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A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, August 4, 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: Leslie 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:

Chairman Smith requested that the following items be added to the proposed Agenda:

- Item 11F. Schedule a Special Meeting for August 18, 2014 at 5pm regarding Legislative Goals
- Item 11G. Enter Closed Session related to NCGS 143-318.11(3), Attorney/Client Privilege.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, the Board approved the following Consent Items, including the proposed Agenda as amended:

- A. Agenda.
- B. Minutes of Regular Meeting on July 21, 2014.
- C. Minutes of Special Meeting on July 29, 2014.
- D. Budget Amendments as follows:

Planning

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
104220.270	Advertising	500.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103110.001	Zoning/Cell Tower	500.00	

Cover fees associated with cell tower public hearing.

Sheriff

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
105100.200.016	Supplies – Surplus Proceeds	6,921.89	
105100.499.043	Incident Provisions	2,186.40	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	9,108.29	

Rollover of unspent accounts.

Sheriff, Jail, Emergency Telephone

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
105100.610	Contract Services		55,000.00
105100.740	Capital Outlay-Equipment	9,875.00	
1051005110.610	Contract Services	7,121.00	
1051005110.740	Capital Outlay-Equipment	48,539.00	
225301.610	Contract Services	3,080.00	
225301.740	Capital Outlay-Equipment		3,080.00
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	10,535.00	

Funding necessary to complete CAD project approved in 2014-2015 budget.

Animal Control

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
105200.499.028	Spay/Neuter Grant	7,777.43	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103260.041	Spay/Neuter Grant	7,777.43	

Spay/Neuter Grant for April-June 2014.

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Health

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
1059005905.741	Capital Outlay-Vehicles	29,646.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.053	Fund Balance Appropriated – Health	15,925.00	
103190.010	Miscellaneous Revenue	13,721.00	

Purchase vehicle for Environmental Health from insurance claims on wrecked vehicle 12/2012.

Health

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
1059005986.200	Supplies	50.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103530.150	F/S Communicable Disease	50.00	

Additional Grant Received from State.

E. County Attorney Invoices:

Date	Department	Amount
7/07/14	Planning Board	\$ 850.00
7/22/14	Release of CHAF Deeds of Trust	\$ 8,025.00
7/25/14	Sheriff's Department	\$ 550.00
7/29/14	Operations	\$ 210.00
7/30/14	Sheriff's Department	\$ 795.00
8/01/14	Emergency Services	\$ 300.00
	Total	\$ 10,730.00

- F. Chairman Smith as NCACC Voting Delegate for the upcoming NCACC Annual Conference scheduled for August 14-17, 2014 in Asheville, NC
- G. Use of Courthouse lawn for Cry Out America event, scheduled for September 11, 2014 at noon
- H. Forest Service Agreement with the State of North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the protection, development and improvement of forest land in Bladen County for a total of \$431,342. Of the total Bladen County will be financially responsible for \$172,537 (40%) for the period ending June 30, 2015.
- I. Public Hearing for Monday, August 18, 2014 to Receive Public Comment Regarding a Future Land Use Plan 2014-2013.

ITEM 3. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

- A. Commissioner Edge made a motion to request the Board of Elections to include a referendum on the General Election ballot for the on-premise sale of beer and unfortified wine, and he referenced N.C.G.S. 18B-602. Commissioner Cogdell provided a second. The motion passed by five (5) AYES (Edge, Codgell, Blanks, Gillespie and Dowless), to four (4) NOES (Smith, Pait, Peterson and Priest).

Note: Under N. C. G. S. 18B-604(a), No county alcoholic beverage election may be held within three (3) years of the certification of the results of a previous election on the same kind of alcoholic beverages in that county. A referendum failed during the May 2014 Primary election for the sale of off-premise malt beverages and the sale of off-premise unfortified wine. Therefore, by State Law the previously recorded Motion, Second and Vote is void.

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

- A. Mr. William Hemphill requested to address the Board of Commissioners prior to the meeting being convened. Mr. Hemphill stated his concerns regarding a lack of security in and around the Courthouse. He identified several items which he felt to be unacceptable for the security of the judicial system, employees and citizens.

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

- A. Mr. Harrelson provided an overview of the Resolution to Disinter, Remove and Reinter approximately 26 graves from property located in the right of way of the scheduled NC87/US701 interchange. This resolution is required in accordance with N.C.G.S 65-106. Following questions from Commissioners

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Cogdell and Peterson regarding the age of the graveyard and the attempt to notify next of kin, a motion was made by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:



- B. Mr. Harrelson provided a brief overview of a proposed subcontract with Jermaine R. Brown related to the Community Healthy Activities Project (CHAP). The prior Grant Coordinator accepted another position within the agency which created a vacancy for CHAP. It was recommended to subcontract with Mr. Brown to ensure the completion of the project instead of refunding Kate B. Reynolds Foundation for unused funds. The project is targeting citizens in the East Arcadia community. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board unanimously approved the subcontract with Mr. Jermaine R. Brown, for the purpose of completing the Community Healthy Activities Project (CHAP) through December 2014.

ITEM 6. Revenue Department: (Chris Ellis, Tax Administrator)

- A. Mr. Ellis and Mr. Tim Cain provided an overview of a proposed Schedule of Values in preparation of the Public Hearing scheduled for Monday, August 18, 2014. The process for revaluation is more neighborhood-specific than the previous revaluation completed in 2007. Currently, for the purposes of valuation, there have been six (6) valuation areas and approximately 100 neighborhoods identified within the county. Assessed value notices are to be mailed to property owners in December 2014. The informal appeals process would likely begin in January 2015.

ITEM 7. Sheriff's Office: (Captain Jeff Singletary) and GIS/E911: (Alisha Evans, Supervisor)

- A. Captain Singletary and Ms. Evans, along with InterAct Sales Executive Javier Tunon, provided information and an overview of the capabilities of proposed software for purchase through General Services Administration (GSA) and with Colossus d/b/a InterAct to E9 Corporation for computer aided dispatch, records management system and jail management software. These products would work together seamlessly for real-time communication, collaboration across agencies, disciplines and locations. The program is also NextGen compliant and cost effective to the County. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board unanimously approved the scope of work and payment terms with Colossus d/b/a InterAct to E-9 Corporation.

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

- A. In Mr. Kinlaw's absence, Mr. Greg Martin provided information for consideration. Mr. Martin presented a Shelter Memorandum of Understanding with the Red Cross, Bladen County Schools and County of Bladen. The MOU identifies responsibilities for each entity during shelter operations. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board unanimously approved the Memorandum of Understanding as presented.

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ITEM 9. Advisory Board Appointments:

- A. **Animal Control Board (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board unanimously tabled this appointment until a future meeting.
- B. **Carvers Creek Fire Service District Committee (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board unanimously appointed Jerry Andrews for a three-year term of service, with term expiring on June 30, 2017.
- C. **Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board unanimously appointed Keith A. Graham service term of two years, with term expiration of June 30, 2016.

ITEM 10. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration at the August 18, 2014 Meeting:

- A. Highway Safety Committee (3), for a three-year term of service
- B. Southeastern Partnership Board of Directors (1), for a two-year term of service

ITEM 11. County Manager: Greg Martin

- A. Mr. Martin provided a brief overview regarding The Southeastern Partnership, Inc. (d/b/a NC's Southeast). There are fourteen (14) counties participating in the partnership and each will have the opportunity to appoint a representative to the Partnership's Board of Directors. Orientation sessions for county appointees have been scheduled for Tuesday, August 26th and Thursday, September 4th. The first Board meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 6th in Elizabethtown. The newest Board members will join the twenty-four (24) private sector board members who have been meeting since 2013 to implement the transition.
- B. Mr. Martin provided information regarding mileage reimbursement to Advisory Boards at the request of the Board at a previous meeting. Commissioner Peterson made a motion to table the topic until budget process for FY 2015-2016. The motion died due to lack of a second. Following discussion, the Board requested to include options at a Workshop to be scheduled during Agenda item 11F.
- C. Mr. Martin presented information regarding requests received for funding from non-profit agencies. It was requested by the Board to include this topic at a Workshop to be scheduled during Agenda item 11F.
- D. Mr. Martin stated that the Chairman Smith had received correspondence from the Governor's office, notifying the County of financial assistance in the amount of \$4,000 for a Butters-Richardson area drainage study. It is noted that the Division of Water Resources of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources will be contacting the Soil and Water Department concerning administrative requirements for the use of the funds.
- E. Mr. Martin reviewed the calendars for August and September 2014.
- F. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board unanimously scheduled a Workshop to be held on Monday, August 18, 2014, at 5pm. Topics will include legislative goals for 2014-2015, possible mileage reimbursement for advisory boards and charitable requests for FY 2014-2015.

Chairman Smith recognized 4H Youth Development Director Stacie Kinlaw and Claire Parrish. Ms. Parrish will be attending the upcoming NCACC Annual Conference in Asheville as a Youth Delegate. Ms. Kinlaw invited all of the Commissioners to join Ms. Parrish for a Saturday morning breakfast meeting.

- G. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board entered Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11a(3), Attorney/Client Privilege.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board exited Closed Session and re-entered Regular session.

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Chairman Smith stated the reason for the Closed Session was related to information received from Judge Douglas Sasser regarding the Jail facility. Judge Sasser has requested to be updated every thirty (30) days regarding progress.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

James G. Smith, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners