

September 3, 2013

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse.

The following members were present:

James G. "Jimmie" Smith, Chairman
 Mark Gillespie, Vice Chairperson
 Charles Ray Peterson
 Delilah Blanks
 Billy Ray Pait
 Russell Priest
 Daniel Dowless
 G. Michael Cogdell
 Wayne Edge

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

ITEM 1. Chairman Smith called the meeting to order. Reverend Larry Hayes, Good News Baptist Church, Bladenboro, NC provided the Invocation. County Manager Gregory J. Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2. Consent Items:

Chairman Smith requested that the proposed agenda be amended to include Item 5B Overview of NC Fast Program, Item 5C Crisis Intervention Program, and Commissioner Peterson requested to include Item 6C Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee. Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Dowless the Board approved the following Consent Items:

- A. Agenda, with additions of Items 5B, 5C and 6C.
- B. Minutes of Regular Meeting on August 19, 2013
- C. Budget Amendments as follows:

Planning

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
104220.270	Advertising	650.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103110.013	Planning-Zoning Fees	150.00	
103110.001	Planning Cell Towers	500.00	

Advertising cost for public hearing.

Parks and Recreation

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
106600.610	Contract Services	632.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.010	Miscellaneous Revenue	632.00	

Funding to help cover cost of concrete pad for storage building.

Library

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
106700.234	Electronics	1,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.010	Miscellaneous Revenue	1,000.00	

Funding from Town of Elizabethtown to cover expense in electronics.

D. County Attorney Invoices:

Date	Department	Amount
8/28/13	Sheriff's Department	\$ 3,750.00
8/29/13	Bladen County Water District	\$ 850.00
	Total	\$ 4,600.00

E. Interim Contracts with Community Care of North Carolina (CCNC)

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F. Resolution declaring October 5, 2013 as Bladen County Big Sweep Day, as follows:



G. Proclamation declaring September as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month, as follows:



H. Public Hearing for Monday, September 16, 2013 at 6:30pm to receive public comments regarding a request to rezone a 1.31 acre parcel, located at 62 Old Abbottsburg Road, Bladenboro, NC, from Residential/Agricultural to Commercial.

ITEM 3. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

A. Commissioner Peterson asked County Manager Greg Martin to look into the cost and feasibility of placing fire hydrants throughout the County Water System. A number of Bladen County citizens have been experiencing escalating homeowners' insurance premiums over the past several years. The location of homes in respect to the vicinity of a fire department and fire hydrants can also positively affect the insurance premiums.

ITEM 4. Individuals / Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners

A. Reverend Larry Hayes invited the Board and all in attendance to the Fallen Heroes Memorial Dedication, scheduled for September 11, 2013 at 12pm on the Courthouse lawn. He read the following, which has been engraved on the Memorial.

"The Fallen Heroes Memorial"

This memorial is dedicated to the remembrance of Bladen County's Public Safety Community; Firefighters - Rescue Personnel - EMT's - Paramedics -Law Enforcement who have lost their lives in the line of duty. To all the brave men and women who gave their lives so that others may live in freedom and safety. It is a tribute to our everyday heroes who valiantly protected us and were willing to make the ultimate sacrifice. In their valor, we find hope and we honor them with our perpetual "Thank You".

ITEM 5. Health and Human Services; (Cris Harrelson, Director)

- A. Cris Harrelson provided a brief overview on the Continuous Quality Improvement 101 Program which has been implemented to assist in the consolidation of the Health Department, Division on Aging and Department of Social Services. A Transition Team has been established to solicit input from staff members, develop new Mission and Vision Statements, develop short-term achievable goals and develop a strategic plan for long-term change. A Quality Improvement Team has also been established which will use the Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) Model to assist in streamlining processes, thus creating efficiencies.
- B. Vickie Smith, Department of Social Services Director, presented an overview of the NC Fast Program. She discussed state-wide computer issues which are adversely affecting the clients by delaying services. There have been some

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updates made to the internet browser which has increased the speed of the application process. The Staff has also implemented a new Dress Down program. If an employee wishes to dress down, they must bring in a can of food for that privilege. The program was responsible for feeding thirty families during the month of August. Other NC Counties have implemented a similar program, based on the success of Bladen County's efforts.

- C. Vickie Smith also updated the Board regarding the federally funded Crisis Intervention Program. Last year, the Program received \$300,000. This year's allocation, which has already been received, is \$151,000. DSS has allotted a specific amount per month for assistance, with the understanding that each case is unique and will need to be treated as such.

ITEM 6. Advisory Board Appointments:

- A. **Bladen County Industrial Facilities & Pollution Financing Committee:** Upon motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board appointed Tim Tart and Gary Roberts to the Bladen County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Financing Committee, with terms expiring August 16, 2019.
- B. **Bladen County Highway Safety Committee:** Upon motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board reappointed Marion Bracey and Johnnie Parks to the Bladen County Highway Safety Committee, with terms expiring August 31, 2016.
- C. **Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee:** Upon motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board appointed Marie Robinson to the Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee to fill Annie Lacy's unexpired term to expire June 30, 2016.

ITEM 7. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration at Board Meeting on September 16, 2013:

- A. Bladen County Watershed Review Board (2)
- B. Voluntary Agricultural Districts Committee (2)
- C. Ammon Fire Department Fireman's Relief Fund Board (2)

ITEM 8. County Manager; (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events in September and October.

Chairman Smith thanked the Clerk to the Board for her assistance in contacting local companies and receiving donations of Bladen County manufactured products to be included in a gift basket to be used as a door prize at the recent NCACC Annual Conference held in Greensboro. He asked Mrs. Edwards to write Thank You letters to each of the companies for their generous donation. Chairman Smith also stated that Ronnie Smith, Vice Chairman of Martin County's Board of Commissioners, was the lucky recipient of the Bladen County gift basket.

Upon motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

James G. Smith, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board