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A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, November 17, 2014 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse.

The following members were present:

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

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

ITEM 1. Chairman Smith 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 Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board approved the following Consent Items:

- A. Agenda.
- B. Minutes of Regular Meeting on November 10, 2014.
- C. Budget Amendments as follows:

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.706	Low-Income Home Energy Assistance	7,117.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.033	Low-Income Home Energy Assistance	7,117.00	

Increased allocation in LIEAP.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
1461006160.555	Client Refund	50.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143591.010	Client Refund	50.00	

Reimbursement to client for a NCHC enrollment fee.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
1461006160.571	United Way-Caring for Kids	1,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.344	United Way-Caring for Kids	1,000.00	

Grant from United Way-Caring for Kids.

Solid Waste

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
205805.350	M/R Building & Grounds	690.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
203190.011	Insurance Claims	690.00	

Insurance claim reimbursement (Debra Robinson) for damage to Transfer Station fence on 10/17/2014.

D. County Attorney Invoices:

Date	Department	Amount
11/12/14	Central Services/Sheriff's Office	\$ 310.00
11/12/14	Central Services/Sheriff's Office	\$ 460.00
11/12/14	Central Services	\$ 760.00
11/14/14	Sheriff's Office	\$ 610.00
	Total	\$ 2,140.00

- E. Tax Refunds and Releases No. 10-14, incorporated by reference and made a part of these Minutes
- F. Recommended Grade Reclassification of Human Services Director from Grade 89 to Grade 91

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- G. Award Service Duty Weapon and Gold Badge to Retiring Sheriff Prentis Benston (Glock Model 19, .9mm semi-automatic handgun, Serial #WTB737)

ITEM 3. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

- A. Chairman Smith recognized outgoing Commissioner Mark Gillespie. Chairman Smith presented Commissioner Gillespie a plaque in recognition of his years of service on the Board of Commissioners, and thanked Commissioner Gillespie for his professionalism and friendship during his tenure. Commissioner Gillespie expressed his gratitude to the Board and to the Citizens for the opportunity to serve the County as Commissioner. The entire Board and those in attendance offered Commissioner Gillespie a standing ovation.
- B. Chairman Smith recessed the Board meeting at 6:33pm for a reception in honor of Commissioner Gillespie.

Chairman Smith reconvened the meeting at 6:45pm.

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

No one in attendance addressed the Board.

ITEM 5. Finance Department: (Lisa Coleman, Finance Officer)

- A. Upon Mrs. Coleman's absence, County Manager Greg Martin reviewed the Financial Dashboard for the period ending October 31, 2014.

ITEM 6. Health and Human Services Agency: (Carol Strickland and Marianne Valentiner, Health Educators)

Carol Strickland and Marianne Valentiner, Health Educators at the Bladen County Health Department, reviewed the 2013-16 Bladen County Action Plans and the 2013-16 Bladen County Strategic Plan. The 2013 Community Health Assessment (CHA) is used as an indicator or snapshot of the county's health concerns and health priorities that need to be addressed. The 2013 CHA surveyed 568 individuals in the county and identified needs to be addressed were: Chronic Diseases: (heart disease, cancer, Respiratory (Asthma), Cerebrovascular, and diabetes). Community concerns were the new emerging issues: Substance Abuse Prescription Abuse and Misuse, Unintentional Motor Vehicle Accidents and data indicated that Asthma is a new issue to address. Primary data was from surveys of individuals in the county, and secondary data was taken from the NC Center for State Health Statistics, US Census Bureau, and the Centers for Disease Control. The Action Plans are reviewed by the Department of Health and Human Services. Our plans have been approved as of November 4, 2014, and approval was delayed due to staffing changes at the state level.

Marianne Valentiner reviewed the 2013-16 Action Plans. She stated that the Action Plans provide a plan of action based on the identified areas of concern regarding health and community through the 2013 CHA process. Identified health issues are then addressed by collaborative partners in action plans and strive to meet the indicators set in the Governors 2020 health objectives. Each year the Action Plans are updated with programming that has been done towards each initiative.

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board unanimously approved a Bladen County Public Health Department Action Plan Regarding Chronic Disease.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board unanimously approved a Bladen County Public Health Department Action Plan Regarding Substance Abuse.
- C. Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously approved a Bladen County Public Health Department Action Plan Regarding Unintentional Vehicle Accidents.

Carol Strickland reviewed a 2013-16 Bladen County Health Department Strategic Plan. The Plan identified issues in the county to be addressed and, along with collaborating partners, set goals to work toward. The strategic plan has (7) goals set forth based on the 2013 CHA and individual health department programs, which align with the North Carolina 2020 health objectives. Updated data is identified in blue with a check on each of the objectives under each goal. The goals reviewed are:

- 1) To improve the health status and prevent premature death for all residents of Bladen County.
- 2) Provide a coordinated response to a Public Health event or communicable disease outbreak
- 3) Ensure environmental health and safety through reduced exposure to unsafe food and an unsanitary environment. Ensure safe lodging.
- 4) Maintain a competent public health workforce that has had training on HIPAA, OSHA, Public Health Law, and any necessary training to perform job description.
- 5) Increase public awareness of public health programs and services in Bladen County.
- 6) Increase public awareness on alcohol and drug abuse to reduce unintentional motor vehicle accidents.
- 7) Maintain updated and operational Animal Control Department to control and provide education to reduce unwanted animals in the county.

Mrs. Strickland directed the Commissioners to the document with programming that has been done to address initiatives identified in the 2013-16 Action Plan and goals of the 2013-16 Strategic Plan. The Action Plans and the Strategic Plans are live documents as they are constantly changing with new programming, new funding, and new collaborative efforts with our partners.

D. Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously approved a Bladen County Health Department Strategic Plan 2013-2016.

ITEM 7. General Services: (Robert Mazur, Director)

- A. Following review and approval by the County’s engineering firm and County Attorney, and approval from NC Department of Natural Resources, Mr. Mazur presented a Special Agreement with the NC Department of Transportation. The agreement would allow for waste soil from a NC 87/US 701 interchange construction project to be disposed at the closed county landfill site in close proximity to the project, south of Elizabethtown. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board unanimously approved the following Special Agreement with North Carolina Department of Transportation:

ITEM 8. Sheriff’s Office: (Captain Jeff Singletary)

- A. Captain Singletary briefly reviewed a proposed Courthouse Security Ordinance. Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by

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Commissioner Edge, the Board unanimously adopted the following Ordinance Governing Bladen County Courthouse Security:



- B. Captain Singletary provided an overview of a proposed Deadly Weapons Ordinance. Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board unanimously adopted the following Ordinance Prohibiting the Carrying of Deadly Weapons in Bladen County Buildings and Permitting the Posting of Signs to Prohibit the Carrying of Deadly Weapons in Bladen County Buildings:



ITEM 9. Emergency Services: (Bradley Kinlaw, Fire Marshal)

- A. Mr. Kinlaw provided information to the Board related to a recently established Rowan Fire District, which would be served by Kelly Volunteer Fire Department. Upon a Department of Insurance requirement to include an updated map to include the new area of responsibility, Mr. Kinlaw presented a Kelly Volunteer Fire Department service map. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board unanimously approved a Kelly Volunteer Fire Department service map.

ITEM 10. Advisory Board Appointments

- A. **Bay Tree Lakes Fire District Committee (2):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board unanimously tabled appointments.
- B. **Clarkton Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Planning Advisory Board (2):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board, waiving the policy on term limits, unanimously reappointed Marlowe Grant and Wilbur Ward, for three years each, with term expiration dates of November 30, 2017.
- C. **Clarkton Fire District Committee (3):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board, waiving the policy on term limits, unanimously reappointed Julie Ward, Sammy Russ and Marlowe Grant to three-year terms, with term expiration dates of November 30, 2017.

ITEM 11. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed calendars for the months of November and December, 2014.
- B. Mr. Martin provided an overview of a Subscription and Service Agreement with eCivis, a web-based grants database and management program. eCivis services fit into a strategic goal identified by the Board earlier this year. Services provided would allow for more efficient grants searching, application and compliance. Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board unanimously approved a Master Subscription and Service Agreement for a period of two years.

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C. Mr. Martin provided a timeline associated with the Golden LEAF Community Based Grants Initiative. The deadline for submittal is 12pm on December 1, 2014. Mr. Martin expressed his wish to complete the submittal process in November. Following discussion related to the potential each of the presentations from Bladen Community College, the Town of Elizabethtown and Bladen County Schools', upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Priest the Board unanimously ranked the proposals as follows:

1. Bladen Community College: Advanced Manufacturing Technology Facility: \$540,000
2. Town of Elizabethtown: Elizabethtown Airport/Industrial Park Expansion and Master Planning Project: \$647,000
3. Bladen County Schools: STEM Academy and STEM labs for county middle schools: \$313,000

Chairman Smith asked Mr. Martin to contact Bladen County Schools to provide a scaled-down project to reduce the overall Golden LEAF Funding request from \$500,000 to \$313,000 (a requested reduction of \$187,000). This will allow Bladen County to submit each of the proposed projects to Golden LEAF for possible funding consideration.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

James G. Smith, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners