

September 2, 2014

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, September 2, 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:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board approved the following Consent Items:

- A. Agenda.
- B. Minutes of Special Meeting on August 18, 2014.
- C. Minutes of Regular Meeting on August 18, 2014.
- D. Budget Amendments as follows:

Jail

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
1051005110.740	Capital Outlay-Equipment	12,096.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	12,096.00	

Purchase of two new heat pumps and air handlers for the Bladen County Jail.

Health

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
1059005905.201.002	Mosquito Control Supplies		5,000.00
<i>Revenues</i>			
103330.061	DHHS-Environmental Health		5,000.00

State Budget eliminates funding for Mosquito Control.

Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
106900.901.002	To Single Family Rehab	5,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	5,000.00	

Funding approved by Board of Commissioners for the Single Family Rehab Program.

Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
106900.903	To DSS		347.00
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated		347.00

Increase in LIEAP/Energy Assistance Federal Funding. Funding Authorization #1.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
146100.688	Crisis Intervention	155,748.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.220	Crisis intervention	155,748.00	

Funding Authorization #2, increase in funding.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
146100.6160.550	Smart Start		43,787.00
<i>Revenues</i>			
143690.000	Smart Start		43,787.00

Funding Authorization #1, decrease in funding.

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Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
146100.6160.565	Child Day Care	249,214.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.310	Child Day Care	249,214.00	

Funding Authorization #1, increase in funding.

Single Family Rehab

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
784990.621.001	Soft Cost	40,000.00	
784990.621.002	Hard Cost	120,000.00	
784990.960.001	Admin	5,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
783422.002	Fm General Fund	5,000.00	
783970.023	Single Family Rehab	160,000.00	

Setup budget for the Single Family Rehab Program.

E. County Attorney Invoices:

Date	Department	Amount
8/22/14	E M S	\$ 795.00
8/29/14	Water District	\$ 750.00
	Total	\$ 1,545.00

- F. Agreement with NCDOT and BARTS for FY 2014-2015, in the amount of \$237,406.
- G. Proclamation recognizing September as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.
- H. 2015-2016 Library Services and Technology Act NC Cardinal Migration Grant Agreement in the amount of \$26,371.
- I. Health Department Appeals Policy.
- J. Health Department Employee Flex Schedule Policy.
- K. Health Department Fixed Assets Policy.
- L. Health Department Internal Control Policy.

ITEM 3. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

Commissioner Edge provided a brief update on a bridge replacement project at Bladen Community College, funded by the County. He stated that it is under construction and is on schedule to be completed by the end of next week, September 12.

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

No one in attendance wished to address the Board.

ITEM 5. Finance Department: (Lisa Coleman, Finance Officer)

- A. During the budget process, a new ambulance was included to be purchased during FY 2014-2015. After researching available options, David Howell, County Manager Greg Martin and Mrs. Coleman recommended to purchase a remount unit. Mrs. Coleman presented proposals received regarding financing for a remount ambulance. Of the eight (8) requests sent out, two (2) respondents submitted financing quotes, First Citizens Bank and Branch Banking and Trust. Mrs. Coleman recommended accepting the proposal from First Citizens Bank with an interest rate of 1.5%, with total payments totaling \$82,792.50. Upon a motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board unanimously accepted financing terms submitted by First Citizens Bank for the purchase of a remount ambulance.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board unanimously adopted a Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse related to installment financing of a remount ambulance. The Declaration is incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

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

- A. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 105-317 (c) (3), Mr. Ellis asked the Board to consider adopting a Proposed Schedule of Values, Standards and Rules regarding a county-wide Revaluation. Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board unanimously adopted the 2015 Schedule of Values, Standards and Rules.
- B. Mr. Ellis requested the Board to consider scheduling an Equalization and Review Board meeting to hear two (2) taxpayers who wish to address the Board. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, the Board unanimously scheduled a Board of Equalization and Review Board meeting for Monday, September 15, 2014 at 5:30pm.

ITEM 7. General Services: (Robert Mazur, Director)

- A. Chairman Smith requested Agenda item number 7 be deleted. It will be revisited at a future meeting.

ITEM 8. Parks and Recreation Department (Grant Pait, Director)

- A. In Mr. Pait's absence, County Manager Greg Martin presented proposals requested and received related to the paving project at the county park. Six (6) Requests for Quotes were sent out on June 30, 2014. Only two (2) contractors responded; Smith Brothers Paving and Trigon of Whiteville. Mr. Martin recommended acceptance of Smith Brothers Paving proposal of \$155,325 for the project. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board unanimously accepted the proposal submitted by Smith Brothers Paving.

ITEM 9. Health and Human Services: (Cris Harrelson, Director)

- A. Mr. Harrelson presented a Partnership to Improve Community Health (PICH) Grant proposal which will be made available by Regions. Robeson County has applied for consideration of the award, and Bladen County Health and Human Services has submitted a letter of support to William J. Smith, Robeson County Health Director. Awards to states will be announced on September 30, 2014, and may range from \$1,000,000 to \$4,000,000 by state. Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board unanimously supported the regional grant proposal.

ITEM 10. Emergency Services: (Bradley Kinlaw, Director and Fire Marshal)

- A. In Mr. Kinlaw's absence, County Manager Greg Martin presented a recommendation to declare three (3) defibrillator monitors as surplus property. They were taken out of service during the spring of 2014, when new monitors were purchased. Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board unanimously declared three (3) LifePak 12 Biphasic Defibrillator Monitors surplus.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board unanimously agreed to donate one (1) LifePak 12 Biphasic Defibrillator Monitor to Elizabethtown Rescue Squad and sell the two (2) remaining units on the GovDeals website.

ITEM 11. Bladen County Water District

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board unanimously entered session as the Water District Board of Directors.
- B. County Manager Greg Martin provided an overview of the request for the Board to consider adopting a Resolution regarding the Local Water Supply Plan, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-355 (1). Correspondence has been received

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from NCDENR indicating that the local water supply plan meets the minimum criteria. However, in order to be in compliance with General Statutes, the Board must adopt a Resolution. Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board unanimously adopted the following Resolution for adopting a Local Water Supply Plan related to East Bladen 03-09-060 for the Bladen County Water District:



- C. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board unanimously approved to exit session as the Water District Board of Directors.

ITEM 12. Advisory Board Appointments:

- A. **Animal Control Board (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board unanimously tabled this appointment until a future meeting.

ITEM 13. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration at the September 15, 2014 Meeting:

- A. Keep Bladen Beautiful (3)
- B. Lower Cape Fear Water Sewer Authority (2)
- C. Voluntary Agricultural Districts Committee (1)
- D. Library Board (1)
- E. Lumber River Council of Governments Region N Aging Advisory Council (1)
- F. Bay Tree Fire Department Firefighters Relief Fund Advisory Board (2)
- G. East Arcadia Fire Department Firefighters Relief Fund Advisory Board (2)
- H. Kelly Fire Department Firefighters Relief Fund Advisory Board (2)
- I. Lisbon Fire Department Firefighters Relief Fund Advisory Board (2)
- J. Tar Heel Fire Department Firefighters Relief Fund Advisory Board (2)
- K. Tobermory Fire Department Firefighters Relief Fund Advisory Board (2)
- L. White Oak Fire Department Firefighters Relief Fund Advisory Board (2)

ITEM 14. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed calendars for the months of September and October, 2014.
- B. Mr. Martin presented Bladen Community College's FY 2014-2015 Budget for review and approval. Of the total \$15,981,850 budget, Bladen County's appropriation for FY 2014-2015 is \$765,803. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board unanimously approved the Bladen Community College Budget as presented.
- C. Mr. Martin updated the Board on a Golden LEAF Foundation Community Based Grantsmaking Initiative which was presented August 28 on the campus of Bladen Community College. Twenty-two (22) counties located within the Northwest and Sandhills Prosperity Zones will be eligible to apply for \$12,000,000. Each county will be allowed to submit between one and three **Letters of Inquiry** for project ideas that total no more than \$1,500,000. A 20% cash match per project is also required for a successful award. The deadline for submitting projects for consideration is December 1, 2014.

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Mr. Martin stated that, in the near future, there would be requests to schedule meetings to discuss potential projects for submittal.

D. The Board viewed a brief video update produced by the NCACC.

Chairman Smith reminded everyone in attendance of the Cry Out, America ceremony scheduled for Thursday, September 11 at noon on the front lawn of the Courthouse. He encouraged all to attend.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

James G. Smith, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners