

July 9, 2012

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 9, 2012 in the County Commissioners Room of the Bladen County courthouse.

The following members were present:

Charles Ray Peterson, Chairperson
James G. "Jimmie" Smith, Vice Chairperson
Delilah Blanks
Mark Gillespie
David Gooden
Billy Ray Pait
Russell Priest
Daniel Dowless
Lewis Tatum

Attorneys: Leslie Johnson and Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

Chairman Peterson moved the meeting to the superior courtroom in the courthouse due to the large crowd in attendance.

Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order. Reverend Danny Lewis, Pastor of White Oak Baptist Church, White Oak, N C provided the Invocation. County Manager Gregory J. Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Peterson read the following prepared statement:

Before we get started, I see that there are a large number of people here and some may want to speak. This will be allowed for Three minutes. At the appropriate time, please come up; state your name and address, etc.

Now, before we get into the meeting, By way of explanation, I would like to make a short comment.

After the last meeting, rumors were circulating on the street that I was for raising taxes.

This is totally untrue, and I want to set the record straight in that regard, it was never an option to raise taxes. We had decided to take the money from our fund balance.

I was caught off guard by the motion to approve the original budget that our county manager had presented. We had several budget workshops. The items that we had consensus on by this board were a COLA for our county Employees; Restore some of the supplements for our educators, hire a Deputy Fire Marshall and secure a building inspector vehicle.

Yes, I did call for a recess to gather my thoughts. Then, I did refuse to bring it to a vote initially and then decided to call for the vote.

With that said, the budget was passed and we will now move forward.

Does any commissioner wish to comment?

No one made any comments.

ITEM 1. Consent Items:

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

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes of June 18, 2012

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C. Budget Amendments as follows:

**Department and
Account Number**

Account Description

Increase

Decrease

Governing Board

Expenditures			
104100120	Salaries	100.00	
104100181	FICA		100.00
104100183	Group Insurance	330.00	
104100185	Retirees Health Ins.	1.00	
104100191	Prof Service-Audit		3600.00
104100192	Prof Service-Legal	50,000.00	
104100200	Supplies	1400.00	
104100270	Advertising		1000.00
104100310	Travel		3000.00
104100321	Telephone	400.00	
104100325	Postage		300.00
104100491	Dues & Subs	300.00	
104100499	Misc. Expense		9000.00
104210120	Salaries		7250.00
104210181	FICA		2400.00
104210182	Retirement		2000.00
104210183	Group Insurance		2500.00
104210185	Retirees Health Ins.		1300.00
104210270	Advertising		1000.00
104220120	Salaries		4775.00
104220181	FICA		1200.00
104220182	Retirement		300.00
104220183	Group Insurance		450.00
104220185	Retirees Health Ins.		150.00
104300200	Supplies		2206.00
106500120	Salaries		10000.00
		52,531.00	52,531.00

Funding necessary for year end

Education

Expenditures			
106910740.001	CO Tar Heel		20,000.00
106910740.002	CO Bladenboro	20,000.00	
106910882	BOE Article 40	90,000.00	
106910884	BOE-HH	90,000.00	
		200,000.00	20,000.00

Revenues			
103110 050	Article 40	90,000.00	
103110 060	Article 42	90,000.00	
		180,000.00	0

Funding Necessary for year end

Administration

Expenditures			
104200 120	Salaries	700.00	
104200 181	FICA		700.00
104200 182	Retirement	55.00	
104200 183	Group Insurance		200.00
104200 184	Retiree Life Ins	17.00	
104200 185	Retirees Health Ins	180.00	
104200 200	Supplies		700.00
104200 310	Travel		200.00
104200 321	Telephone	1150.00	
104200 341	Printing	145.00	
104200 353	Copier Maint	50.00	
104200 395	Schools	505.00	
104200 491	Dues & Subs	50.00	
104300 120	Salaries		1052.00
		2852.00	2852.00

Funding Necessary for year end

Water

Expenditures			
254702 120	Salaries	1025.00	
254702 123	On Call Pay	4200.00	
254702 124	Standby Pay	550.00	
254702 181	FICA	10.00	
254702 182	Retirement	850.00	
254702 183	Group Insurance	45.00	
254702 185	Retirees Health Ins.	900.00	
254702 325	Postage	3200.00	
254702 499	Misc. Expense	100.00	
		10,880.00	
Revenues			
253471 002	Water Sales Residential	10,880.00	

Funding Necessary for year end

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Emergency Telephone

Expenditures			
205800 182	Retirement	5.00	
205800 184	Retirees Life Insurance	5.00	
205800 185	Retirees Health Ins.	45.00	
205800 321	Telephone	600.00	
205800 499.037	50% Public Safety	47,197.44	
205800 610	Contract Services		2,000.00
205800 611.005	CS-Evans	2,000.00	
205800 740	CO-Equipment		47,197.44
205800 990	Contingency		655.00
		49,852.44	49,852.44

Funding Necessary for year end

DSS

Expenditures			
146100 120	Salaries		38,975.00
146100 123	On Call Pay	1,200.00	
146100 124	Standby Pay	100.00	
146100 184	Retirees Life Ins.	50.00	
146100 321	Telephone	13,000.00	
146100 395	Schools	700.00	
146100 499	Misc. Expense	425.00	
146100 693	Medicaid Transportation	25,000.00	
146100 694	Sp Ad DC	500.00	
1461006160 500	USDA Commodities	2,000.00	
1461006160 525	Special Assistance	15,000.00	
1461006160 540	Adoption Assistance	5,000.00	
1461006160 550	Smart Start	3,000.00	
		65,975.00	38,975.00
Revenues			
143531 321	Medicaid Transportation	25,000.00	
143531 260	USDA Commodities	2,000.00	
		27,000.00	

Funding Necessary for year end

Extension Grants

Expenditures			
106805 120	Salaries	220.00	
106805 121	Longevity		32.00
106805 181	FICA		50.00
106805 182	Retirement	25.00	
106805 183	Group Insurance		200.00
106805 185	Retirees Health Ins	75.00	
106805 200.009	Supplies		38.00
106805 640	JCPC Refund	725.00	
		1,045.00	320.00
Revenues			
103190 050	FBA	725.00	

Funding Necessary for year end

Soil Conservation

Expenditures			
106400 120	Salaries	4,020.00	
106400 182	Retirement	280.00	
106400 183	Group Insurance		140.00
106400 184	Retiree Life Ins	13.00	
106400 185	Retirees Health Ins	280.00	
		4,593.00	140.00
Revenues	FBA	4,453.00	

Funding Necessary for year end

Emergency Services

Expenditures			
105300 120	Salaries	8,000.00	
105300 122	Bonus		200.00
105300 123	On Call Pay		2,000.00
105300 124	Standby Pay		250.00
105300 125	Overtime	2,500.00	
105300 181	FICA	600.00	
105300 182	Retirement	205.00	
105300 183	Group Insurance	6.00	
105300 184	Retirees Life Ins.	4.00	
105300 185	Retirees Health Ins.	200.00	
105300 211	Fire Prot Eq	68.00	
105300 310	Travel	200.00	
105300 321	Telephone	1,750.00	
105300 491	Dues & Subs	84.00	
		13,617.00	2,450.00
Revenues			
103190 050	FBA	11,167.00	

Funding Necessary for year end

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Animal Control

Expenditures			
105200 120	Salaries	1,200.00	
105200 123	On Call Pay	1,000.00	
105200 124	Standby Pay		200.00
105200 125	Overtime		1,700.00
105200 181	FICA		250.00
105200 182	Retirement	550.00	
105200 183	Group Insurance	70.00	
105200 185	Retirees Health Ins.	525.00	
105200 321	Telephone	750.00	
105200 499.028	Spay/Neuter Grant	2,200.00	
105200 200	Supplies		1,945.00
		6,295.00	4,095.00
Revenues			
103190 050	FBA	2,200.00	

Funding Necessary for year end

Jail

Expenditures			
1051005110 120	Salaries	60,200.00	
1051005110 125	Overtime	3,700.00	
1051005110 181	FICA	4,300.00	
1051005110 182	Retirement	600.00	
1051005110 183	Group Insurance		1,000.00
1051005110 184	Retirees Life Ins.	27.00	
1051005110 185	Retirees Health Ins.	950.00	
1051005110 190.002	PS-Medical	35,000.00	
1051005110 200	Supplies	3,500.00	
1051005110 212	Uniforms		1,000.00
1051005110 220	Food & Provisions	5,000.00	
1051005110 321	Telephone	1,050.00	
1051005110 325	Postage		660.00
1051005110 353	Copier Maintenance		3,000.00
1051005110 413	Inmate Rent	14,400.00	
1051005110 499	Misc.	66.00	
1051005110 610	Cont. Services		700.00
1051005110 740	CO Equipment		900.00
105100 600.001	Drug Account		22,921.05
		128,793.00	30,181.05
Revenue			
103190 050	FBA	98,611.95	

Funding Necessary for year end

Central Services

Expenditures			
105000 120	Salaries	1,700.00	
105000 123	On Call Pay		2,000.00
105000 124	Standby Pay	850.00	
105000 185	Retirees Health Ins.	165.00	
105000 321	Telephone	1,300.00	
105000 330	Utilities	27,000.00	
105000 350	M/R B&G	3,000.00	
105000 610	Contract Services	1,500.00	
		35,515.00	2,000.00
Revenues			
103190 050	FBA	33,515.00	

Funding Necessary for year end

Register of Deeds

Expenditures			
104800 183	Group Insurance		3,000.00
104800 184	Retiree Life Ins.	45.00	
104800 188	Other Fringes	350.00	
104800 321	Telephone	450.00	
104800 499.009	Misc. Domestic	2,070.00	
104800 499.017	Misc. Child Abuse	300.00	
104800 680	Floodplain	4,700.00	
104800 341	Printing		215.00
		7,915.00	3,215.00
Revenues			
103160 012	Floodplain Mapping	4,700.00	

Funding Necessary for year end

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EMS

Expenditures			
325302 120	Salaries		35,000.00
325302 125	Overtime	3,400.00	
325302 181	FICA		3,500.00
325302 182	Retirement		2,500.00
325302 183	Group Insurance		17,000.00
325302 184	Retirees Life Ins.	30.00	
325302 185	Retirees Health Ins.		1,000.00
325302 190	Pro Service	350.00	
325302 212	Uniforms	5,000.00	
325302 251	Veh Fuels	20,000.00	
325302 321	Telephone	8,000.00	
325302 395	Schools	1,000.00	
325302 492	Bad Debts	400,000.00	
325302 499	Misc. Exp.	500.00	
325302 740	Capital Outlay		20,000.00
325302 741	CO -Vehicle	9,292.00	
325302 744	Principal	65,000.00	
325302 745	Interest	150.00	
325302 960.001	Admin	788.00	
		513,510.00	79,000.00
Revenue			
323190 010	Misc. Revenue	7,838.00	
323190 014	Loan Proceeds	196,850.00	
323190 050	FBA	229,822.00	
		434,510.00	

Funding Necessary for year end

Scattered Site

Expenditures			
784980 960.01	Admin	45,000.00	
784980 960.002	Planning	5,000.00	
		50,000.00	
Revenues			
783970 021	CDBG-NC Tomorrow Grant	50,000.00	

Funding Necessary for year end

Planning/Env Health

Expenditures			
104220 120	Salaries	1263.00	
104220 121	Longevity	390.00	
104220 181	FICA	127.00	
104220 182	Retirement	43.00	
104220 185	Retirees Health Ins.	82.00	
1059005905 120	Salaries	1263.00	
1059005905 121	Longevity	390.00	
1059005905 181	FICA	127.00	
1059005905 182	Retirement		23.00
1059005905 185	Retirees Health Ins.	83.00	
		3768.00	23.00
Revenues			
103190 050	FBA	3745.00	

Adjustment to Adopted Budget

Animal

Expenditures			
105200 212	Uniforms	475.00	
Revenues			
103190 050	FBA	475.00	

Adjustment to Adopted Budget

Health Safe Kids

Expenditures			
1059005941 120	Salaries	5,000.00	
1059005941 181	FICA	383.00	
		5,383.00	
Revenues			
103190 050	FBA	5,383.00	

Adjustment to Adopted Budget

Solid Waste

Expenditures			
205800 744	Debt Service-Principal	9,747.00	
205800 745	Debt Service-Interest		4,136.00
Revenues			
103190 050	FBA	5,611.00	

Adjustment to Adopted Budget

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Division On Aging

Expenditures			
1062006210 120	Salaries	1,856.00	
1062006210 121	Longevity	130.00	
1062006210 122	Bonus	42.00	
1062006210 181	FICA	155.00	
1062006210 182	Retirement	37.00	
1062006210 183	Group Insurance	460.00	
1062006210 185	Retirees Health Ins.	102.00	
1062006230 120	Salaries	19,352.00	
1062006230 122	Bonus	170.00	
1062006230 181	FICA	1,494.00	
1062006230 182	Retirement	1,284.00	
1062006230 183	Group Insurance	4,600.00	
1062006230 185	Retirees Health Ins.	976.00	
1062006240 120	Salaries		21,169.00
1062006240 121	Longevity		124.00
1062006240 122	Bonus		213.00
1062006240 181	FICA		600.00
1062006240 182	Retirement		1,479.00
1062006240 183	Group Insurance		5,750.00
1062006240 185	Retirees Health Ins.		1,118.00
1062006250 499	Misc Expense		733.00
		30,658.00	31,186.00
Revenues			
103530 018	BG Home Improvement		733.00
103530 023	DOA-Sr Ctr BG Case	13000.00	
103530 026	DOA-N/SC BG Nutrition	2768.00	
103530 029	DOA-BG Sr Ctr	8000.00	
103530 045	DOA-Adult Daycare		23036.00
103190 050	FBA		527.00
		23768.00	24296.00

Adjustment to Adopted Budget

Administration

Expenditures			
106900 909.001	To Water Construction		861,595.00
Revenues			
103190 014	Loan Proceeds		861,595.00

Adjustment to Adopted Budget

Phase III-B

Expenditures			
236804 197.005	Detailed Design		861,595.00
236804 197.006	Construction/Inspection Adm.		80,000.00
236804 611.039	Contract1-Herring Rivenbark		682,095.00
236804 990	Contingency		50,000.00
Revenues			
103190 014	Loan Proceeds		861,595.00

Revenue Administration

104500 120	Salaries	519.00	
104500 181	FICA	40.00	
104500 182	Retirement		400.00
104500 185	Retirees Health Ins.	26.00	
Revenue			
	FBA	185.00	

Adjustment to Adopted Budget

Mental Health

Expenditures			
105990 696	Mental Health-ABAC Bottle Tax	469.36	
Revenues			
103510 030	Mental Health – ABC Bottle Tax	469.36	

Funding necessary for year end

Governing Board

104100 183	Group Insurance	2.50	
104100 200	Supplies	30.00	
104100 395	Schools	20.00	
104100 499	Misc. Expense	5,200.00	
104100 353	Copier Maintenance	700.00	
104500 183	Group Insurance		3,300.00
104600 352	M/R Equipment		2,652.50
		5,952.50	5,952.50

Funding necessary for year end

D. County Attorney Invoices as follows:

6-13-2012	\$ 250.00	CHAP Program – Cancel Documents
6-15-2012	\$ 500.00	Water District Well Site - Britt
7-1-2012	\$ 300.00	Retainer for July 2012
7-5-2012	\$ 750.00	Rules of Procedures for BOC
	\$1,800.00	

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- E. Tax Refunds and Releases No. 6-12
- F. 2012-2013 LSTA Grant Agreement with the North Carolina State Library

ITEM 2. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

- No one addressed the Commissioners.

ITEM 3. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie to approve a COLA for the Bladen County employees. Commissioner Priest stated that state employees, state retirees, employees in surrounding counties, Elizabethtown city employees and social security recipients have been given or will receive an increase. He further stated that County employees have gone without a COLA for several years and he felt that the County employees deserved a COLA. The motion failed by a vote of 4 AYES (Smith, Gillespie, Priest and Peterson) to 5 NOES (Tatum, Pait, Dowless, Blanks and Gooden).

A Motion was made by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Smith to provide an additional \$200,000 to the current expense funding and decrease capital outlay of \$80,000 for Bladen County Schools. Motion passed by a vote of 5 AYES (Smith, Gillespie, Priest, Peterson and Dowless) to 4 NOES (Tatum, Pait, Blanks and Gooden).

A Motion was made by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Priest to provide a full time deputy fire marshal for the Emergency Management Department. The motion failed by a vote of 4 AYES (Smith, Gillespie, Priest and Peterson) to 5 NOES (Tatum, Pait, Dowless, Blanks and Gooden).

Consideration of a truck for the Building Inspection Department failed for lack of a motion.

ITEM 4. Division on Aging: (Joan Allen, Director)

- Ms. Allen advised the Board that the Bladen County Division on Aging staff recommends that the Bladen County Adult Day Care Program be phased out over the next two months. She stated that the Bladen County Advisory Committee supports this recommendation due to the participation level not being sufficient to support the administration of the program.

Staff can be moved into other programs that will provide other types of assistance to more senior adults. The tentative closing will be at the end of August, 2012. Caregivers and participants will receive assistance exploring other options during this period of time.

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

- A. Upon a Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board approved reclassification of an Accounting Technician II, Grade 63 to an Accounting Technician II/Auditing Technician, Grade 64.
- B. Upon a Motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board authorized the County Manager and the Finance Officer to pursue Refunding/Refinancing procedures of GO Bonds and Revenue Bonds.

ITEM 6. Emergency Services (Bradley Kinlaw, Fire Marshal)

- A. Jamie Smith, President of the Bladen County Firefighters Association appeared before the Board to request that the Board send a letter to the North Carolina Forest Service in support of their request of land for a training facility. Chairman Peterson asked County Manager Greg Martin to prepare a letter of support to the North Carolina Forest Service.

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- B. Upon a Motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board approved for sandbags stored at operations to be given to County citizens to secure their pond dams.

ITEM 7. Emergency Medical Services: (Jeanene Green, Director)

- Upon a Motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board approved Standard Operating Procedures for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department.

ITEM 8. Advisory Board Appointments:

- A. **Ammon Fire Service District Committee:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Tatum, the Board appointed Scott Johnson to replace Nathan Riley with an expiration term of June 30, 2015
- B. **Bladen County Planning Board:** Upon a motion by Commissioner, Gillespie seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board waived the term limits and reappointed Aaron Cox with an expiration date of June 30, 2014.
- C. **Bladen County Zoning Board of Adjustment:** Upon a motion by Commissioner, Gillespie seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board waived the term limits and reappointed Aaron Cox with an of June 30, 2014.
- D. **Hickory Grove Fire Service District Committee:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board waived the term limits and reappointed Annette Smith, Ricky Johnson and Willis Ray Edge. All terms expire June 30, 2015.
- E. **Lumber River Workforce Development Board:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Tatum, the Board appointed Kelly Bennett to replace Hiram Hester; reappointed Michael Burney and waived the term limits and reappointed Barbara Knight, and Mary Bellamy. All terms expire June 30, 2014

The following Advisory Board Appointments will be considered at the Board Meeting of August 6, 2012:

- F. Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee (2)
G. Bladenboro Planning Board & Board of Adjustment (2)

ITEM 9. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. County Manager Greg Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.
- B. Upon a Motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, the Board approved Commissioner Smith as the voting delegate to the NACo 77th Annual Conference.
- C. Chairman Peterson advised that everyone had a copy of HB 438 in their packet. He asked County Manager Greg Martin to set up a meeting for the Board with the Department of Social Services Board and a meeting with the Health Board within the next two (2) weeks to review HB 438.

ITEM 10. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

- No one addressed the Commissioners.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie the Board adjourned at 6:53 pm.

Charles Ray Peterson, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioner

ATTEST:

Sara S. West, Clerk