

**August 31, 2017**

A Special Meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, August 31, 2017 at 6:30 pm in Commissioners Room on the lower level of the Bladen County Courthouse, Elizabethtown. The purpose of the meeting is to consider entering Closed Session in Accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a) (3) Attorney-Client Privilege.

Members present were:

Charles R. Peterson, Chairman

Ray Britt, Vice Chairman

Michael Cogdell

Daniel Dowless

Arthur Bullock

Russell Priest

David Gooden

Ashley Trivette

Ophelia Munn-Goins

Attorneys: Leslie Johnson

**ITEM 1. Call to Order:**

Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order and provided an invocation. County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM 2. Closed Session:**

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Priest, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously entered Closed Session in Accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a) (3) Attorney-Client Privilege at 6:31pm.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board exited Closed Session at 7:05 pm.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board approved a \$4,000,000 settlement regarding the Joseph Sledge case. The motion passed on a vote of seven (7) AYES (Cogdell, Bullock, Gooden, Trivette, Priest, Britt, Munn-Goins) to two (2) NOES (Peterson, Dowless).

Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm.

ATTEST:

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Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

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Charles R. Peterson, Chairman