

**October 6, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse.

The following members were present:

- Charles Ray Peterson, Chairman
- Russell Priest, Vice Chairman
- Billy Ray Pait
- G. Michael Cogdell
- Dr. Delilah Blanks
- Daniel Dowless
- Wayne Edge
- James G. "Jimmie" Smith
- Arthur Bullock

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 Cogdell, the Board approved the following Consent Items:

- A. Amended Agenda, to include Item 6C-Consider Approval of a Grant Application for FDA Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards.
- B. Minutes of September 21, 2015 Regular Meeting.
- C. Minutes of September 28, 2015 Special Meeting.
- D. Budget Amendments as follows:

**Health**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>105900.5905.200</b>	Supplies	198.37	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>103330.061</b>	DHHS-Environmental Health	198.37	

Funding for Summer Food Service program site inspections.

**Soil & Water Conservation**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>106400.499.006</b>	Miscellaneous Expense – Drill	31,762.38	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>103190.050</b>	Fund Balance Appropriation	31,762.38	

Rollover unspent Drill and District funds.

**Library**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>106700.231</b>	Library Books	259.03	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>103190.010</b>	Miscellaneous Revenue	259.03	

Donation for Books – deposited 09/18/15.

**Administration**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>106900.903</b>	To DSS		23,631.00
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>103190.050</b>	Fund Balance Appropriated		23,631.00

Balance of funding for LIEAP & CIP Admin, as designated in Session Law 2015-241 (HB97). Funding Authoriztion #2.

**Department of Social Services**

<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>143531.221</b>	LIEAP/Admin	23,631.00	
<b>143550.080</b>	Fm-General Fund		23,631.00

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**Department of Social Services**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>146100.688</b>	Crisis Intervention Program	140,287.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>143531.220</b>	Crisis Intervention Program	140,287.00	

Funding Authorization #4.

**Department of Social Services**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>146100.689</b>	Energy Neighbor Fund		7,431.83
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>143531.031</b>	Energy Neighbor Fund		7,431.83

Funding Authorization #1.

**Department of Social Services**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>146100.689</b>	Energy Neighbor Fund	468.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>143531.031</b>	Energy Neighbor Fund	468.00	

Funding Authorization #2.

**Department of Social Services**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>146100.689</b>	Energy Neighbor Fund	444.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>143531.031</b>	Energy Neighbor Fund	444.00	

Funding Authorization #3.

**Department of Social Services**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>146100.689</b>	Energy Neighbor Fund	466.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>143531.031</b>	Energy Neighbor Fund	466.00	

Funding Authorization #4.

**Bladenboro Fire District**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>425342.499</b>	Miscellaneous Expense	150,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>423190.050</b>	Fund Balance Appropriated	150,000.00	

To purchase a light and air truck.

**E. County Attorney Invoices.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
9/22/15	Governing Board	\$ 160.00
9/22/15	General Services	\$ 520.00
9/24/15	Sheriff's Office	\$ 2,521.00
9/29/15	G I S	\$ 510.00
10/01/15	October 2015 Retainer	\$ 300.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,011.00</b>

**F. Fireworks Display at Camp Clearwater on October 24, 2015.**

**G. Domestic Violence Awareness Proclamation, as follows:**



**H. National 4-H Week Proclamation, as follows:**



**I. Bladen Community College Request Regarding Use of Capital Funds.**

**J. Public Hearing Scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2015 at 6:30pm to Receive Comments Regarding the Bladen Area Rural Transportation System (BARTS).**

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**ITEM 3. Presentation of Recently Adopted Proclamations:**

- A. Chairman Peterson presented a recently adopted Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation to Families First representative Marjorie Walker. Chairman Peterson read aloud the Proclamation and thanked Ms. Walker for her work and bringing awareness of domestic violence in Bladen County.
- B. Chairman Peterson read aloud a recently adopted National 4-H Week Proclamation. Extension Agent Stacie Kinlaw and several 4-H members representing multiple clubs were on hand to receive the proclamation.

**ITEM 4. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:**

Commissioner Bullock asked Mr. Martin when an update would be provided regarding EMS. Mr. Martin stated that this matter will be on the agenda for the October 19, 2015 regular meeting.

**ITEM 5. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:**

- A. Mrs. Mary McMillian addressed the Board regarding the recent termination of Revenue Administrator/Assessor Chris Ellis. Mrs. McMillian requested information of the Board regarding the validity of the termination, as well as the process of termination. Chairman Peterson asked Mr. Martin to share non-confidential information with Mrs. McMillian during an appointment on Wednesday, October 7, 2015.
- B. Mrs. Sadie Perry expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to address the Board regarding a proposed school consolidation plan, and shared information obtained from Superintendent Dr. Robert Taylor during a recent meeting. Mrs. Perry asked the Board numerous questions. Some of the questions were answered immediately. Chairman Peterson and the Board asked County Manager Greg Martin to contact Mrs. Perry to answer the remaining questions.

**ITEM 6. Health and Human Services Agency: (Cris Harrelson, Director)**

- A. Mr. Harrelson presented a proposed fee increase request regarding a flu vaccine. He stated that the cost for the vaccine has increased from the previous year. The associated cost increases for the quadrivalent influenza are as follows:
  - High Dose: \$ 2.52
  - Intradermal: \$ 3.72
  - Multi-Year: \$ 6.26
  - Pres Free: \$11.15Following discussion, upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board unanimously approved a fee increase associated with the quadrivalent flu vaccine.
- B. Mr. Harrelson provided a brief overview of a provider agreement with One Call Care Management. This agreement will provide for referrals to the Bladen County Home Health Agency for processing and follow-up. Mr. Harrelson shared that this provider agreement fits within the framework of the Home Health program's recent restructuring and will create an additional revenue stream not experienced in the past. Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously approved a provider agreement with One Call Care Management.
- C. Mr. Harrelson provided an overview of the availability of a grant which would assist in creating a much-needed benchmark of compliance for Bladen County's Food Protection program. Upon a motion by Commissioner Bullock, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, the Board unanimously approved a grant application for FDA Voluntary National Retain Food Regulatory Program Standards.

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Chairman Peterson thanked Mr. Harrelson for his service to Bladen County and wished him well in the new position as Health Director in Brunswick County.

Mr. Harrelson thanked the Board for its support during his tenure as Health and Human Services Agency Director. Mr. Harrelson expressed his appreciation to the Bladen County Administrative staff and its employees as well. Mr. Harrelson's last day of employment with Bladen County is Friday, October 9, 2015.

**ITEM 7. Sheriff's Office (Sheriff Jim McVicker)**

- A. Captain Jeff Singletary presented a proposed Resolution authorizing county inmates to work on projects to benefit Bladen County. Captain Singletary pointed out the section of the Resolution which authorizes Bladen County employees to supervise county inmates. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board unanimously adopted a Resolution authorizing county inmates to work on projects to benefit Bladen County, as follows:



**ITEM 8. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration at October 19, 2015 Regular Meeting:**

- A. Child Fatality/Protection Team (3)  
B. EMS Advisory Council (4)

**ITEM 9. County Manager: (Greg Martin)**

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed the Board calendars for October and November, 2015.  
B. Mr. Martin provided a brief overview of the Rules of Procedure for the Bladen County Board of Commissioners, originally adopted in January 2015 and amended in July 2015. Mr. Martin supplied binders to the Board members with not only the Rules of Procedure, but also a copy of the Resolution to establish policy for approval and opening of Closed Session minutes and general accounts, Bladen County Travel and Expense Reimbursement Policy, Nonprofit Agency Funding Policy and Bladen County Policy and Procedures for appointments to county boards, commissions, committees and councils.  
C. Mr. Martin reviewed a proposed Bladen County Credit Card Use Policy and Bank Credit Card Use Agreement.  
D. Mr. Martin reviewed proposed Bladen County Financial and Budgetary Policies.  
E. Following discussion during a previous Board meeting, Mr. Martin requested the Board consider beginning discussion regarding a strategic planning initiative. Chairman Peterson asked that four members of the Board consider participating on an Adhoc committee to start the process. Chairman Peterson, Commissioner Edge, Commissioner Bullock and Commission Cogdell indicated their willingness to serve. Mr. Martin stated that the Lumber River Council of Governments would be happy to assist in facilitating the process.

**ITEM 10. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:**

- A. Sandra Guions addressed the Board regarding an EMS update. Mrs. Guions was assured that an update will be on the agenda for the next regular meeting, October 19, 2015.

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**ITEM 11. Closed Session:**

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board entered Closed Session at 7:08 pm in accordance with NCGS 143.318.11(a)(6) Personnel.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board exited Closed Session at 7:22 pm.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board unanimously approved entering into an agreement with Mr. Wayne Raynor to serve as Interim Health and Human Services Agency Director. Current Health & Human Services Agency Director Cris Harrelson has submitted his resignation effective October 9, 2015.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.

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