

**January 3, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse.

The following members were present:

- Charles Ray Peterson, Chairperson
- James G. "Jimmie" Smith, Vice Chairperson
- Delilah Blanks
- Mark Gillespie
- David Gooden
- Lewis Tatum
- Billy Ray Pait
- Russell Priest
- Daniel Dowless

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order. Reverend Larry Hayes, Good News Baptist Church, Bladenboro, NC provided the Invocation and County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM 1. Consent Items:**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board approved the following Consent Items:

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes of December 19, 2011 meeting
- C. County Attorney Invoices:

12/19/2011	\$ 100.00	Grant of Easement to Piedmont Natural Gas
	\$ 100.00	

- D. Budget Amendments as follows:

**Department and  
Account Number  
Administration**

	Account Description	Increase	Decrease
Expenditures			
106900.903	To DSS	7,500.00	
Revenue			
103190.050	FBA	7,500.00	

Funding necessary for settlement with personnel issue.

**DSS**

Expenditures			
1461006160.598	Settlement	7,500.00	
Revenue			
143550.080	Fm General Fund	7,500.00	

Funding necessary for settlement with personnel issue.

**DSS**

Expenditures			
1461006160.555	Refunds/Client Repay	102.32	
Revenue			
143591.010	Client Refund	102.32	

Reimbursement to clients for over payments.

**Solid Waste**

Expenditures			
205805.990	Contingency		12,437.00
205805.740	Capital Outlay-Equip.	12,437.00	

Purchase of three 30-yard rolloff containers.

**Sheriff**

Expenditures			
1051005110.212	Uniforms	4,346.00	
Revenue			
103270.022	SCAAP	4,346.00	

Uniforms for Detention Officers.

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**Department and  
Account Number  
Water-Phase IIIB**

	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
Expenditures			
236804.611.039	Contract #1-Herring Rivenbark		10,489.20
236804.611.040	Contract #2-Herring Rivenbark	15,391.70	
236804.990	Contingency		4,902.50

Change orders #2 for downsizing water line on Gum Springs Rd; directional bore; upsizing line to accommodate new well; and connection to tank site.

- E. Public Hearing scheduled for January 17, 2012 at 6:30 pm on Proposed Amendment to the Volunteer Ag. District Ordinance
- F. Human Service Agency Transportation Resolution
- G. Community Transportation Resolution

**ITEM 2. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:**

- Chairman Peterson and Sheriff Prentis Benston recognized Valeria B. Tigner upon her retirement as Detention Officer with the Sheriff's Office.

**ITEM 3. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:**

- No one addressed the commissioners.

**ITEM 4. Public Hearing to Receive Public Comments Regarding the Application Process for the 2011 CDBG Scattered-Site Housing Program**

- Chairman Peterson declared the Public Hearing opened and asked the public to offer comments. Hearing no comments from the public, Chairman Peterson declared the Public Hearing closed.

**ITEM 5. Bladen County Board of Education: (Dr. Robert Taylor, Superintendent)**

- Dr. Taylor advised the Board that the Bladen County Schools were selected to receive a Goldenleaf Technology grant to fund a 1 to 1 technology initiative for students. He stated that the initiative was originally designated for the middle schools, with the selected device being an iPod Touch for every student and after review and changes in State initiative through Race to the Top (RttT), Bladen County Schools determined that the students would be much better served by changing the initiative to the two high schools. He further stated that because of this change, the Goldenleaf Foundation had asked that the School share the information with County Commissioners and have approval by the School Board.

Dr. Taylor stated that at the beginning of the second semester (Jan 2012, two teachers, Stephanie Hester EBHS and Susan Smith WBHS) and approximately 180 students will participate in a pilot, providing Lenovo Tablets to their students.

Dr. Taylor further stated that beginning in the fall 2012-13 school year, all of Bladen County high school students will receive a computer tablet to better serve their technology and learning style needs and fulfill the requirements of the Goldenleaf Grant and will meet the federal mandates of the Race to the Top (RttT) Initiative specific to North Carolina Public Schools.

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**ITEM 6. Division on Aging (*Joan Allen, Director*)**

- Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Dowless the Board approved a Memorandum of Agreement with Lumber River Community Resource Connections for Aging and Disabilities.

**ITEM 7. Bladen County Health Department: (*Robert Mazur, Safety Director*)**

- Robert Mazur, Sandra Cain and Carol Strickland spoke to the Board on behalf of the Bladen County Wellness Committee, a sub-committee of the Safety Committee. Ms. Cain stated that the Committee has provided several programs and activities for County employees over the past three years.

The members of the sub-committee stated that they would like to expand the County Employees Wellness Program and encourage employees to participate in a monthly “Lunch and Learn” program. Employees will be provided a nutritious lunch while participating in a health and wellness-related program. Employees who attend 5 of the 6 sessions will receive an incentive.

The Committee requested the Board to consider allocating funds in the amount of \$2500.00 to provide lunches and incentives to participating employees. Chairman Peterson advised the committee members that the Board would consider request at the Board meeting on January 17, 2012.

**ITEM 8. Emergency Services: (*Bradley Kinlaw, Director*)**

- Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Blanks the Board approved a contract with US Cellular to provide data cards for the Sheriff’s Office.

**ITEM 9. Revenue Department: (*Chris Ellis, Tax Administrator*)**

- Chris Ellis provided the Board with information on the process the Tax Office follows in the appraisal and collection of motor vehicle taxes. He stated that the process includes using the physical address (situs) from the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles and assigning the vehicle to the correct fire district or city limits.

**ITEM 10. Advisory Board Appointments to be considered at the Board Meeting on January 17, 2012:**

- A. Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee (3)
- B. Voluntary Agricultural Districts Committee (1)
- C. Lisbon Rural Fire Protection District Commission (3)

**ITEM 11. County Manager: (*Greg Martin*)**

- County Manager Greg Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.

**ITEM 12. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:**

- No one addressed the commissioners.

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**ITEM 13.** Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board entered Closed Session in accordance with N.C. G. S. 143-318.11(a) (4) Economic Development and (a) (6) Personnel

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Dowless the Board exited Closed Session and re-entered Open Session.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Smith the Board adjourned at 7.57 pm.

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Charles Ray Peterson, Chairman  
Bladen County Board of Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Sara S. West