

December 21, 2015

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, December 21, 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 Pait, the Board approved the following Consent Items:

- A. Agenda.
- B. Minutes of December 7, 2015 Regular Meeting.
- C. Budget Amendments, as follows:

Revenue Department

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104500.610.005	Contracted Services - TMA	7,140.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	7,140.00	

Tax Management Associates discovery at Cape Fear Farm Turf.

Motor Pool

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105010.253	Vehicle Parts	2,480.35	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.011	Insurance Claims	2,480.35	

Insurance payment.

Motor Pool

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105010.253	Vehicle Parts	3,074.15	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.011	Insurance Claims`	3,074.15	

Insurance payment on 2000 Ford E450.

Motor Pool

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105010.253	Vehicle Parts	2,295.20	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.011	Insurance Claims`	2,295.20	

Insurance payment on 2015 Dodge Charger.

Motor Pool

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105010.253	Vehicle Parts	692.53	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.011	Insurance Claims`	692.53	

Insurance payment on 2014 Dodge Charger.

Health

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105900.200	Supplies	23,589.21	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103560.082	Hepatitis B Fee Collection	23,589.21	

Fees collected for Hepatitis B and Flu Shots.

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JCPC

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106805.640	JCPC-Refund to State	4,323.00	
106806.640	JCPC-Refund to State	887.26	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	5,210.26	

Balance of unspent grant proceeds.

Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106930.990	Contingency	8,058.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103135.000	Lumber River – OJT Grant	8,058.00	

Lumber River Workforce Development Board – On the Job Training Grant for Human Resources.

DSS

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.499	Miscellaneous Expense	450.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143190.010	Miscellaneous Revenue	450.00	

Client refund for Keisha Smalls.

DSS

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.6160.571	United Way-Caring for Kids	375.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.344	United Way-Caring for Kids	375.00	

4th Quarter Allocation.

Solid Waste

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
205800.740	Capital Outlay-Equipment	55,000.00	
205805.740	Capital Outlay-Equipment	15,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
203190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	70,000.00	

To purchase trash compactor and track hoe for Solid Waste.

Lisbon Fire Department

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
445344.191	Professional Services – Audit	2,750.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
443190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	2,750.00	

Budget for audit services.

D. County Attorney Invoices.

Date	Department	Amount
12/08/2015	Sheriff’s Office	\$ 510.00
12/15/2015	Health Department	\$ 560.00
	Total	\$ 1,070.00

E. Tax Refunds and Releases No. 11-15, incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

ITEM 3. Recognition of Outgoing Chairperson:

A. Chairperson Priest and Vice Chairperson Bullock presented a plaque, recognizing Mr. Peterson’s service as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners from December 2014 until December 2015.

ITEM 4. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

Commissioner Cogdell asked to revisit and include Charitable Contributions on an upcoming meeting agenda. Following discussion, Mr. Martin stated that the topic would be included on the agenda for the January 4, 2016 Board meeting.

ITEM 5. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

A. Eastpointe Chief Executive Officer Ken Jones provided an update and overview of programs and services available through Eastpointe. Eastpointe, a Managed Care Organization (MCO) for behavioral healthcare, covers twelve counties, including Bladen, Columbus, Robeson, Scotland, Sampson, Duplin, Lenoir, Wayne, Greene, Wilson, Edgecomb and Nash.

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ITEM 6. Finance Department: (Lisa Coleman, Finance Officer)

- A. Mrs. Coleman reviewed a financial dashboard for the five-month period ending November 30, 2015.

ITEM 7. Health and Human Services Agency: (Wayne Raynor, Interim Director)

- A. Mr. Raynor provided an overview of a renewal agreement with Bladen Community College which will allow for nursing and nursing assistant students to complete a required public health rotation. Upon motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board unanimously approved a renewal agreement with Bladen Community College regarding practical nursing program students.
- B. Mr. Raynor provided a brief overview of an agreement with Nutrition Plus to provide for dietetic consultation, oversight and clinical nutrition assessments for the Health Department WIC program. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board unanimously approved an agreement with Nutrition Plus.
- C. Mr. Raynor and Health Educator Marianne Valentiner presented a program application regarding a 2016 bicycle helmet initiative, funded through “Share the Road” specialty license plate sales. By partnering with Young Families Connect, Bladen County 4-H, Bladen County Health Education, Bladen County Health Department Child Health Services Clinic and the Bladen County Health Department WIC program, helmets would be distributed. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board unanimously approved a 2016 Bicycle Helmet Initiative. Commissioner Bullock asked Mrs. Valentiner to also publicize the availability of helmets on the local radio station, WBLA.

ITEM 8. Emergency Services: (Bradley Kinlaw, Director)

- A. Mr. Kinlaw provided an overview of an agreement with 1st Special Warfare Training Group to allow for use of the Bladen County Public Safety Training Center. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously approved a Bladen County Public Safety Training Center Use Agreement with the 1st Special Warfare Training Group.

ITEM 9. Emergency Medical Services: (David Howell, Chief)

- A. Mr. Howell presented information regarding comparisons of response times and transport times. Mr. Howell stated that Bladen County has improved response times, comparing data from 2014 and 2015. Following discussion regarding placement of EMS vehicles and revising shifts, the Board commended Mr. Howell and EMS staff for continued efforts to identify efficiencies to better serve Bladen County citizens.

ITEM 10. Advisory Board Appointments:

- A. **Ammon Fire Department Firefighters Relief Fund Board (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously appointed Veona Hicks for a three-year term, with the term to expire on December 31, 2018.
- B. **BARTS Advisory Board (5):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously reappointed Jerry Graham, Erica Campbell and Sharon Anderson to additional three-year terms; and waiving the rules on term limits, reappointed Wendell Brown and Amanda Sykes for additional three-year terms, with each of the terms expiring December 31, 2018.
- C. **Bay Tree Fire Department Firefighters Relief Fund Board (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board unanimously reappointed Lenox Harrelson to a three-year term of service, with the term expiring December 31, 2018.
- D. **Division on Aging Advisory Committee (2):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board unanimously reappointed Michael Cogdell to a three year term of service; and,

- waving the rules on term limits, reappointed Mary Andrews to a three-year term of service, with each term expiring December 31, 2018.
- E. **East Arcadia Fire Department Firefighters Relief Fund Board (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously reappointed Cathy King to a three-year term of service, with the term expiring December 31, 2018.
- F. **Economic Development Commission Advisory Committee (8):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board unanimously appointed Don White to a three year term of service, reappointed Darrell Page, Michael Cogdell and Rufus Duckworth to three-year terms of service; and, waiving the rules on term limits, reappointed Rich Glenn, Howell Clark, Warren Dale Graham and Larry Barnhardt to three year terms of service, with each of the terms expiring December 31, 2017.
- G. **Health & Human Services Advisory Council (5):** A motion to reappoint Dr. Ray Cross, Dr. Kathleen Heer, Tommy Thompson and Dr. Douglas Gensel and appoint Marjorie Graham was made by Commissioner Blanks, with a second provided by Commissioner Bullock. The motion failed by a vote of three (3) AYES (Blanks, Bullock, Cogdell) to six (6) NOES (Smith, Peterson, Priest, Dowless, Pait, Edge). Following discussion, upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board unanimously reappointed Dr. Ray Cross, Dr. Kathleen Heer, Linda Gillespie, Tommy Thompson and Dr. Douglas Gensel to three year terms of service, with the terms expiring December 31, 2018.
- H. **Hickory Grove Fire Department Firefighters Relief Fund Board (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board unanimously reappointed Bambi Dove to a three-year term of service, with the term expiring December 31, 2018.
- I. **Kelly Fire Department Firefighters Relief Fund Board (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously reappointed Bobby Lee Russ to a three year term of service, with the term expiring December 31, 2018.
- J. **Library Board (3):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board unanimously reappointed Shonteia Keaton to a three-year term of service and, waiving the rules on term limits, reappointed Gloris Lloyd and Barbara Wilkins to three year terms of service, with each of the terms expiring December 31, 2018.
- K. **Lisbon Fire Department Firefighters Relief Fund Board (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously reappointed Dan Alford to a three year term of service, with the term expiring December 31, 2018.
- L. **Local Emergency Planning Committee (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board unanimously appointed Charlotte Smith to an unexpired term, with the term expiring June 20, 2017.
- M. **Personnel Advisory Board (2):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board, waiving the rules on term limits, unanimously reappointed Betty McLaughlin and Patsy Priest to three year terms of service, with the terms expiring December 31, 2018.
- N. **Tar Heel Fire Department Firefighters Relief Fund Board (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board unanimously reappointed Eddie Knight to a three year term of service, with the term expiring December 31, 2018.
- O. **Tobermory Fire Department Firefighters Relief Fund Board (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, the Board unanimously reappointed Michael S. Underwood to a three year term of service, with the term expiring December 31, 2018.
- P. **White Oak Fire Department Firefighters Relief Fund Board (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously reappointed Ryan Varley to a three year term of service, with the term expiring December 31, 2018.

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ITEM 11. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed the Board calendars for the months of December 2015 and January 2016.
- B. Mr. Martin provided an overview of a Resolution in support of naming the Cape Fear River Bridge at Tar Heel in honor of Colonel James Richardson, who established Harmony Hall near White Oak. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board unanimously adopted the following Resolution:



ITEM 12. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one in attendance addressed the Board.

ITEM 13. Closed Session:

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board entered Closed Session at 7:50pm, in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board exited Closed Session at 8:01pm.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Russell D. Priest, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners