

December 1, 2014

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, December 1, 2014 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse.

The following members were present:

James G. "Jimmie" Smith, Chairman

Charles Ray Peterson

Billy Ray Pait

Daniel Dowless

G. Michael Cogdell

Wayne Edge

Delilah Blanks

Russell Priest

Absent: Mark Gillespie

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. Old Business of Outgoing Board:

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board unanimously approved the Minutes of the Special Meeting on November 17, 2014.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, the Board unanimously approved the Minutes of Regular Meeting on November 17, 2014.

ITEM 3. Oaths of Office:

The Honorable Niki Dennis, Clerk of Superior Court, administered the Oath of Office for Bladen County Commissioner to the following:

Arthur A. Bullock, District 1, newly elected (term: 12/1/2014 to 12/2018)

Charles R. Peterson, District 2, re-elected (term: 12/1/2014 to 12/2018)

Russell Priest, District 3, re-elected (term: 12/1/2014 to 12/2018)

Following the Oath of Office, Mr. Bullock recognized and expressed his appreciation to those in attendance who supported him and his family during the election process.

ITEM 4. Election of Board of Officers: (Greg Martin, County Manager)

A. Chairperson: County Manager Greg Martin opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chairperson. Commissioner Edge nominated Commissioner Peterson. Commissioner Blanks nominated Commissioner Smith. Hearing no other nominations, nominations were closed. Upon a vote by show of hands, Charles Peterson was elected as Chairperson by a vote of 5-4 (Priest, Peterson, Dowless, Pait, Edge). Commissioner Smith congratulated Commissioner Peterson.

B. Vice Chairperson: County Manager Greg Martin opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Edge nominated Commissioner Priest, which was seconded by Commissioner Pait. Hearing no other nominations, nominations were closed. Russell Priest was unanimously elected as Vice Chairperson.

ITEM 5. Matter of Interest to Commissioners:

- A. Chairman Peterson recognized Faye Sykes upon her retirement from the County as a Library Assistant. Ms. Sykes served the County for thirty-three years. County Manager Greg Martin also thanked Ms. Sykes for her tenure with the County and her positive attitude, recognizing the changes in technology which she experienced during that time. Ms. Sykes expressed her excitement upon her retirement and appreciation to the Board and County.

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- B. Chairman Peterson recognized Wanda Butler upon her retirement from the County as an Income Maintenance Caseworker. DSS Director Vickie Smith also thanked Ms. Butler for her professionalism, not only in dealing with clients but coworkers as well. Ms. Butler expressed her appreciation to the Board for its support.
- C. Chairman Peterson recessed the meeting at 6:45pm for a reception in honor of the newly elected officials and retirees.

Chairman Peterson reconvened the meeting at 7pm.

Chairman Peterson recognized Sheriff Jim McVicker in the audience and invited him to address the Board and those in attendance. Sheriff McVicker expressed his appreciation to everyone. He stated that he is looking forward to serving Bladen County and its citizens. In closing, he thanked Chairman Peterson for the opportunity to address the Board.

Chairman Peterson shared a Respectful Workplace policy he had obtained from New Hanover County. He asked County Manager Greg Martin to develop a proposed policy for possible approval at a future meeting.

Chairman Peterson asked for a motion from the Board to cancel the second regular meeting for December, 2014. Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board unanimously agreed to cancel the meeting originally scheduled for Monday, December 15, 2014.

Commissioner Blanks asked to address the Board regarding the current seating positions of the Board. She requested to change the seating arrangement due to concern regarding public perception. Chairman Peterson stated that during the recess he had polled other Commissioners regarding the seating arrangement. They indicated being content at this time.

ITEM 6. Approve Consent Items:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent items:

- A. Agenda
- B. Budget Amendments, as follows:

Division on Aging

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106200.493	Refunds	60,011.96	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	60,011.96	

Refund to State of unspent ROAP Employment Fund received in 2013-2014.

Library

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106700.231	Library Books	54.28	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.010	Miscellaneous Revenue	54.28	

Gift for books from Nathan Cox.

C. County Attorney Invoices:

Date	Department	Amount
11/18/14	Division on Aging/BARTS	\$ 510.00
11/20/14	Board of Elections	\$ 500.00
	Total	\$ 1,010.00

- D. Agreement with Elections Systems and Software
- E. Surety Bonds for Officials

ITEM 7. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address the Commissioners:

No one in attendance addressed the Board.

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ITEM 8. Health and Human Services Agency: (Cris Harrelson, Director)

- A. Mr. Harrelson introduced Communicable Disease Nurse Sheila Rains to the Board. Ms. Rains provided a presentation of the Communicable Disease program. The recent Ebola outbreak was addressed and how Bladen County would respond should the need arise.
- B. Mr. Harrelson provided a brief overview of new legislation concerning Environmental Health programs that was adopted during the 2014 regular session of the General Assembly.
- C. Due to statewide inaccessibility of records, Mr. Harrelson requested approval of a change of business hours for the Women, Infant, Children (WIC) Crossroads program. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board unanimously approved modified business hours for WIC Crossroads program to close from 12pm until 1pm.

ITEM 9. Advisory Board Appointments:

- A. **Bay Tree Lakes Fire District Committee (2):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board, waiving the policy on term limits, unanimously reappointed Charles Massey and Lenox Harrelson for three years, with term expiration of November 30, 2017.

ITEM 10. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration at January 5, 2015 Meeting:

- A. Ammon Fire Department Firefighters Relief Fund Board (1)
- B. BARTS Advisory Board (5)
- C. Division on Aging Advisory Committee (7)
- D. Hickory Grove Fire Department Firefighters Relief Fund Board (1)
- E. Library Board (2)
- F. Personnel Advisory Board (1)

ITEM 11. Jail Project Update: (Greg Martin, County Manager)

- A. County Manager Greg Martin provided an overview of two different methodologies to consider regarding a jail construction project. Design-Bid-Build has been a traditional approach whereby the architect designs the project and there is a formal bid process to determine a contractor. Construction Manager At-Risk is an option more recently available to local governments. This option provides more of a team approach, whereby the contractor is selected, based on experience and qualifications, during the design phase to work with the architect. This has become a preferred construction methodology used by many local governments, as it often provides a smoother, more efficient process with fewer change orders and fewer issues between the architect and contractor. A guaranteed maximum price is established for the project. The Construction Manager At-Risk is responsible for any costs exceeding the guaranteed maximum price (GMP). If the project is below the GMP, the savings belong to the county.

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ), which includes specific information required of the interested contractors, was shared with the Commissioners. The county would review proposals, interview finalists and choose the contractor determined to be the most qualified.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously approved the Construction Manager At-Risk procurement methodology.

- B. Mr. Martin stated that Moseley Architects has recommended touring detention facilities in Cumberland County, Sampson County and York County, SC in the upcoming weeks. Tours are expected to take place during the month of December.

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ITEM 12. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed calendars for the months of December 2014 and January 2015.
- B. Chairman Peterson designated Vice Chairman Russell Priest as voting delegate for the upcoming NCACC Legislative Goals Conference scheduled to be held in Pinehurst, NC, on January 14 and 15, 2015.

Mr. Martin reminded all in attendance that a Courthouse Security Ordinance is scheduled to be implemented on Wednesday or Thursday of this week (December 3 or 4, 2014).

Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously authorized check signers for First Bank, to include newly elected Board Chairman Charles R. Peterson and Sheriff Jim McVicker.

- C. The Board viewed a Video update by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC).

Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Charles Ray Peterson, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners