

August 15, 2016

The Bladen County Board of Commissioners held a Special Meeting regarding Property Tax Matters at 5:30 pm on Monday, August 15, 2016 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse.

The following members were present:

Russell Priest, Chairman

Arthur Bullock

Charles R. Peterson

Billy Ray Pait

Dr. Delilah Blanks

G. Michael Cogdell

Wayne Edge

Daniel Dowless

James G. "Jimmie" Smith

Chairman Priest called the meeting to order.

An invocation was provided by Reverend Larry Hayes. County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 1. A. Requests from Tax Payers:

Mrs. Davis reviewed requests received from taxpayers or representatives for tax payers. Mrs. Davis reminded the Board that 2007 and prior tax bills are recorded by account numbers, attached to the individual property owners name and information. Tax bills in 2008 and following can be searched by tax bill or PIN number. She also shared information regarding NCGS 105-380, which address how property taxes may or may not be refunded or released. Information regarding NCGS 105.394 was also shared with the Board. This general statute defines immaterial irregularities.

Mrs. Davis reviewed Attorney James W. Hill's request regarding a refund request for taxes paid, but not originally found upon a title search. Mr. Hill paid 2007 client's outstanding tax amount of \$654.80, plus interest in the amount of \$515.32, for a total of \$1,170.12. Mr. Hill paid the 2007 property tax lien, including assessed interest, out of his own pocket.

Commissioner Peterson made a motion to table the requests until Mrs. Davis can contact a property tax expert at the UNC School of Government for recommendations on each of the four (4) requests, which are as follows:

- 1) Attorney James W. Hill III
- 2) Attorney Joel S. Jenkins, Jr.
- 3) Lawrence Sauls
- 4) Kenneth & Margaret Hester

Following discussion and understanding that a property tax expert with the UNC School of Government will return to work on August 22, Commissioner Cogdell provided a second to the motion on the floor. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the meeting was adjourned at 5:43 pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Russell Priest, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners