

January 4, 2016

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, January 4, 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
- Billy Ray Pait
- G. Michael Cogdell
- Dr. Delilah Blanks
- Daniel Dowless
- Wayne Edge
- James G. "Jimmie" Smith

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

ITEM 1. Chairman Peterson 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 December 21, 2015 Regular Meeting.
- C. Budget Amendments, as follows:

Sheriff

| <i>Expenditures</i> | | <i>Increase</i> | <i>Decrease</i> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 105100.200.021 | Supplies-K9 | 4,100.00 | |
| 105100.212 | Uniforms | 900.00 | |
| <i>Revenues</i> | | | |
| 103270.009 | Sheriff-Donations | 5,000.00 | |

Rollover donated monies into programs designated.

Emergency Services

| <i>Expenditures</i> | | <i>Increase</i> | <i>Decrease</i> |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 105300.350.001 | M/R - Prison Camp | 38,800.00 | |
| 105300.200.020 | Supplies - Prison Camp | 2,000.00 | |
| 105300.740 | Capital Outlay - Equipment | | 30,000.00 |
| <i>Revenues</i> | | | |
| 103190.050 | Fund Balance Appropriated | 10,800.00 | |

Funding for priority items and work at training center at White Lake.

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 #6.

Department of Social Services

| <i>Expenditures</i> | | <i>Increase</i> | <i>Decrease</i> |
|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 146100.689 | Energy Neighbor Fund | 458.00 | |
| <i>Revenues</i> | | | |
| 143531.031 | Energy Neighbor Fund | 458.00 | |

Funding Authorization #7.

Emergency Telephone (E911)

| <i>Expenditures</i> | | <i>Increase</i> | <i>Decrease</i> |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 225301.900 | To General Fund | 84,554.00 | |
| <i>Revenues</i> | | | |
| 223190.050 | Fund Balance Appropriated | 84,554.00 | |

To reconcile fund balance to NC 911 report.

Clarkton Fire Department

| <i>Expenditures</i> | | <i>Increase</i> | <i>Decrease</i> |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 355335.191 | Professional Services - Audit | 250.00 | |
| <i>Revenues</i> | | | |
| 353190.050 | Fund Balance Appropriated | 250.00 | |

To pay for preparation of the June 30, 2015 financial statements.

D. County Attorney Invoices.

| Date | Department | Amount |
|------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 12/08/2015 | Sheriff's Office | \$ 310.00 |
| 12/15/2015 | Health Department | \$ 1,010.00 |
| | Total | \$ 1,320.00 |

ITEM 3. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

Commissioner Cogdell, citing NCGS 143-318.14, made a request that future meetings of the Board be audio taped by the Clerk to the Board. Commissioner Cogdell made a motion to allow for the Clerk to the Board to audio tape Board meetings, with a second being provided by Commissioner Blanks. Following discussion, upon a substitute motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously asked Mr. Martin to research the cost of audio and video taping meetings and update the Board at a future meeting.

Commissioner Peterson requested that quarterly meetings be held between Bladen County agencies such as EMS and stakeholders in order to continue providing quality service. Mr. Martin will provide additional information at a future meeting.

A. Human Resources Director Shonteia Keaton was recognized and introduced by Mr. Martin. Mrs. Keaton began her responsibilities as Human Resources Director on December 14, 2015. Mrs. Keaton expressed her appreciation to the Board for the opportunity afforded her in her new role as Human Resources Director.

ITEM 4. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

A. Mrs. Charlotte Smith of Bladen Online made a request of the Board to allow for video-taping of the Board of County Commissioners meeting in order to add these videos to the Bladen Online YouTube channel. Following discussion, the Board expressed its appreciation to Mrs. Smith for the courtesy extended to make the request. Under the Open Meetings Law (NCGS 143-318.14), anyone “may photograph, film tape-record or otherwise reproduce any part of a meeting required to be open.”

ITEM 5. Public Hearing:

A. Chairman Priest declared open a Public Hearing to receive comments regarding an application to the Local Government Commission (LGC) for interim financing related to a Detention & Law Enforcement Center Construction project. Mr. Martin stated that although USDA has agreed to provide mortgage financing at the close of the project, interim financing is necessary to fund the construction of the facility. A total of eight (8) banking institutions were contacted on December 10, 2015 and provided requests for proposals, with a submittal deadline of December 22, 2015. Unfortunately, no proposals have been received, which will likely delay the LGC application. No comments were received from citizens and Chairman Priest declared closed the Public Hearing.

B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously adopted the following Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for approval of a financing agreement authorized by NCGS 160A-20:



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ITEM 6. Detention and Law Enforcement Center Construction Project:

- A. Bordeaux Construction Representative Blair Bordeaux provided an overview of the process by which a Guaranteed Maximum Price was developed. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously approved the Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$16,533,982. Mr. Bordeaux stated that he would submit a formal contract amendment regarding the GMP at a future meeting.

ITEM 7. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration at the January 19, 2016 Meeting:

- A. **Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee (2)**
- B. **Bladen County Airport Appeals Board (3)**
- C. **Community Development Block Grant Selection Committee (5)**
- D. **Division on Aging Advisory Committee (1)**
- E. **Lisbon Rural Fire Service District Committee (5)**
- F. **Personnel Advisory Board (1)**

ITEM 8. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed the Board calendars for the months of January and February 2016.
- B. Mr. Martin provided an overview of a proposed amendment to the Rules of Procedure for the Bladen County Board of Commissioners regarding a seating policy. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, the approved the amendment by a vote of five (5) AYES (Cogdell, Blanks, Bullock, Edge, Priest) to four (4) NOES (Smith, Peterson, Pait, Dowless).
- C. At the Board's request, Mr. Martin provided an overview of Charitable Contributions for FY 2015-16, including an unspent amount of \$2,825. Commissioner Cogdell made a motion to fully fund each of the requests received for FY 2015-16 Charitable Contributions. Commissioner Bullock provided a second. Following discussion, a substitute motion was provided by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to maintain the charitable contributions at the amounts approved during the November 16, 2015 regular meeting. The substitute motion passed on a vote of six (6) AYES (Smith, Peterson, Edge, Dowless, Pait, Priest) to three (3) NOES (Blanks, Bullock, Cogdell).
- D. Mr. Martin provided a brief overview of a Single-Family Rehabilitation Loan Pool Funding Agreement (SFRLP15), in the amount of \$170,000, for the period of August 2015 through June 2018.
- E. Mr. Martin provided a brief overview of two agreements related to the SFRLP15, as follows:
 - a. An agreement with Lumber River Council of Governments to provide administration of the Bladen County SFRLP15; and
 - b. An agreement with Rehabilitation Specialist Howard Campbell for rehabilitation and environmental services for the Bladen County SFRLP15.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board unanimously approved a Single-Family Rehabilitation Loan Pool Funding Agreement (SFRLP15) and related agreements with Lumber River Council of Governments and Rehabilitation Specialist Howard Campbell.

ITEM 9. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one in attendance addressed the Board.

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ITEM 10. Closed Session:

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board entered Closed Session at 7:10pm, in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board exited Closed Session at 7:38pm.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Russell D. Priest, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners