September 20, 2010

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 20, 2010 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.
Charles Ray Peterson
Daniel Dowless
David Gooden
Albert Beatty
Lewis Tatum
Larry Smith

Attorneys Allen Johnson and Leslie Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

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

ITEM 1. Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by W. D. Neill, Jr., the Board approved the following Consent Items:

A. Minutes of September 7, 2010 Regular Meeting
B. Agenda
C. County Attorney Invoices:
   i. $410.00 Ezzell Electrical Components
   ii. $460.00 Grant Award-Courthouse Security
   iii. $675.00 QSCB Financing of Renovation and Repairs to Schools
D. Budget Amendments as follows:

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E. Tax Refunds and Releases for the period of 8-01-2010 to 8-31-2010.
F. Resolution to Waive the Board’s Authority to Approve the Appointment of a New Area Director of Southeastern Regional Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services.
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G. Updated Service Agreement with Ezzell Electrical Components, Inc.

ITEM 2. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:
Commissioner Peterson discussed the upcoming Sales Tax Referendum. He wanted to clarify that the Commissioners did not have any plans to increase property taxes if the Referendum did not pass. He further stated that he felt the Tax is the fairest tax.

Commissioner Pait read the following statement: This Board has previously looked into the best and most cost-efficient way to secure legal services for our Bladen County Citizens. We have, and still conclude, that the attorneys at Johnson Law Firm provide these legal services in a qualified and professional manner. We appreciate their efforts on behalf of the Citizens of Bladen County.

A. Chairman Pait presented the family of deceased Commissioner Margaret Lewis-Moore a Resolution from the North Carolina Association of Black County Officials in Memory of Commissioner Margaret Lewis-Moore.

B. Chairman Pait recognized the following Employee for Years of Service:

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ITEM 3. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:
A. Brenda Brisson, Chairperson, Bladen County Farm Bureau Women’s Committee invited the Board to attend Ag-Em Up Day on October 6th and 7th at the Bladen County Park.

ITEM 4. Bladen County Water District: (Randy Garner, Director)
A. Upon a motion by W. D. Neill, Jr., seconded by Daniel Dowless, the Board entered Session as the Water District Board of Directors

B. Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by W. D. Neill, Jr., the Board approved the following Resolution Accepting Letter of Conditions from USDA, Rural Development regarding the Phase III-B project
C. Upon a motion by W. D. Neill, Jr., seconded by David Gooden, the Board approved the following Amendment to the FY 06 CDGB Selection List:

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A. Commission (GC) Application for Proposed Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB) Project. He asked the public to offer comments. Hearing no comments from the public, Chairman Pat closed the Public Hearing.

B. Upon a motion by Charles Roy Peterson, seconded by W. D. Neill, the Board approved the following Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Under United States Treasury Regulations Section 1136.22:

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ITEM 7. **Health Department: (Wayne Stewart, Director)**
New Animal Shelter Manager Karen Suggs advised the Board that the Animal Shelter was taking measures to increase adoptions. Since reopening the shelter, there have not been any signs of distemper. The Shelter is open to the public on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon. Rescue Operations may visit the animal shelter on Thursdays.

ITEM 8. **Advisory Boards:**
A. **Bladen County Watershed Review Board** - Upon a motion by Delilah Blanks, seconded by David Gooden, the Board tabled the appointments to the Bladen County Watershed Review Board.
B. **Voluntary Agricultural Districts Committee** - Upon a motion by Lewis Tatum, seconded by W. D. Neill, Jr., the Board waived the appointment policy and reappointed Dorothy McKoy and Dan Ward with an expiration date of September 30, 2013.

ITEM 9. **COUNTY MANAGER: (Greg Martin)**
A. Mr. Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.
B. Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Daniel Dowless, the Board entered Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) Attorney-Client Privilege (a)(6) Personnel.
C. Upon a motion by Lewis Tatum, seconded by David Gooden, the Board exited Closed Session and re-entered Open Session.

Upon a motion by Lewis Tatum, seconded by Daniel Dowless, the Board adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Billy Ray Pait, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Sara S. West, Clerk