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A Special Meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, June 19, 2017 at 5:00 pm in Commissioners Room on the lower level of the Courthouse, Elizabethtown, NC. The purpose of the meeting is to review and discuss a Proposed FY 2017-18 Budget.

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

ITEM 1. Call to Order:

Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order. Reverend Larry Hayes, Good News Baptist Church, provided an invocation. County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2. Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget Information and Discussion:

Mr. Martin and Finance Office Lisa Coleman reviewed FY 2017-18 Proposed Budget, indicating the changes from the original proposed budget.

Mrs. Coleman provided additional detail regarding specific revisions to department budgets. Major revisions to prior presentations include an additional \$85,000 for a lobby and clinic renovation project at the Health Department, additional funding from the State for health promotions and Division on Aging realigned funding for continuous meal service at community nutrition sites.

Chairman Peterson asked that the Board of Commissioners be informed should funds run short, which may cause difficulty in the senior citizens delivered meals program. Mr. Martin indicated that he would communicate with Division on Aging and the Commissioners regarding the nutrition program funding for senior citizens.

Commissioner Trivette expressed her impression of Division on Aging Director Kelly Robeson. She stated that she was impressed with Mrs. Robeson's expression of concern and appreciation of senior residents.

Mr. Martin briefly provided an overview of \$82,722 in a contingency line item which may be used for any purpose approved by the Board, including a proposed Parks and Recreation Community Grant Program which is being developed.

Following discussion regarding the compensation study, Chairman Peterson briefly recessed the meeting at 5:45 pm.

Chairman Peterson reconvened the meeting at 5:55 pm.

During the recess, Mrs. Coleman prepared additional information for the Board's review regarding a 2% COLA and fully funding the compensation study, which was distributed to the Board.

Following additional discussion regarding the FY 2017-18 Budget, Chairman Peterson stated his willingness to entertain a motion to adopt the FY 2017-18 Budget.

Commissioner Trivette made a motion to adopt the FY 2017-18 Budget, to include fully funding the compensation study and a 2% COLA for those positions not affected by the compensation study. Commissioner Priest provided a second. The motion failed on a

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vote of four (4) AYES (Trivette, Priest, Britt, Peterson) to five (5) NOES (Cogdell, Gooden, Dowless, Bullock, Munn-Goins).

Commissioner Cogdell made a motion to phase in the compensation study by funding 50% during FY 2017-18 and a 2% increase to those positions not affected by the compensation study. Commissioner Munn-Goins provided a second.

Following discussion, Commissioner Britt made a substantive motion to postpone the matter to a future date to allow time for additional discussion. Commissioner Bullock provided a second. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Peterson revisited a previous motion on the floor, originally presented by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Munn-Goins, to phase in the compensation study by funding 50% during FY 2017-18 and a 2% increase to those positions not affected by the compensation study. The motion failed unanimously.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Trivette, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously adjourned the meeting at 6:02 pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Charles R. Peterson, Chairman