

August 18, 2014

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, August 18, 2014 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse.

The following members were present:

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

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

ITEM 1. Chairman Smith called the meeting to order. Reverend Larry Hayes, Good News Baptist Church, Bladenboro, NC provided the Invocation. County Manager Gregory J. Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2. Consent Items:
Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board approved the following Consent Items:

- A. Agenda.
- B. Minutes of Regular Meeting on August 4, 2014.
- C. Budget Amendments as follows:

Health

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
105900.499.044	NCPHF-CQI	34.84	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.053	Fund Balance Appropriated – Health	34.84	

Unused funds from CQI Grant.

Health

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
1059005960.211.001	Fire Prevention	400.00	
1059005960.499.030	Wolfe Mini Grant	1,245.12	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.053	Fund Balance Appropriated – Health	1,645.12	

Unused funds from Fire Prevention and Wolfe Mini Grants.

Health

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
1059005987.120	Salaries	8,000.00	
1059005980.125	Overtime	4,475.00	
1059005987.181	FICA	955.00	
1059005987.182	Retirement	882.00	
1059005987.185	Retiree Health Insurance	688.00	
1059005987.200	Supplies	300.00	
1059005987.310	Travel	1,375.00	
1059005987.321	Telephone	657.00	
1059005987.353	Copier	300.00	
1059005987.395.103	Advisory Meetings	660.00	
1059005987.499	Miscellaneous	7,157.50	
1059005987.499.038	Incentives	5,157.50	
1059005987.610	Contracted Services	4,050.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	34,657.00	

Unused funds from CHAP Grant.

Extension - JCPC

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
106805.181	FICA		21.00
106805.182	Retirement	36.00	
106805.183	Group Insurance	560.00	
106805.185	Retirees Health Insurance		15.00
106805.200.009	TC-Supplies & Materials		232.00
106805.200.010	LS-Supplies & Materials	794.00	
106805.200.011	RS-Supplies & Materials	118.00	
106805.800	Unemployment Insurance	1.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103230.022	JCPC-4H Juvenile Services	1,241.00	

State approved grant.

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Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
146100.689	Energy Neighbor Fund		5,255.00
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.031	Energy Neighbor Fund		5,255.00

Funding Authorization #1.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
146100.689	Energy Neighbor Fund	456.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.031	Energy Neighbor Fund	456.00	

Funding Authorization #2.

Department of Social Services/Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
1461006160.545	Federal Adoption Incentive	10,586.78	
1461006160.571	Caring for Kids – Foster Care	92.13	
1461006160.650.001	Foster Care Donations	398.45	
1461006160.650.003	Adult Abuse Awareness	375.00	
1461006160.499.041	Carseat Donations	65.00	
1461006160.499.050	Memorials	100.00	
106900903	TO DSS	11,617.36	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143550.080	Fm General Fund	11,617.36	
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	11,617.36	

Rollover of unspent accounts.

D. County Attorney Invoices:

Date	Department	Amount
8/01/14	Aug-14 Retainer	\$ 300.00
8/01/14	Board of Elections	\$ 750.00
8/07/14	General Services/Solid Waste	\$ 745.00
8/12/14	Board of Elections	\$ 800.00
8/14/14	Sheriff's Office	\$ 610.00
	Total	\$ 3,205.00

- E. Tax Releases and Refunds No. 7-14, incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.
- F. Laboratory Services Agreement with Bladen Healthcare, LLC d/b/a Cape Fear Valley-Bladen County Hospital.
- G. Fees, Eligibility and Billing Policy and Procedures

ITEM 3. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

Commissioner Peterson wished to address the Board and audience in order to recognize Robert Hester. Mr. Hester was inducted into NC Association of County Commissioners' Hall of Fame during the recent annual conference held in Asheville, NC. To be eligible, individuals must have been active within NCACC, including service as a member of the Board of Directors. Individuals must also have made significant contributions to county government at either the state or national levels, such as a leadership role with the National Association of Counties (NACo) or service at a higher office. Mr. Hester served Bladen County as a County Commissioner and served NCACC as 2nd Vice President and as a field representative for NCACC for 25 years. The entire Board and those in attendance showed their appreciation and congratulations to Mr. Hester.

ITEM 4. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address the Commissioners:

Reverend Larry Hayes invited the Board and everyone in attendance to attend a Cry Out, America event scheduled for September 11, 2014 at noon on the Courthouse lawn.

ITEM 5. Public Hearings

- A. Chairman Smith declared open a Public Hearing to receive comments regarding a Proposed Schedule of Values related to the 2015 county-wide revaluation. No one in attendance wished to address the Board.

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- B. Chairman Smith declared open a Public Hearing to receive comments regarding a Future Land Use Plan (2014-2030).

Planning Director Greg Elkins provided an overview of the preparation, organization and production of the Land Use Plan. Several meetings were held throughout the county for citizen input and information during the past several months. All in all, the Land Use Plan was developed over a period of approximately eighteen (18) months.

No one else in attendance wished to address the Board.

Chairman Smith declared closed the Public Hearings.

- C. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board unanimously adopted a 2014-2030 Bladen County Land Use Plan.

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

- A. Mrs. Coleman provided an overview of the financial dashboard report for the one-month period ending July 31, 2014. She informed the Board that there would be several expense and revenue items that would be rolled back to the prior fiscal year (FY 2013-2014).

ITEM 7. Revenue Department: (Carol Cain, Tax Collector)

- A. Mrs. Cain presented an Unpaid Tax Report and Annual Settlement for Years 2004-2013 for the Board's review and consideration, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 105-373. Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board unanimously approved the Report as presented.
- B. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 105-321(b) and upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board unanimously Charged the Tax Collector to collect taxes charged in the Tax Records and Receipts.

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

- A. Mr. Martin presented a proposed FY 2014-2015 agreement between Rescue Squads and Bladen County. Approved annual appropriations to each of the EMS units would have a direct correlation to the unit's response to first duty calls in its primary coverage areas. The unit is required to respond to 75% of the first duty calls in order to receive 100% funding. The funding amount will be proportionate to the percentage of response to calls. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board unanimously approved the EMS Funding Agreement for Bladenboro, Clarkton, Elizabethtown and Tar Heel Rescue Squads; and White Lake Water Rescue for FY 2014-2015.

ITEM 9. Advisory Board Appointments:

- A. **Animal Control Board (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, the Board unanimously tabled this appointment until a future meeting.
- B. **Highway Safety Committee (3):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board waived the policy regarding limits and unanimously reappointed Emery White, Terry Baker and Phil Allen for three (3) years each, with terms expiring August 31, 2017.
- C. **Southeastern Partnership, Inc. Board of Directors (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board unanimously appointed Charles R. Peterson to the Board of Directors, for a period of two (2) years. Mr. Peterson's term will begin at the completion of orientation, scheduled for August and September.

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ITEM 10. County Manager: Greg Martin

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed the calendars for August and September 2014.
- B. Mr. Martin provided a brief overview of issues for consideration for a possible Jail construction project. Steps discussed included retaining an architect, site location, design of facility and visiting other jail facilities for design consideration, Local Government Commission approval, financing of project (USDA Rural Development loan funds are available). Other issues include an agreement with a contractor, as there are agreement options such as prime contractor agreement or construction manager at risk agreement. There may also be consideration of committees to be established and special meetings scheduled in preparation for the possibility of a project.

Mr. Martin recognized a delegation from Bladen County Schools in attendance and stated that the Board and County Manager had received a request for additional funding in the amount of \$186,000 to fund four (4) additional teacher positions. This funding would eliminate the need for combination classrooms. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board did not approve the request for additional funding by a vote of eight (8) AYES (Smith, Gillespie, Peterson, Cogdell, Blanks, Dowless, Pait and Edge) to one (1) NO (Priest).

Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

James G. Smith, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners