

**January 7, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, January 7, 2019 in the Commissioners’ Room located on the lower level of the Bladen County Courthouse.

The following members were present:

- Charles R. Peterson, Chairman
- David R. Gooden, Vice Chairman
- Ray Britt
- Michael Cogdell
- Arthur Bullock
- Daniel Dowless
- Russell Priest
- Dr. Ophelia Munn-Goins
- Ashley Trivette

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

**ITEM 1.** Reverend David Foster of the Bladen Baptist Association provided the Invocation. County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM 2. Consent Items:**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Trivette, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent Items, along with moving Item 10B to Item 3B-Consider Adopting a Resolution of Support.

- A. Agenda, as amended above.
- B. Minutes of December 17, 2018 Regular Meeting.
- C. Budget Amendments, as follows:

**Administration**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104100.121	Governing Board – Longevity		1.72
104100.122	Governing Board – Bonus		1.16
104200.122	Administration – Longevity	32.72	
104200.122	Administration – Bonus		.42
104210.121	Human Resources – Longevity	9.00	
104210.122	Human Resources – Bonus		92.09
104220.121	Planning – Longevity	31.40	
104220.122	Planning – Bonus		.80
104230.121	Workplace Safety – Longevity	1.60	
104230.122	Workplace Safety – Bonus		.63
104300.121	Elections – Longevity	44.00	
104300.122	Elections – Bonus		.48
<b>Revenues</b>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriations	21.42	

To cover longevity and bonus paid in November.

**Administration**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104400.121	Finance – Longevity	88.20	
104400.122	Finance – Bonus		1.36
104500.121	Tax – Longevity	56.00	
104500.122	Tax – Bonus		88.74
104600.121	Computer Ops – Longevity	26.00	
104600.122	Computer Ops – Bonus		.87
104700.121	GIS – Longevity	32.00	
104700.122	GIS – Bonus		.58
104800.121	Register of Deeds – Longevity	57.00	
104800.122	Register of Deeds – Bonus		1.01
105000.121	Central Services – Longevity	52.00	
105000.122	Central Services – Bonus		422.07
<b>Revenues</b>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriations		203.43

To cover longevity and bonus paid in November.

**Administration**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105010.121	Motor Pool – Longevity	23.00	
105010.122	Motor Pool – Bonus		86.91
105020.121	Housekeeping – Longevity	40.00	
105020.122	Housekeeping – Bonus		2.03

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<b>Revenues</b>			
<b>103190.050</b>	Fund Balance Appropriations		25.94

To cover longevity and bonus paid in November.

**Administration**

<b>Expenditures</b>		<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
<b>105200.121</b>	Animal Control - Longevity		840.25
<b>105200.122</b>	Animal Control - Bonus		1.73
<b>105300.121</b>	Emergency Services - Longevity	424.00	
<b>105300.122</b>	Emergency Services - Bonus		2.76
<b>105400.121</b>	Building Inspections - Longevity	49.00	
<b>105400.122</b>	Building Inspections - Bonus		.87
<b>105900.121</b>	Health - Longevity		.75
<b>105900.122</b>	Health - Bonus		173.02
<b>105900.5905.121</b>	Environmental Health - Longevity		1.75
<b>105900.5905.122</b>	Environmental Health - Bonus		2.45
<b>105900.5920.121</b>	Family Planning - Longevity		.75
<b>105900.5920.122</b>	Family Planning - Bonus		60.99
<b>105900.5930.121</b>	Maternal - Longevity		207.25
<b>105900.5930.122</b>	Maternal - Bonus		51.15
<b>105900.5950.121</b>	Child Health - Longevity		397.00
<b>105900.5950.122</b>	Child Health - Bonus		137.33
<b>Revenues</b>			
<b>103190.050</b>	Fund Balance Appropriations		1,405.05

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**Administration**

<b>Expenditures</b>		<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
<b>105900.5951.121</b>	Care Management - Longevity		1.75
<b>105900.5951.122</b>	Care Management - Bonus		1.55
<b>105900.5960.122</b>	Promotion - Longevity		.58
<b>105900.5986.122</b>	Communicable Disease - Bonus		.58
<b>105900.5988.121</b>	CAP - Longevity		420.50
<b>105900.5988.122</b>	CAP - Bonus		88.31
<b>106000.122</b>	Veterans - Bonus		112.09
<b>106200.121</b>	Division on Aging - Longevity	13.43	
<b>106200.122</b>	Division on Aging - Bonus	60.26	
<b>106200.6201.121</b>	DOA-Admin - Longevity	23.00	
<b>106200.6201.122</b>	DOA-Admin - Bonus		.58
<b>106200.6205.121</b>	DOA-Medical Trans - Longevity	59.15	
<b>106200.6205.122</b>	DOA-Medical Trans - Bonus		62.00
<b>106200.6210.121</b>	DOA-In Home - Longevity	36.00	
<b>106200.6210.122</b>	DOA-In Home - Bonus		1.45
<b>Revenues</b>			
<b>103190.050</b>	Fund Balance Appropriations		497.55

To cover longevity and bonus paid in November.

**Administration**

<b>Expenditures</b>		<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
<b>106200.6220.121</b>	DOA-Nutrition - Longevity		672.20
<b>106200.6220.122</b>	DOA-Nutrition - Bonus	171.74	
<b>106200.6225.121</b>	DOA-Delivered Nutrition - Longevity		224.74
<b>106200.6225.122</b>	DOA-Delivered Nutrition - Bonus		3.10
<b>106200.6230.121</b>	DOA-Senior Center Ops - Longevity	290.00	
<b>106200.6230.122</b>	DOA-Senior Center Ops - Bonus		.44
<b>106400.121</b>	Soil Conservation - Longevity	52.00	
<b>106400.122</b>	Soil Conservation - Bonus		.58
<b>106500.121</b>	Extension - Bonus		268.71
<b>106600.121</b>	Recreation - Longevity	32.00	
<b>106600.122</b>	Recreation - Bonus		348.87
<b>106700.121</b>	Library - Longevity	111.00	
<b>106700.122</b>	Library - Bonus	2.64	
<b>Revenues</b>			
<b>103190.050</b>	Fund Balance Appropriations		859.26

To cover longevity and bonus paid in November.

**Tax Administration**

<b>Expenditures</b>		<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
<b>104500.192</b>	Professional Services - Legal	4,000.00	
<b>104500.192.002</b>	Professional Services - Foreclosures	2,650.00	
<b>Revenues</b>			
<b>103190.050</b>	Fund Balance Appropriation	6,650.00	

Foreclosures/Attorney invoices.

**Sheriff**

<b>Expenditures</b>		<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
<b>105100.741</b>	Capital Outlay - Vehicles	16,475.00	
<b>Revenues</b>			
<b>103190.011</b>	Insurance Claims	16,475.00	

Insurance funds to replace total loss patrol car during Hurricane Florence.

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**Health**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>105900.200</b>	Supplies	8,995.08	
<b>105900.5920.325</b>	Postage - FP	2,000.00	
<b>105900.5930.325</b>	Postage - MH	2,000.00	
<b>105900.5950.325</b>	Postage - CH	1,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>103560.082</b>	Hepatitis B/Flu	13,895.08	

Collection of Flu and Hepatitis B vaccinations.

**Health**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>105900.5988.610</b>	Contract Services	23,386.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>103560.035</b>	CAP Fees	23,386.00	

Home Modification Project.

**Parks & Recreation**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>106600.803</b>	Insurance & Utilities	715.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>103660.000</b>	Recreation - Insurance Fees	715.00	

Insurance fees for basketball.

**Department of Social Services**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>146100.689</b>	Energy Neighbor		1,325.27
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>143531.031</b>	Energy Neighbor		1,325.27

Correction to funding authorizations 1-7.

**Department of Social Services**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>146100.6160.571</b>	United Way - Caring for Kids	750.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>143531.344</b>	United Way - Caring for Kids	750.00	

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter allocation from United Way.

**Department of Social Services**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>146100.6160.650.001</b>	Foster Care Donations	160.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>143190.027</b>	Foster Care Donations	160.00	

Donations for Foster Children/Christmas.

**Department of Social Services**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>146100.6160.650.001</b>	Foster Care Donations	300.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>143190.027</b>	Foster Care Donations	300.00	

Donations for Foster Children/Christmas.

**Department of Social Services**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>146100.6160.650.001</b>	Foster Care Donations	90.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>143190.027</b>	Foster Care Donations	90.00	

Donations for Foster Children/Christmas.

**Department of Social Services**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>146100.6160.650.002</b>	Child Abuse Awareness	32.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>143190.028</b>	Child Abuse Awareness	32.00	

Donations for Child Abuse Awareness.

**D. County Attorney Invoices.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
11/27/2018	BARTS	1,995.00
11/28/2018	Board of Elections	525.00
12/18/2018	EMS	475.00
12/18/2018	Health Department	750.00
01/01/2019	Jan-2019 Retainer	300.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,045.00</b>

**E. Public Hearing for 6:30pm on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 Regarding Incentives for New Generation Yarn Corporation.**

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- F. Independent Contractor Agreement with Axel McPherson Construction in the amount of \$76,541 for the installation of a generator to provide emergency power at the White Lake well site.
- G. Adopted the following Resolution Appointing Review Officers, pursuant to NCGS 47-30.2:



**ITEM 3. Special Recognition:**

- A. Chairman Peterson recognized Mildred Beatty upon her retirement effective January 1, 2019, having served the citizens of Bladen County for thirty-three (33) years. Department of Social Services Director Vickie Smith also expressed appreciation for Mrs. Beatty's service.
- B. Chairman Peterson recognized Danny DeVane to address the Board regarding a Resolution in support of a proposal to rename NC Highway 87 Bypass the Dallas McQueen Campbell, Jr. Highway. Mr. DeVane expressed his respect for Mr. Campbell's humanitarian service through Bladen We Care Foundation, President of the NCSU Wolfpack Club, member of the UNCP Football Advisory Board, President of the UNCP Foundation Board, Department of Transportation Board, UNCP Board of Trustees, Elizabethtown Airport Board, Bladen' Bloomin'/Agri-Industrial Board, and the Bladen County Committee of 100. Under Mr. Campbell's leadership, Campbell Oil Company has been a strong economic driver and employer in Bladen County and the region.

Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously adopted the following Resolution in Support to Name NC Highway 87 Bypass the Dallas McQueen Campbell, Jr. Highway:



**ITEM 4. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:**

Chairman Peterson recognized Mr. Kenneth Gooden to address the Board. Mr. Gooden expressed concerns regarding the county's solid waste convenience sites and ongoing maintenance issues. Chairman Peterson assured Mr. Gooden that County Manager Greg Martin and General Services Manager Kip McClary would be meeting later in the week to discuss identified issues.

Mr. Martin stated that a number of the solid waste convenience sites have been scheduled for paving projects. Chairman Peterson asked that the schedule and specific sites be shared with the Board.

**ITEM 5. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:**

Chairman Peterson recognized Commissioner Bullock to address the Board. Commissioner Bullock expressed concerns regarding the unpaved parking lot at the county park. Mr. Martin stated that Parks and Recreation Director Grant Pait has been working on a proposal to address the parking lot.

Commissioner Bullock also inquired regarding a batting cage program update. Mr. Martin stated that would be provided as well.

Commissioner Bullock inquired regarding status of the county employees being paid for shelter duty during Hurricane Florence. Mr. Martin assured the Board that all county employees have been compensated for their hours related to Hurricane Florence. Mr. Martin did indicate that the current county policy was followed. However, he did indicate that the policy has been flagged for review and possible revision.

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Chairman Peterson recognized Commissioner Munn-Goins to address the Board. Commissioner Munn-Goins inquired regarding those volunteers, firefighters, and other county citizens who provided assistance during, and immediately following, Hurricane Florence, who may not have been recognized. She asked that certificates or letters of appreciation be developed to recognize those individuals.

Chairman Peterson addressed the Board regarding a citizen who had reached out regarding the cleanliness of the county, expressing concern how the roadsides appear. A number of possibilities were discussed. Mr. Martin stated that the topic would be included on the February 5, 2019 planning retreat, including a discussion of minimum housing standards and code enforcement.

**ITEM 6. Sheriff's Office: (Jim McVicker, Sheriff)**

- A. Sheriff McVicker presented a proposed Ordinance regarding Picketing and Public Demonstrations. He provided a detailed overview of the proposed ordinance. He stated that the bulk of the ordinance addressed safety concerns, identifying very specific boundaries for those involved in a demonstration. Following discussion by the full Board, and upon a motion by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously adopted the following Ordinance Regarding Picketing and Public Demonstrations:

WHEREAS, the County of Bladen has a significant governmental interest in protecting an individual's right to exercise his or her First Amendment right of free speech and the County recognizes that public sidewalks, streets and parks are traditional public forums in which expressive activity occurs; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bladen has a significant governmental interest in protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the general public and preserving the public order while preserving traditional public forums; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bladen has a significant governmental interest in maintaining the free flow of traffic on public streets and sidewalks, preserving access to public places and buildings and protecting property; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bladen has a significant governmental interest in protecting residential privacy and protecting unwilling listeners within their homes from the intrusion of unwanted speech; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bladen may impose reasonable and constitutional regulations for the use of public streets, sidewalks, and parks during a picket, public assembly, or parade to further the above-referenced governmental interests, without regard to the purpose or content of the message but to preserve the public peace and to avoid unreasonable conflicts with other legitimate use of such property.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the County Commission of the County of Bladen, North Carolina, that: Chapter 38 of the Bladen County Ordinances is amended by adding Sections 38-2 through 38-5, and It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any provision of these sections which shall read as follows:

**ARTICLE I. Picketing. Sec. 38-2.**

Definitions. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section in addition to the ordinary and plain English meaning of the word or phrase, and in the event of a conflict between this definition and the ordinary usage of the word, or phrase the meaning set out in this Article, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

- 1) Picket or picketing, means to make a public display, act or action or a demonstration of sentiment for or against a person or cause, including protesting which may include standing, walking, parading, the distribution of leaflets or handbills, the display of signs and oral communication or speech, which may involve an effort to persuade or influence, including all expressive and symbolic conduct, whether active or passive, but by definition, does not cover social, random, or other everyday communications.
- 2) Sidewalk means that portion of the street right-of-way which is designated for the use of pedestrians and may be paved or unpaved and shall include easements and rights of way.
- 3) Street means the entire width between property or right-of-way lines of every way or place of whatever nature, when any part thereof is open to the use of the public as a matter or right, for the purposes of vehicular traffic, including that portion that is known as the shoulder of the roadway and the curb. The terms "highway" and street" and their cognates are synonymous as used herein.

**ARTICLE I Sec. 38-3. Notice of Intent to Picket.  
Notification Required.**

- (a) The organizer of picketing or a picket activity or demonstration that the organizer knows, or should reasonably know, which will be by or involve a group of three (3) or more individuals shall give written notice of intent to picket to the Sheriff or designee at least three days, that is, at least seventy-two (72) hours, before the beginning of the picket. The notice of intent to picket shall include the following information: (i) the name, address and contact telephone number for the organizer of the picket; (ii) the name, address and contact telephone number of the person giving notice of intent to picket if different from the organizer; (iii) the name of the organization or group sponsoring the picket; (iv) the location where the picket is to take place; (v) the date and time the picket will begin and end; and (vi) the anticipated number of participants, and the basis on which this estimate is made.
- (b) Receipt of Notification. Upon notice of intent to picket given in accordance with subsection (a), the Sheriff or designee shall issue a receipt of notice. The receipt shall contain all information stated in the notice. The organizer of a picket shall be responsible for maintaining the receipt, and shall present it when so requested by a law enforcement officer or a County or State official.

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**ARTICLE I Sec 38-4. Picketing Regulations.**

- (a) Picketing may be conducted on public sidewalks, any County-controlled park, or other County owned exterior areas normally used or reserved for pedestrian movement, including easements and rights of way, but shall not be conducted on the portion of the public roadway used primarily for vehicular traffic or within twenty-five feet of a vehicular street or highway intersection, when a property has been otherwise reserved for private use; (ii) on a median strip; and (iii) at a location directed, focused, or targeted at a particular private residence.
- (b) Picketing shall not disrupt, block, obstruct or interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic or the free passage of pedestrian or vehicular traffic into any driveway, pedestrian entrance, or other access to buildings, which abut the public sidewalks or right of ways.
- (c) Written or printed placards or signs, flags, or banners carried by individuals engaged in picketing shall be of such a size and/or carried on the sidewalks or in or upon County-owned areas, as to allow safe and unobstructed passage of pedestrian or vehicular traffic. A staff or pole on which a sign, flag, or banner may be carried shall be made of corrugated material, plastic, or wood, and shall not exceed forty inches in length and shall not be made of metal or metal alloy. If made of wood, the staff or pole shall be no greater than three-fourths inch in diameter at any point. A staff or pole must be blunt at both ends.
- (d) If more than one picketer or more than one group of picketers desire to picket at the same time at or near the same location, law enforcement officers may, without regard to the purpose or content of the message, assign each group a place to picket in order to preserve the public peace. Members of a group shall not enter an area assigned to another group. Priority of location shall be based upon which picketer or group of picketers arrived first.
- (e) Spectators of pickets shall not gather, congregate or stand within 25 feet of an intersection of a street or highway with another street or highway or in any manner physically interfere with individuals engaged in picketing. Picketers and spectators of pickets shall not speak fighting words or threats that would tend to provoke a reasonable person to a breach of the peace.
- (f) Picketers and picketing shall be subject to all applicable local, state and federal laws.
- (g) Nothing in this section prohibits a law enforcement officer from issuing a command to disperse in accordance with North Carolina General Statute §14-288.5 in the event of a riot or disorderly conduct by an assemblage of three or more persons.

**ARTICLE I Sec 38-5 | Enforcement | Penalties.**

- 1. Neither the Sheriff nor any county official shall have any discretion to prohibit picketing that complies with the provision of sections 38-2 through 38-5.
- 2. Arbitrary or discriminatory enforcement of sections 38-2 through 38-5 is prohibited and is itself a violation of this ordinance.
- 3. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any provision of sections 38-2 through 38-5. Any such violations shall be punishable as a Class 3 misdemeanor with a fine not to exceed \$500 (Five Hundred Dollars) in accordance with North Carolina Law.
- 4. This ordinance shall in addition to the prescribed criminal penalties, and not in substitution thereof, be enforceable by the granting of immediate injunctive relief upon application by the Sheriff or County Attorney, showing a violation of this ordinance any provision of sections 38-2 through 38-5.

**ITEM 7. Soil and Water Conservation: (Dean Morris, Director)**

- A. Mr. Morris expressed appreciation to the Board for an opportunity to provide an update regarding stream debris removal projects throughout the county. Currently, the Big Swamp clean out is ongoing and will continue for the foreseeable future. He stated that the contractor had been working, even in some torrential rain which Bladen County had experienced in the recent past.
- B. Mr. Morris stated that a lower Black River project had previously been awarded to Scott Cumbee of Safe Environmental. Mr. Cumbee has recently contacted Mr. Morris to inform him that he was now unable to perform the work. Mr. Morris stated that the second low bidder, Ward Stocks of Stock Landscaping was contacted and indicated his willingness and ability to complete the project. Upon a motion by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously approved a Service Agreement in the amount of \$82,900 with Ward Stocks of Stocks Landscaping regarding a lower Black River Stream Debris Removal Project.
- C. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously approved a Service Agreement in the amount of \$54,912 with Ward Stocks of Stocks Landscaping regarding a Cypress Creek Stream Debris Removal Project.

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- D. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Munn-Goins, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously approved a Service Agreement in the amount of \$79,263 with Ward Stocks of Stocks Landscaping regarding a Brown Marsh Swamp Stream Debris Removal Project.
- E. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously approved a Service Agreement in the amount of \$112,728 with D. G. Jackson Construction regarding an upper Black River Stream Debris Removal Project.
- F. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, the Board unanimously approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$20,000 with D. G. Jackson Construction regarding a lower South River Stream Debris Removal Project. Mr. Morris indicated that with the inclusion of Change Order #1, the entire service agreement now totals \$148,000.
- G. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Trivette, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously approved a Service Agreement in the amount of \$30,340 with D. G. Jackson Construction regarding a Browns Creek Stream Debris Removal Project.
- H. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously approved a Service Agreement in the amount of \$45,883.20 with D. G. Jackson Construction regarding a Carvers Creek Stream Debris Removal Project.
- I. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Munn-Goins, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously approved a Service Agreement in the amount of \$43,343.43 with D. G. Jackson Construction regarding a Horse Pen Creek Stream Debris Removal Project.
- J. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board unanimously approved a Service Agreement in the amount of \$183,150 with D. G. Jackson Construction regarding an upper South River Stream Debris Removal Project.
- K. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Munn-Goins, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board unanimously approved a Service Agreement in the amount of \$49,998 with Jerry Hall regarding an Ellis Creek Stream Debris Removal Project.
- L. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously approved a Service Agreement in the amount of \$49,998 with Jerry Hall regarding a Harrison Creek Stream Debris Removal Project.

Mr. Morris shared that some of these projects are being completed in conjunction with adjacent counties. He indicated that cooperative efforts with adjacent counties are looked upon favorably when a grant opportunity is available.

Board members expressed appreciation to Mr. Morris and the contractors' efforts to clean-out Bladen County's streams, branches, and swamps.

**ITEM 8. Advisory Board Appointments:**

- A. **BARTS Advisory Board (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Bullock, seconded by Commissioner Britt, the Board unanimously appointed Lisa Nance to a three-year term, with the term expiring December 31, 2021.
- B. **Bay Tree Lakes Fire Service District Committee (2):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously tabled appointments.
- C. **Child Fatality Protection Team (2):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Trivette, the Board unanimously appointed Heather Ellis and Stephen Hester to three-year terms of service, with the terms expiring October 13, 2021.

**ITEM 9. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration During January 22, 2019 Board Meeting:**

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- A. Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee (2)
- B. Airport Appeals Board (3)
- C. Lisbon Rural Fire Protection District Committee (2)
- D. Lumber River Workforce Development Board (1)

Chairman Peterson stated that an appointment to the Health and Human Services Agency Advisory Board will be included on the January 22, 2019 agenda as well.

**ITEM 10. County Manager: (Greg Martin)**

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed Board calendars for the months of January and February 2019.
- B. This item was moved during approval of Agenda and Consent Items. Please see item 3B above
- C. Mr. Martin indicated that Terri Duncan had recently accepted the position of Health and Human Services Agency Director and anticipates reporting to work on Monday, February 4, 2019. However, he did state that pursuant to NCGS 130A-40, the Board of Commissioners would be required to appoint Ms. Duncan as Health Director. Upon a motion by Commissioner Munn-Goins, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously appointed Terri Duncan as Health Director.  
Mr. Martin stated that Ms. Duncan would be attending an upcoming meeting for introductions.
- D. Mr. Martin provided an overview of a recent Beaver Management Assistance Program (BMAP) meeting. He stated that it was held on Thursday, January 3, 2019. Mr. E. W. Bowen was in attendance. Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) representative Butch Adams was in attendance as well. Mr. Martin reminded the Board that Bladen County now participates in annual BMAP efforts at a \$4,000 level. He stated that the next level would be \$60,000 which would dedicate a representative to Bladen County. Chairman Peterson reminded the Board that there would be a cost share with property owners who contracted for BMAP services. Mr. Martin indicated that there may be another option which would not require cost share. Mr. Martin did state that due to the partial federal government shutdown, Mr. Adams would not be able to provide additional information and funding level information at this time. However, Mr. Adams indicated that he would provide that information as quickly as he would be able.

Mr. Martin also shared an update received from the NC Department of Transportation regarding the ongoing storm debris pick-up program. He stated that NCDOT representative Ken Clark indicated that Hwy. 210 and Natmore Road areas will be serviced next, with an anticipated completion by January 31, 2019.

Commissioner Bullock inquired regarding the status of directional signs for East Bladen and West Bladen High Schools. Mr. Martin stated that he would check on the status and provide an update.

**ITEM 11. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:**

No one in attendance addressed the Board.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:29pm.

ATTEST:

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Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

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Charles R. Peterson, Chairman  
Bladen County Board of Commissioners