

**March 27, 2014**

A special meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, March 27, 2013 at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room of the Delton facility at 340 Aviation Parkway, Elizabethtown, North Carolina. The purpose of the meeting was to meet with Representative William Brisson and Representative Ken Waddell, regarding matters of interest to Bladen County and to discuss and receive feedback regarding the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners five priority goals and hot topics for the 2014 session. Senator Bill Rabon was unable to attend.

Members present:

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

Guests: Representative William Brisson  
Representative Ken Waddell

**ITEM 1.** Chairman Smith called the meeting to order and provided the Invocation.

**ITEM 2.** The following Matters of Interest to Commissioners were discussed:

- A. Property Tax Certification for Deed Transfer
- B. Inmate Labor
- C. Criminal Penalty for Unneeded Ambulance Requests
- D. EMS Medicaid Cost Settlement
- E. Judicial Process Impact on Jail Population
- F. Lock and Dam #2 Project

**ITEM 3.** NCACC Priority Issues:

- A. Reinstate Lottery Funds for School Construction
- B. Oppose Shift of State Transportation Responsibilities to Counties
- C. Oppose Unfunded Mandates and Shifts of State Responsibilities to Counties
- D. Ensure Adequate Mental Health Funding
- E. Preserve the Existing Local Revenue Base

**ITEM 4.** Other NCACC Issues of Importance

- A. Allow more cost effective methods for second primary elections
- B. Seek legislation to expand county governments' use of 911 funds, protect and enhance current funding streams and maintain full operational flexibility and autonomy.
- C. Request the reduction of detention center space requirements in existing and new detention centers in all counties in North Carolina

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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James G. Smith, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Gregory J. Martin, Deputy Clerk