylor also expressed appreciation to the Board and for its funding of the Public Schools' budget request. He stated that each middle school would have art, music and physical education in each of the Bladen County facility in the fall because of the support extended by the County.

Mayor Perry Blanks, representing the Town of East Arcadia, presented a proposed plan and budget requesting financial support to assist in establishing a community park to serve citizens in East Arcadia, Carvers Creek and Kelly.

There being no other individuals who addressed the Board regarding the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Proposed Budget, Chairman Priest proceeded to the next agenda item.

- B. A Public Hearing to receive comments regarding proposed FY 2016-17 Budget for Economic Development activities was declared open by Chairman Priest. No one in attendance addressed the Board.

Chairman Priest declared closed the Public Hearings.

ITEM 5. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board adopted the following Resolution Requesting the Bladen County Board of Elections to Hold an Advisory Referendum for the Levy of a Local Sales Tax:



The motion passed by a vote of six (6) AYES (Peterson, Edge, Smith, Priest, Dowless, Pait) to three (3) NOES (Blanks, Bullock, Cogdell).

Commissioner Codgell asked Mr. Martin to review the proposed Budget for FY 2016-17 to see if there may be available funds to assist funding a park project in the East Arcadia area for Bladen County's easternmost residents.

Commissioner Peterson also asked Mr. Martin to include EMS funding as a topic for discussion and consideration during the Special Meeting regarding FY 2016-17 Budget, which was to be scheduled later during this meeting.

Mr. Martin indicated that both topics would be included on the Special Meeting agenda.

ITEM 6. Bladen County Schools: (Sharon Penny, Finance Officer)

- A. Mrs. Penny, along with Chief Technology Officer Jason Atkinson and Student Services Coordinator Robert Heavenridge, presented a request to utilize capital outlay funds. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board unanimously approved the request to utilize capital outlay funds in the amount of \$145,875.

ITEM 7. Individuals / Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one in attendance addressed the Board.

ITEM 8. Department of Social Services: (Vickie Smith, Director)

- A. Mrs. Smith provided a brief overview of the proposed agreements with four (4) vendors, who currently serve the County as non-emergency Medicaid transportation providers. Mrs. Smith highlighted several revisions from the previous agreements, which include a request for the vendor to provide web-based driving directions with mileage to assist with audit trail, state-mandated billing codes for consistency and accuracy, along with including the Iran Divestment Act statement, which is required on every local government agreement.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously approved the agreements for continued non-emergency Medicaid transportation for JOSS Transportation, Nathaniel

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Woods Transportation, Bladen Area Rural Transportation System and West Bladen Assisted Living Transportation.

ITEM 9. Advisory Board Appointments:

- A. **Carvers Creek Fire District Committee (2):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously tabled an appointment to fill an unexpired term, with the term expiring April 5, 2019.
- B. **Lumber River Workforce Development Board (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board unanimously appointed Teri Beard of Smithfield Foods to an unexpired term, with the term expiring June 20, 2017.

ITEM 10. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration at the June 20, 2016 Meeting:

- A. Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee (1)
- B. Ammon Fire Service District Committee (3)
- C. Planning Board (8)
- D. Elizabethtown Airport/Economic Development Commission (2)
- E. Local Emergency Planning Committee (6)
- F. Recreation Committee (4)
- G. Tobermory Fire Service Committee (2)
- H. Zoning Board of Adjustment (8)

Commissioner Blanks asked Mr. Martin to include the Lumber River Council of Governments Region N Aging Advisory Council to a future meeting. Ms. Shonteia Keaton has asked to be replaced on the Council.

ITEM 11. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed Board calendars for the months of June and July 2016.
- B. Mr. Martin briefly reviewed requests received from charitable organizations. Commissioner Peterson asked Mr. Martin to include this topic on the Special Meeting agenda to be scheduled.
- C. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board unanimously scheduled a Special Meeting regarding the FY 2016-17 Budget for 6:00 pm on Monday, June 13, 2016.
- D. Mr. Martin requested the Board to authorize Chairman Priest to sign a Closeout Performance Report regarding a CDBG Scattered Site Housing Grant (11-C-2346). Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board unanimously authorized Chairman Priest to execute the Closeout Performance Report to be submitted to the NC Department of Commerce, Division of Community Assistance.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Russell Priest, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners