

**September 17, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 17, 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 arrived at 6:53 pm

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

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

**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 September 10, 2012
- C. Budget Amendments as follows:

**Department and Account Number  
Parks and Recreation**

	Account Description	Increase	Decrease
Expenditures			
106600.499	Recreation/Misc	618.00	
Revenues			
103190.010	Misc Revenue	618.00	

Tackle Football Coaches Certification for 2012 season.

**Administration**

Expenditures			
106900.903	To DSS		800.00
Revenue			
103190.050	FBA		800.00

Increase in Daycare Admin from State to DSS.

**Administration**

Expenditures			
106900.903	To DSS	32,480.00	
Revenue			
103190.050	FBA	32,480.00	

No funding from State for Smart Start support services.

**DSS**

Expenditures			
1461006160.565	Child Day Care		98,627.00
Revenue			
143531.310	DSS Day Care		98,627.00

Decrease in funding authorization for 2012-2013 budget estimates.

**DSS**

Revenue			
143531.311	Daycare Admin	800.00	
143550.080	Fm General Fund		800.00

Increase in funding authorization from State.

**DSS**

Expenditures			
1461006160.550	Smart Start Vendor		43,778.00
Revenue			
143690.000	Smart Start Vendor		43,778.00

Decrease in funding authorization from State.

**DSS**

Revenue			
143690.001	Smart Start Admin		32,480.00
143550.080	Fm General Fund	32,480.00	

No funding for Support Services in Smart Start per funding authorization.

**DSS**

Expenditures			
146100.689	Energy Neighbor Fund	464.00	
Revenue			
143531.031	Energy Neighbor Fund	464.00	

Funding Authorization #4.

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Department and  
Account Number

Account Description

Increase

Decrease

**DSS**

Expenditures			
146100.689	Energy Neighbor Fund		456.00
Revenue			
143531.031	Energy Neighbor Fund		456.00

Funding Authorization #5.

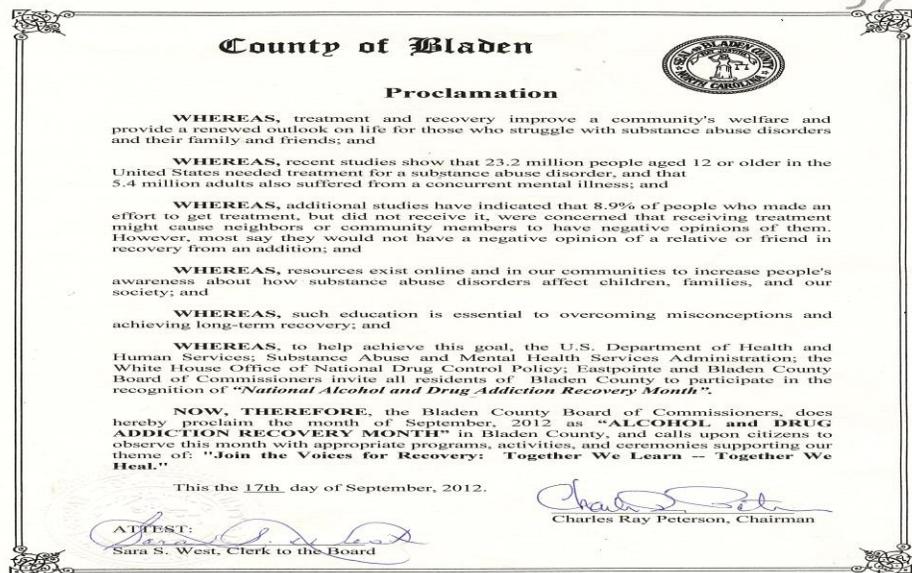
**DSS**

Expenditures			
1461006160.555	Refunds/Client Repay		50.00
Revenue			
143591.010	Client Refund		50.00

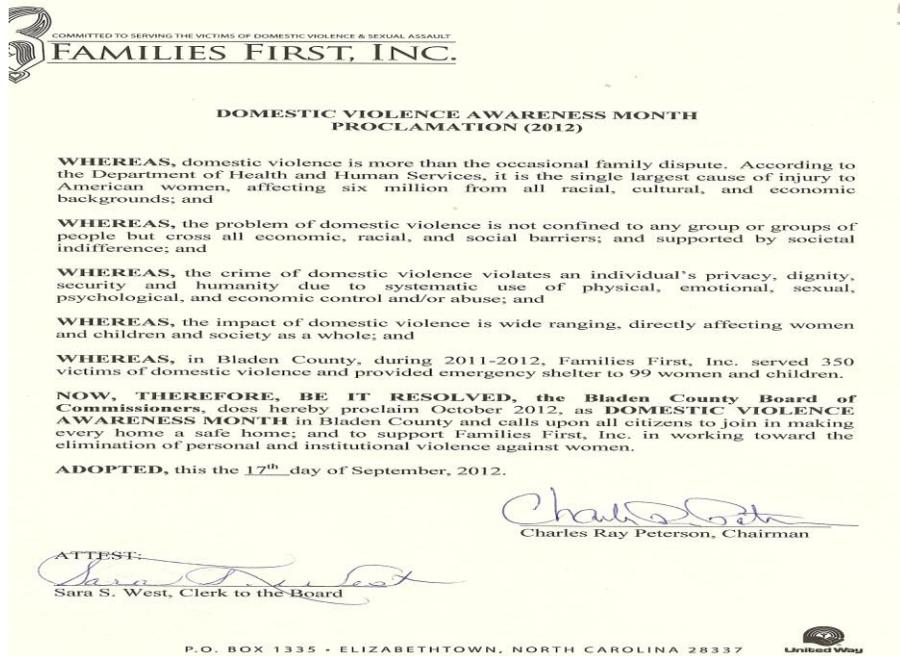
Reimbursement for a NCHC enrollment fee.

- D. County Attorney Invoices
- E. Tax Refunds and Releases No. 8-12
- F. *Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery*

Proclamation:



- G. *Domestic Violence Awareness Month* Proclamation:



- H. Modification to EMS System
- I. Use of Courthouse Lawn on October 11, 2012  
at 5:30 pm for Families First – Domestic Violence  
Ceremony *Breaking the Silence*

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**ITEM 2. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:**

- A. Diane Surgeon, CEO of Lumbee Community Resource Connections was scheduled to give an update to the Board but was unable to attend.
- B. Chairman Peterson read the following Proclamation Designating October 2012 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Chairman Peterson presented the Proclamation to Families First, Inc., Victims Advocate Marjorie Walker. Ms. Walker thanked the Commissioners and invited everyone to the Domestic Violence Ceremony *Breaking the Silence* scheduled for October 11, 2012 on the Courthouse lawn.
- C. Chairman Peterson recognized employees Kent Porter, Bladen Area Rural Transportation System (BARTS) for 15 years of service and Robert Leggett, Sheriff's Office for 20 years of services.

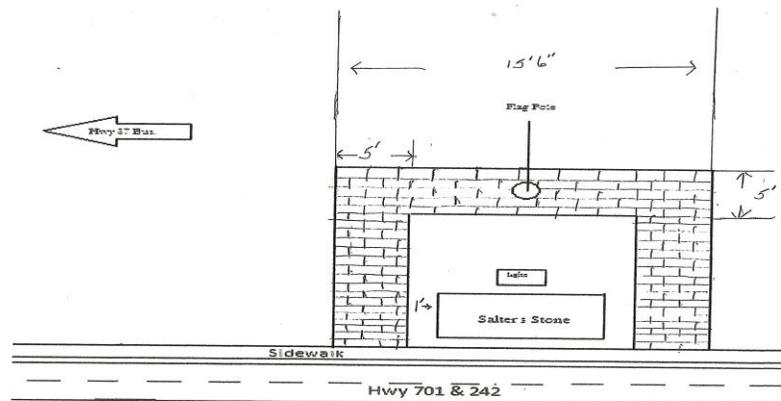
Chairman Peterson recognized the following employees that were unable to attend:

Last	First	Department	Years of Service
Mazur	Robert	Central Services	25
Butler	Tabitha	DSS	5
Flores-Rivon	Maria	DSS	5
Hall	Jenny	DSS	10
Herring	Linda	DSS	5
Hinson	Amy	DSS	5
August	Matthew	EMS	5
Williams	Emily	Health	20
Davis	Karen A.	Soil Conservation	15
Benston	Prentis	Sheriff	25

A reception was held in honor of the employees for their years of Service to the County

**ITEM 3. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:**

Reverend Larry Hayes provided the following drawing of the walkway for the courthouse lawn as requested by the Board at the meeting of September 10, 2012:



Upon a motion by Commissioner Priest, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board approved the drawing of the project, as presented by the organizers of Cry Out America, to establish a walkway on the courthouse lawn as a memorial to county employees and public safety personnel who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

**ITEM 4. Bladen County Schools: (Sharon A. Penny, Finance Officer)**

- Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board approved a Lottery Fund Application in the amount of \$67,000 to pay for renovation of the Student Technology Support Facility at the Elizabethtown Middle School.

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**ITEM 5. Emergency Services: (Bradley Kinlaw, Fire Marshal)**

- Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board approved a Fire Works Display at Camp Clearwater Pier on October 20, 2012.

**ITEM 6. Advisory Board Appointments::**

- A. **Bladen County Watershed Review Board:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board waived the term limits and reappointed Lorenza Graham, Terry Macon and Horace Munn with an expiration date of September 6, 2015.
- B. **Keep Bladen Beautiful:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board reappointed Mary Bellamy with an expiration date of September 30, 2015.  
Upon a motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board reappointed Gary Pait with an expiration date of September 30, 2015.
- C. **Voluntary Agricultural Districts Committee:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board waived the term limits and reappointed Russell Patterson and Joyce Walters with an expiration date of September 30, 2015.

**ITEM 7. County Manager: (Greg Martin)**

- A. County Manager Greg Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.

**ITEM 8. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:**

- No one addressed the Commissioners.

**ITEM 9.** Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board entered closed session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (6) Personnel

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board exited Closed Session and re-entered Open Session.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board adjourned at 7:13 pm.

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Charles Ray Peterson, Chairman  
Bladen County Board of Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Sara S. West, Clerk to the Board