July 12, 2010

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, July 12, 2010 in 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
Charles Ray Peterson
Daniel Dowless
David Gooden
Albert Beatty

Larry Smith (Absent)

Attorney Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

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

ITEM 1. Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Delilah Blanks, the Board approved the following consent items:

A. Minutes of June 21, 2010 Regular Meeting
   Minutes of June 21, 2010 Special Meeting
   Minutes of July 1, 2010 Special Meeting
B. Agenda
C. County Attorney Invoices:
   a. $1,554.00 Westgate Tax Appeal to North Carolina Property Tax Commission
   b. $ 160.00 Resignation of Sheriff Steve Bunn
   c. $ 300.00 Retainer for the Month of July
D. Audit Contract with Thompson, Price, Scott & Adams & Co., PA
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E. Chairman Pait as the voting delegate for the annual North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Conference in Pitt County, August 26th through August 29th, 2010.

ITEM 2. MATTERS OF INTEREST TO COMMISSIONERS:

Chairman Pait presented retiring Sheriff Steve Bunn with a plaque for thirty-One years of service with Bladen County.

ITEM 3. A Reception was given in honor of retiring Sheriff Steve Bunn.

ITEM 4. INDIVIDUALS/DELEGATIONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COMMISSIONERS:

Dan Ward appeared before the Commissioners to request a contribution to help defray the cost of four Bladen County Girls Softball teams that qualified for state tournaments. Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Lewis Tatum, the Board approved to give each team $400.00.

ITEM 5. ADVISORY BOARDS:

A. Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee – Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by David Gooden, the Board waived the appointment policy and reappointed Annie Lacy with an expiration date of June 30, 2013.

B. Bladen County Planning Board and Bladen County Zoning Board of Adjustment – After some discussion as to which commissioner appointed a particular member, the Board determined that each commissioner would nominate a member of the planning board as follows and the member would follow with the Commissioners successors:

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Upon a motion by Lewis Tatum, seconded by W. D. Neill, Jr., the Board waived the appointment policy and reappointed Berry Lewis, Aaron Cox, Margaret Lawrence and Dan Ward with an expiration date of June 30, 2012 by a vote of 7 AYES (Charles Ray Peterson, Delilah Blanks, Billy R. Pait, Albert Beatty, Daniel Dowless, W. D. Neill, Jr., and Lewis Tatum) to 1 NO (David Gooden).

C. Bladen County Recreation Committee: Upon a motion by David Gooden, seconded by Charles Ray Peterson, the Board tabled the appointments to the Bladen County Recreation Committee.

D. Bladen County Zoning Board of Adjustment - Members are the same as the Bladen County Planning Board. See item 5-B above.

E. Animal Control Board - Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Lewis Tatum, the Board tabled the appointments to the Animal Control Board.

F. Lumber River Workforce Development Board – Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Billy R. Pait, the Board approved the appointment of Cindy Batten with an expiration date of June 30, 2012.
ITEM 6. COUNTY MANAGER: (Greg Martin)
A. Mr. Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.
B. Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by W. D. Neill, the Board approved the following Ordinance Adopting a New Code for the County of Bladen.

C. Greg Martin provided the Board with an update on EMS Vehicles. He acknowledged EMS Director Jeanene Green and General Services Manager Robert Mazur for providing the information.

Mr. Martin stated that due to a pressing concern related to the reliability of the Quick Response Vehicles (QRV) driven by paramedics, a 2006 Ford Crown Victoria with 90,000 miles is being purchased from the Highway Patrol for $5700.00.

Mr. Martin advised that EMS Director Jeanene Green has indicated that an SUV would be beneficial in terms of storage capacity and for travel on dirt roads that are in poor condition. The cost for a new Ford Explorer 4WD is approximately $21,400.00.

Mr. Martin stated that upon a thorough review of the year-end EMS financial report, a request for a new vehicle may be presented to the Commissioners at the next Board meeting.

Commissioner David Gooden asked about service on vehicles. Ms. Green and Mr. Mazur acknowledged that the vehicles are scheduled for routine maintenance.

D. Mr. Martin provided the Commissioners with the following response from H. L. “Drew” Cox, District Engineer of the Department of Transportation regarding the recent requests on roadway maintenance issues around the County:
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Health Director Wayne Stewart and Animal Control Officer Ted Carter appeared before the Board and gave an update on the status of the Bladen County Animal Shelter regarding a Distemper outbreak. Mr. Carter stated that he had never seen anything to this extent in his fifteen years with the County. The animal shelter had 51 animals and as of July 12, 2010 there were only 12 animals and the shelter would be empty by July 13, 2010. Once all the animals have been removed, the shelter will be thoroughly cleaned and special precautions will be taken on incoming animals.

Commissioner Neill asked if animals are quarantined if suspected of being contagious. Mr. Carter stated that the Distemper is airborne and is very contagious. Therefore, if an animal has passed through the shelter and is sick, it is too late to quarantine.

Mr. Carter also stated that new procedures will be established to prevent future outbreaks.

Upon a motion by Lewis Tatum, seconded by Daniel Dowless, the Board approved to adjourn at 7:25 pm.

Billy R. Pfit
Billy Ray Pfit, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Sara S. West, Clerk