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A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 6:30 pm in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse. The following members were present:

Billy Ray Pait, Chairman
Delilah Blanks, Vice Chairperson
W.D. Neill, Jr.
Lewis Tatum
Larry Smith
Charles Ray Peterson
Daniel Dowless
David Gooden
Albert Beatty

Attorney: Leslie Johnson, Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

Chairman Pait called the meeting to order. Vice Chairperson Blanks provided the Invocation and County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 1. Clerk of Superior Court Niki Dennis administered the Oath of Office for County Commissioner Albert Beatty.

ITEM 2. Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Delilah Blanks, the Board approved the following Consent Items:

A. Minutes of the March 15, 2010 Regular Meeting
B. Approve Agenda
C. Approve Budget Amendments

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JCPC Extension
Rev: 103190.050 $3.00
FBA
Administration
Exp: 104100.191.001 $100,000.00
Professional Services-
Hospital Audit
Rev: 103190.050 $100,000.00
FBA
JCPC-Court Psychology
Exp: 106805.643 $3,000.00
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Rev: 103230.020 $3,000.00
JCPC-Court Psychology
GIS Mapping
Exp: 104700.321 $300.00
Telecommunications
Rev: 104700.325 $300.00
Postage

D. County Attorney Invoices
- $300.00, January Retainer
- $960.00, 08 CVS 185
- $750.00, Fitness Center Issue
- $975.00, Attorney Review
- $550.00, Attorney Review
- $585.00, Fitness Center Issue
- $250.00, Community Transportation Program

ITEM 3. MATTERS OF INTEREST TO COMMISSIONERS:
- Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Delilah Blanks, the Board approved the donation of a County Flag to the Elizabethtown Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) organization.

ITEM 4. INDIVIDUALS/DELEGATIONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COMMISSIONERS:
A. Darrell Page, a member of the Fitness Center, requested an update regarding the proposed closing of the Fitness Center.
B. Shirley Clark, a Fitness Center Member, thanked the Board for listening to her concerns. She stated that since the closing of the pool at the Fitness Center, her health has been impacted by not having water aerobics.
C. Harvey Iwerks, a 10 year member of the Fitness Center, expressed his concern for the proposed Fitness Center closing.
D. Pearl Allen, a member of the Fitness Center, explained that the Fitness Center has been a great resource for her and her brother who has diabetics.
E. Delores Smoker, a member of the Fitness Center, expressed her concern of the proposed Fitness Center closing. She stated that two days after having surgery for Breast Cancer, she had a stroke which impacted the right side of her body. Furthermore, she described how regular visits to the Fitness Center have helped her gain strength.
F. Mitch Hester, a Fitness Center member, expressed his concern for the proposed closing of the Fitness Center. He explained that he was diagnosed with Neuropathy and a Lung Disease. He stated that he needed a lung transplant, but was ordered by the Doctor to lose 80
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pounds before he could be considered for a transplant. He described how the Fitness Center has helped him to lose 30 pounds and how the relationships he has formed with the employees and other members have given him inspiration and encouragement.

G. Leroy Pearson, who is 88 years old, expressed his concern for the proposed closing of the Fitness Center. He stated that he wouldn't be in the good health he is today without regular visits to the Fitness Center.

Attorney Leslie Johnson explained that the Board of County Commissioners and County Manager have been diligently working to explore options to keep the Fitness Center in operation.

Chairman Pait thanked the speakers and others in attendance for their comments and concerns regarding the proposed closing of the Fitness Center. He explained that there is a possibility that Cape Fear Valley may extend the closing date until June 30, 2010.

Chairman Pait recessed the meeting for a reception honoring new County Commissioner Albert Beatty.

RECEPTION

ITEM 5. REVENUE DEPARTMENT: (Chris Ellis, Director)

- Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by David Gooden, the Board scheduled Monday, May 3, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., as the time to convene a meeting of the Board of Equalization and Review, and Monday, May 17, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., as the time to adjourn the Board of Equalization and Review.

ITEM 6. COUNTY MANAGER: (Greg Martin)

A. Mr. Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.


Upon a motion by Delilah Blanks, seconded by Daniel Dowless, the Board denied the request for Leave Without Pay Status for Deputy Eric Bryan and established Monday, April 12, 2010 as the date for his return to work. The motion passed by a vote of 7 AYES (David Gooden, Delilah Blanks, Billy Ray Pait, Albert Beatty, Daniel Dowless, W.D. Neill, Jr., and Lewis Tatum) to 2 NOES (Charles Ray Peterson and Larry Smith).

Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Daniel Dowless, the Board appointed Cheryl White-Smith to the Bladen Community College Board of Trustees, with an expiration date of June 30, 2011. This appointment will fill the unexpired term of Dan McLaurin.

Upon a motion by Delilah Blanks, seconded by Daniel Dowless, the Board appointed Albert Beatty to the Lumber River Workforce Development Board, with an expiration date of June 30, 2012. This appointment will fill the unexpired term of Dr. Stanley Richardson.

Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by David Gooden, the Board approved a request for Leave Without Pay for Health Department employee Tiffany Shaw.
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Upon a motion by Lewis Tatum, seconded by David Gooden, the Board adjourned its meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Billy Ray Part, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Gregory J. Martin, Deputy Clerk