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A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, February 2, 2015 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse.

The following members were present:

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

Attorney: Leslie 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, with the addition on Item 5A, to revise the item to reflect a request to add part-time employee(s).
- B. Minutes of Special Meeting of January 20, 2015.
- C. Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 20, 2015.
- D. Minutes of Special Meeting of January 23, 2015.
- E. Minutes of Special Meeting of January 27, 2015.
- F. Budget Amendments as follows:

Health

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105900.200	Supplies	20,966.67	
105900.610	Contracted Services	3,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103560.082	Hepatitis B/Flu	23,966.67	

Moving Hep B/Flu monies collected into budget.

Recreation

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106600.910	Special Appropriation		2,000.00
106800.802	Juvenile Services		1,350.00
106600.740	Capital Outlay-Equipment	5,150.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103660.010	Recreation Fees	1,800.00	

Light/breaker panel at field 2.

Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106900.903	To DSS	51,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	51,000.00	

Increase in Foster Care State.

Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106900.903	To DSS	35,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	35,000.00	

Increase in Adoption Assistance.

Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106900.908	To Jail Construction	18,050.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	18,050.00	

Timmons Group fees related to survey.

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Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.689	Energy Neighbor Fund	456.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.031	Energy Neighbor Fund	456.00	

Funding Authorization #7.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.689	Energy Neighbor Fund	461.80	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.031	Energy Neighbor Fund	461.80	

Funding Authorization #8.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.693	Medicaid Transportation	75,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.320	Medicaid Transportation	75,000.00	

To pay current & future invoices. 100% Federal reimbursed.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
1461006160.540	Adoption Assistance	35,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143550.080	Fm General Fund	35,000.00	

To pay current & future invoices.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
1461006160.575	Foster Care State	102,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.330	Foster Care State	51,000.00	
143550.080	Fm General Fund	51,000.00	

Increase in Foster Care Children – 50% State/50% County.

Jail Construction

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
8151005110.570.001	Survey	18,050.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
813422.002	Fm General Fund	18,050.00	

Timmons Group fees related to survey.

G. County Attorney Invoices:

Date	Department	Amount
1/16/15	Dept. of Social Services	\$ 610.00
	Total	\$ 610.00

H. Preceptor Agreement with Elon University

I. The following Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month Proclamation:



ITEM 3. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

A. Chairman Peterson presented a signed Proclamation designating February 2015 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month to Marjorie Walker, Families First Bladen County Director Marjorie Walker. Chairman Peterson asked the Clerk to the Board to read aloud the Proclamation.

B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board unanimously adopted the following Resolution in support of

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displaying “In God We Trust” prominently in the Commissioners Room:



ITEM 4. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one in attendance addressed the Board of Commissioners.

ITEM 5. Health and Human Services Agency: (Cris Harrelson, Director)

- A. Mr. Harrelson provided background and supporting information for the agency’s request for two (2) part-time employees to work 17.5 hours weekly to perform daily cleaning and sanitizing requirements of the Animal Shelter facility. Prior to the closing of the White Lake Detention Center, the Animal Control Department utilized inmate labor to perform these tasks, as well as preparing animals for adoption. Since closure of the White Lake facility, Animal Control staff and officers have shared the daily duties, which have adversely affected customer service, including longer waiting time for animal pick up and other consumer requests. The Animal Control Advisory Board favorably recommended Mr. Harrelson make the request to the Board. Mr. Harrelson stated that this request has been presented as a stop-gap measure until such time that inmate labor and transportation is re-established for the County. Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board unanimously approved the addition of two (2) part-time employees to work no more than 17.5 hours weekly to perform daily cleaning and sanitizing of the kennels and facility.

ITEM 6. Advisory Board Appointments:

- A. **Division on Aging Advisory Committee (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously appointed Fannie Graham Long for a period of three (3) years, with the term expiring on 12/31/17.

ITEM 7. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration at the February 16, 2015 Meeting:

- A. Voluntary Agricultural Districts Advisory Committee (1)
B. Bladen County Nursing Home Advisory Committee (1)

ITEM 8. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed Board calendars for the months of February and March, 2015
- B. Mr. Martin stated that a webinar has been scheduled for viewing on Monday, March 23, 2015 at 2:00pm regarding best practices for Boards of Equalization and Review. Mr. Martin stated that he and Tax Administrator Chris Ellis will be viewing. The webinar is hosted by the UNC School of Government and will feature an interactive discussion of the best practices for hearing property tax appeals. Chairman Peterson polled the Board to determine how many Commissioners may be available to participate. Commissioners Bullock, Edge and Pait, along with Chairman Peterson, indicated their plans to attend the webinar.
- C. Mr. Martin provided an update regarding East Carolina Avenue in White Lake. A citizen attended a recent Board of Commissioners meeting and expressed his concern regarding the poor condition of the road beyond the White Lake town limits. The Town of White Lake maintains 385 feet of the

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roadway. The remainder of the roadway is privately owned and is not town, county or state maintained. Mr. Martin and Commissioner Edge have both discussed with Mr. Capozzi that the property owners are responsible for the maintenance of the roadway outside the town limits.

ITEM 9. Closed Session:

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board unanimously voted to enter into a Closed Session at 6:48pm in Accordance with NCGS 143.318.11(a)(6) Personnel.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Pait the Board exited Closed Session at 7:02pm. No action was taken during the Closed Session

Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Charles R. Peterson, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners