

March 2, 2015

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, March 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: 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 Bullock, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board voted to pull item 9D-Consider Approving a Construction Manager at Risk Agreement Regarding the Detention Center Project. The vote was eight AYES (Bullock, Cogdell, Blanks, Smith, Priest, Dowless, Pait and Edge) to one NO (Peterson).

Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board approved the following Consent Items, with the addition of item 9E-View an NCACC video update:

- A. Agenda.
- B. Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 16, 2015.
- C. Minutes of Special Meeting of February 18, 2015.
- D. Budget Amendments as follows:

Animal Control

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105200.499.028	Spay/Neuter Grant	6,149.70	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103260.041	Spay/Neuter Grant	6,149.70	

Spay/Neuter Grant for Oct-Dec, 2014.

Parks and Recreation

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106600.499.008	Deputies	1,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103660.010	Recreation Fees	1,000.00	

Use gate receipts from basketball program to pay for deputies.

Parks and Recreation

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106600.803	Insurance	1,335.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103660.000	Insurance	1,335.00	

Purchase insurance for program.

Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106900.908	To Jail Construction	102,500.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	102,500.00	

Additional services required for the design of approximately 7600 square feet for use as the Sheriff's Law Enforcement Facility Space.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.689	Energy Neighbor Fund	612.38	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.031	Energy Neighbor Fund	612.38	

Funding Authorization #9.

ITEM 4. Bladen County Schools: (Dr. Robert Taylor, Superintendent)

A. Dr. Taylor, along with Director of Finance Sharon Penny and Board of Education Chair Ophelia Munn-Goins, provided an overview and update regarding fiscal demands of the school system. Unfortunately, school budgets from the State level have been published days prior to the start of school year, which demands reaction at a relatively late date. Dr. Taylor stated that the use of capital outlay funds and fund balance has become a necessity over the last two years in order to assure that the schools have adequate resources to function.

Chairman Peterson stated that the County could not supplant funds which the State had reduced. However, Chairman Peterson stated that he understood State funding has been decreased over the last few years and that State funding for a school system is directly tied to the enrollment, and Bladen County Schools has experienced a reduction in enrollment in recent years.

Board of Education Chair Ophelia Munn-Goins expressed her understanding that Bladen County would be unable to completely fund all requests.

Director of Finance Sharon Penny stated that State funding of the Driver's Education program has been reduced to the point of losses in the amount of approximately \$90 per student.

Dr. Taylor shared his appreciation to the Board for its support by increasing funding in recent years.

B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board unanimously approved a Bladen County Public School Building Capital Fund, NC Education Lottery Application for the purpose of roof repairs over the old Agriculture/JROTC building at Elizabethtown Middle School.

ITEM 5. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one in attendance addressed the Board of Commissioners.

ITEM 6. General Services: (Robert Mazur, Director)

A. Mr. Mazur presented a Resolution for the purpose of authorizing the sale of surplus county property at public auction. The previous auction was held on October 12, 2013.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board unanimously adopted the following Resolution to authorize the sale of certain county property at public auction:

The image shows a resolution document on the left and a list of property parcels on the right. The resolution is titled 'RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN COUNTY PROPERTY AT PUBLIC AUCTION' and is signed by the Board of Commissioners on March 2, 2015. The property list includes columns for parcel ID, acreage, and owner name, listing various parcels owned by entities like 'Bladen County' and 'Bladen County Schools'.

ITEM 7. Emergency Services: (Bradley Kinlaw, Fire Marshal)

A. Mr. Kinlaw presented a proposed Proclamation, recognizing March 1-17, 2015 as Severe Weather Preparedness Week 2015 in Bladen County. The proclamation encourages Bladen County residents to observe the week with appropriate activities that promote awareness and safety regarding severe weather and how to stay safe.

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Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, the Board unanimously adopted the following Proclamation:



ITEM 8. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration at the March 16, 2015 Meeting:

- A. Southeastern Economic Development Commission (1)
- B. White Lake Planning & Zoning (ETJ) Commission (1)

ITEM 9. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed Board calendars for the months of March and April, 2015
- B. Mr. Martin provided an overview of a proposal and cost estimate from the State. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to ask for a formal proposal from NC Division of Adult Correction & Juvenile Justice to provide a 15-passenger van and fourteen (14) Inmates to work with the County (8 inmates) and Town of Elizabethtown (4 inmates).
- C. Mr. Martin, at the request of the NC Association of County Commissioners (NCACC), asked the Board to consider scheduling a meeting with the Legislative Delegation, consisting of Senator Rabon, Representative Brisson and Representative Waddell. Chairman Peterson asked Mr. Martin to proceed with scheduling a meeting with tentative dates for final approval by the Board at a future meeting.
- D. Consider Approving a Construction Manager at Risk Agreement Regarding the Detention Center Project. This item was removed from the agenda.
- E. The Board viewed a video update provided by the NC Association of County Commissioners regarding Association activities.

Commissioner Blanks invited the Board of Commissioners to attend the Annual Blue Monday Shad Festival held at Lock & Dam #1 in East Arcadia on Monday, April 6, 2015.

Commissioner Bullock inquired about a monthly prayer service which is held the first Monday of each month at 8am for employees.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Charles R. Peterson, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners