

**May 31, 2012**

A special meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, May 31, 2012 at 6:00 pm regarding FY 2012-2013 Budget.

Members present were:

Charles Ray Peterson, Chairman  
 James G. "Jimmie" Smith, Vice Chairman  
 Lewis Tatum  
 Mark Gillespie  
 David Gooden  
 Daniel Dowless  
 Billy Ray Pait  
 Russell Priest

Delilah Blanks - Absent

Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order. Commissioner Dowless provided the Invocation and County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM 1. Budget Requests:**

- A. Bladen Community College: Dr. William Findt, President and Hayes Petteway appeared before the Board to request additional funding for Bladen Community College. Dr. Findt stated there were nineteen (19) buildings on campus that were built between 1970 and 1980 that are facing serious issues. Dr. Findt further stated that the college received a Civil Rights Compliance Review/Report in May, citing 38 pages of deficiencies that must be addressed or the college could lose federal funding.
- B. Bladen County Schools: Finance Officer Sharon Penny appeared before the Board and requested the Board to fund public schools at the same level as this past year and to continue to seek opportunities for additional funding for education in light of their projected shortfall of \$800,000 to \$1M. Ms. Penny stated that the shortfall could be less or more, depending on the final outcome of the State budget.
- C. White Lake Water Rescue: Dale Jernigan, Chief, requested additional funding of \$10,000 in order to purchase necessary equipment required to respond to water emergency incidents.
- D. Emergency Services: Emergency Services Director Bradley Kinlaw presented a power point presentation regarding the overall operation of Emergency Services to support the need for a Deputy Fire Marshal.
- E. Sheriff's Office: Lt. Jeff Singletary presented a 2012-2013 Budget justification for an additional office staff position for the Sheriff's Office.
- F. Recreation Department: Director Grant Pait requested the Board consider allocating funds for a truck for the Recreation Department.
- G. DSS: County Manager Greg Martin provided the Board with an email from DSS Director June Koenig, who was unable to attend the budget meeting, requesting that CSA II and IMCW II positions be returned in the FY 2012-2013 proposed budget.

**ITEM 2. Review:****A. Items from May 29, 2012 Meeting:**

The following items were selected to be added to the FY 2012-2013 proposed budget:

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| i. Two Percent COLA                  | Approximate County Share        | \$ 207,758  |
| ii. Public Education Current Expense |                                 | \$ 300,000  |
|                                      | Public Education Capital Outlay | \$ (80,000) |
| iii. Deputy Fire Marshal             |                                 | \$ 29,570   |
| iv. Building Inspections Vehicle     |                                 | \$ 18,500   |

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The following items were discussed:

- i. Sheriff – Receptionist - determine if part time is a possibility
  - ii. DSS-Vacant Positions - (2) delete
  - iii. Recreation – Secretary - County Manager to discuss the possibility of assistance from personnel at the Health Department
  - iv. Water - Meter Reader - Wait until such time that it is determined that a water meter reader is required.
- B. Division On Aging Funding: County Manager Greg Martin provided the Board with a detailed spreadsheet regarding Sources of Revenue for Human Services.
- C. Proposed Changes to FY 2012-2013 Budget: County Manager Greg Martin reviewed the Changes from Proposed to Adopted Budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Pait and approved to adjourn at 7:03 pm.

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Charles Ray Peterson, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Sara S. West, Clerk