

June 26, 2015

A Special Meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held on Friday, June 26, 2015 at 1:00 pm in the Commissioners Room on the lower level of the Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was to consider Medicaid Transportation vendors and to consider scheduling a Board of Equalization & Review meeting.

Members present were:

Charles R. Peterson, Chairman

Russell Priest, Vice Chairman

Delilah Blanks

Michael Cogdell

James G. "Jimmie" Smith

Daniel Dowless

Billy Ray Pait

Wayne Edge

Arthur Bullock

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

ITEM I. Medicaid Transportation Vendor:

Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Priest, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously approved JOSS Transportation and Wood Transportation as Medicaid Transportation vendors for non-emergency transportation, at a rate of \$1.90/mile. Prior to the vote, Commissioner Smith expressed his concern of not being fully aware that two vendors for services was an option. Commissioner Blanks stated that historically, two vendors have been utilized for Medicaid Transportation services, as it would have been overwhelming for one vendor to attempt to cover all Medicaid transportation services.

ITEM II. Consider Scheduling a Board of Equalization and Review Meeting:

County Manager Greg Martin shared an email recently received from Tax Administrator Chris Ellis stating that the Revaluation and appeals process is drawing to a close. Mr. Ellis' email indicated a number of 2-3 appellants to be heard, and numerous consent items for consideration. Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously scheduled a Board of Equalization and Review meeting for Monday, July 6, 2015 at 4:00pm.

Chairman Peterson asked for Mr. Martin to update the Board regarding Amy Pharr's recently submitted letter of resignation. Mr. Martin shared that Mrs. Pharr turned in a letter of resignation on June 25. She will be available to work through July 8, 2015.

There being no other business to discuss, Chairman Peterson asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board adjourned at 1:05pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Charles R. Peterson, Chairman