

August 15, 2016

The Bladen County Board of Commissioners held a Special Meeting regarding Property Tax Matters at 5:30 pm on Monday, September 19, 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 Commissioner Smith. County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 1. A. Requests from Tax Payers:

Mrs. Davis reviewed four (4) 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 reminded the Board of a prior special meeting held on August 15, 2016 when the Board unanimously approved tabling the matter until additional information could be obtained from tax experts at the UNC School of Government.

A recommendation by UNC School of Government tax experts was received. Johnson Law Firm reviewed the recommendation and advised the County and Board of Commissioners to refund or release any interest assessed based on a clerical error. However, the levied taxes on the properties are valid.

Commissioner Peterson made a motion to release and/or refund interest charges 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, Commissioner Smith provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the meeting was adjourned at 5:32 pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Russell Priest, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners