

**October 1, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 1, 2012 in the County Commissioners 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  
 Billy Ray Pait  
 Russell Priest  
 Daniel Dowless  
 Lewis Tatum

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

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

**ITEM 1. Consent Items:**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board approved to delete Agenda Item 2-A and approve the following Consent Items:

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes of September 17, 2012
- C. Budget Amendments as follows:

Department and Account Number	Account Description	Increase	Decrease
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**Parks and Recreation**

Expenditures			
106600.803	Insurance		975.00
Revenues			
103660.000	Recreation Insurance		975.00

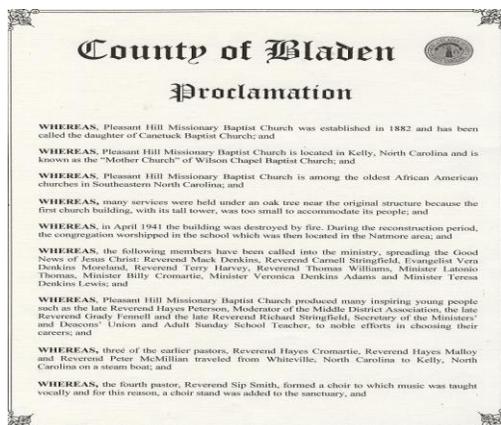
Insurance for Soccer

**DSS**

Expenditures			
1461006160.571	Caring for Kids		375.00
Revenue			
143531.344	Caring for Kids		375.00

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Allocation for 2012

- D. County Attorney Invoices
- E. Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church Proclamation:



WHEREAS, Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church has been led by the Reverend Dr. Joseph Bullard, Jr. since December, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bladen County Board of Commissioners take great pleasure in recognizing **Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church** on the occasion of its 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, celebrating faithful Christian service to the community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Bladen County to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2012.

Bladen County Board of Commissioners

*Charles Ray Peterson*  
 Charles Ray Peterson, Chairman

ATTEST:  
*Sara S. West*  
 Sara S. West, Clerk to the Board



- F. Maintenance Agreement with ThyssenKrupp Elevator
- G. Maintenance Agreement Addendum with ThyssenKrupp Elevator
- H. 2013 Holiday Schedule

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

- A. Deleted (See Item 1)
- B. Ryan Harrelson, Cooperative Extension Director introduced the new 4-H Extension Agent, Stacie Kinlaw. Ms. Kinlaw is a Bladen County native.  
Mr. Harrelson invited the Board to attend Ag'em Up Day on Wednesday, October 3, 2012 and Thursday, October 4, 2012 at the County Park.

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

- Administrative Chief Elton Ray Jacobs of the Buckhead Volunteer Fire Rescue Department appeared before the Board to request an increase of annual appropriation to serve the communities of Council and Buckhead. Buckhead Fire & Rescue receives an appropriation from Bladen County of \$850.00 per year. FY 2012 records provided to Emergency Services Director Bradley Kinlaw by Chief Jacobs, indicate that Buckhead responded to 19 EMS calls and one fire call in Bladen County. Buckhead is able to bill for transports related to EMS. Chairman Peterson advised Chief Jacobs that he did not feel that the Board could justify an increase of appropriation for one (1) fire call as they could bill for transports related to EMS calls.
- Mr. Horace Munn, East Arcadia Fire Department appeared before the Board and asked that the Board not support the request of Buckhead Volunteer Fire Rescue Department. Mr. Munn advised that East Arcadia Fire Department responded to calls that were not within their Fire District without additional funds from Columbus County. He further stated that if funding was redistributed from East Arcadia to Buckhead, it would severely impact East Arcadia's budget.

**ITEM 4. Public Hearing to Receive Comments Regarding Proposed Text Amendments to Zoning Ordinance Regarding Solar Farms**

- A. Chairman Peterson declared the Public Hearing opened and asked the public to offer comments.  
Hearing no comment from the public, Chairman Peterson declared the Public Hearing Closed.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board approved the following Text Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Regarding Solar Farms:

Amendment 13.19

Section 6.4.A, Page 46

Recommendation to Add:

Section 12. Solar Farm Definition: A solar collection system that generates electricity from sunlight to a wholesale electricity market through a regional transmission organization and an inter-connection with the local utility power grid and/or for direct distribution to a number of properties and consumers. Solar shall consist of a minimum of three (3) individual photovoltaic modules (solar panels), which are an assembly of solar cells to generate electricity.

**Development Requirements:**

1. Solar farms and their appurtenant components shall conform to the principal building setbacks of the underlying zoning district which they are located.
2. Individual modules/panels shall be a maximum of 25 feet in height as measured from the grade at the base of the structure to the apex of the structure.
3. A site plan, drawn and stamped by a North Carolina licensed surveyor or engineer, shall be submitted showing the following:
  - (a) The location and dimensions of all proposed areas for the placement of solar panels, screening/fencing and related improvements;
  - (b) Any pre-existing structures on the same lot, and principal structures on other properties that would affect the placement of solar panels;
  - (c) Parking and access areas;
  - (d) Location of any proposed solar access easements;
  - (e) Any proposed new structures.
4. Solar farms shall be fully screened from adjoining properties and adjacent roads by an evergreen buffer capable of reaching a height of 10 feet within 3 years of planting.
5. Solar panels shall be mounted onto a pole, rack, or suitable foundation in accordance with manufacturer's specifications, in order to ensure the safe operation and stability of the system.
6. Multiple mounting structures shall be spaced apart at the distance recommended by the manufacturer to ensure safety and maximum efficiency.
7. It is the responsibility of the owner to remove all obsolete or unused systems within 12 months of cessation of operation.
8. The farm and components shall meet all requirements of the North Carolina State Building Code.

**ITEM 5. Public Hearing to Receive Comments Regarding a Change in Location for a Project to be Funded with a CDBG Grant:**

- A. Chairman Peterson declared the Public Hearing opened and asked the public to offer comments.  
Hearing no comment from the public, Chairman Peterson declared the Public Hearing Closed.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board approved the change in location for a project funded with a CDBG Grant.

ITEM 6. Health Department: (Carol Strickland and Marianne Valentiner)

- Carol Strickland and Marianne Valentiner presented the following 2011 State of the County Health Report and 2011 SOTCH:

Bladen County Health Department, Health Educators, Carol Strickland and Marianne Valentiner presented the Board of Commissioners, the 2011 State of the County Health Report(SOTCH) by power point presentation and copies of the 2011 SOTCH. Bladen County Health Department is required to complete a (SOTCH) in the interim years after the completion of the Community Health Assessment (CHA). The CHA was completed in 2009, the interim years for the SOTCH are 2010, 2011, 2012, the next CHA will be completed April 2013. The CHA is used as an indicator or snap-shot of the county's health concerns and health priorities that need to be addressed. The 2009 CHA surveyed 508 individuals in the county and identified needs to be addressed were: diabetes, heart disease, chronic diseases, teen pregnancy, and chronic respiratory diseases, indicators were also taken from the NC Center for State Health Statistics, US Census Bureau, and the Centers for Disease Control. Identified health issues are recognized and are addressed by collaborative partners in action plans and based on the Governors 2020 health objectives. Bladen County Health Department's (BCHD)Strategic Plan and the Collaborative Action Plans are completed based on the results of the 2009 CHA. The BCHD Strategic Plans and the action plans guide the health department and collaborative partners in projects that will be conducted throughout the county to combat and address the health concerns identified. The SOTCH is a follow-up to the CHA. The SOTCH in the interim of the CHA is a review of the data yearly that was indicated as health concerns from the CHA. The SOTCH is a summary of the programs and keeps an update on changes in the health concerns identified in the CHA or new and emerging issues. The CHA and the SOTCH address 1.1 and 1.2 of the Accreditation Standards and are vital components to the Accreditation of the Health Department. Since the Healthy Carolinians are no longer an active organization, the SOTCH is due to the Department of Health and Human Services on December 1st of each year for review. Once the CHA or SOTCH are reviewed (based on accreditation standards) approval letters are sent to the health director. If there are areas that require further information, the health department is required to submit a corrective action plan. Once the required information is completed the CHA or SOTCH is sent to the Health and Human Services Office for review and approval. Once approved the documents are presented to the Board of Health and Bladen County Commissioners. The CHA and the SOTCH are also made available to the public. Hard copies of the CHA and the SOTCH are available at the local libraries, Clarkton, Bladenboro, and Elizabethtown, Health Department, Bladen Community College library, NC Cooperative Extension Office, Bladen County/ Cape Fear Valley Hospital and on the Bladen County Health Department's Web page at bladeninfo.org/department/health or contact the health education department at the Bladen County Health Department.

Bladen County State of the County Health Report 2011. Includes population statistics, demographics, and health indicators.

Bladen County Infant Mortality Rates Overview. Includes text about infant mortality trends and a bar chart showing rates from 2004 to 2010.

Bladen County Prevalence of Obesity in Children. Includes text about obesity prevalence and a line graph showing trends from 2000 to 2008.

Bladen County Mortality Data. Includes text about leading causes of death and a table listing various causes and their rates.

Bladen County Health Department. Includes text about health promotion programs and a small bar chart.

Age-Adjusted Heart Disease. Includes text about heart disease as the #1 cause of death and a bar chart comparing North Carolina and Bladen County from 1992 to 2008.

Age-Adjusted Cancer Death Rates. Includes text about cancer as the #2 cause of death and a bar chart comparing North Carolina and Bladen County from 1992 to 2008.

Diseases of the Respiratory System. Includes text about COPD and asthma, and bar charts for Age-Adjusted Unintentional Motor Vehicle Injury Death Rates and Age-Adjusted Diabetes Death Rates.

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**ITEM 7. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration at the Board Meeting on October 15, 2012:**

- A. Child Fatality Board (1)
- B. EMS Advisory Board (4)
- C. White Lake Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustments (1)

**ITEM 8. County Manager: (*Greg Martin*)**

- A. County Manager Greg Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.
- B. Mr. Martin advised the Board that during the Board planning session in February, interest was expressed in exploring a paperless agenda. Computer Operations Director Robin Hewett provided a presentation to the Board on how the board packets would be hosted on the new County website and be accessible on the tablets via any wifi connection. Mr. Hewett also provided the Board with a spreadsheet of the approximate annual cost of the board packets and years of return on investment.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board approved to transition to a paperless agenda.

**ITEM 9. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:**

- No one addressed the Commissioners.

**ITEM 10. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board entered closed session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (6) Personnel (4) Industry/Economic Development.**

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 7:39 pm.

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Charles Ray Peterson, Chairman  
Bladen County Board of Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Sara S. West, Clerk to the Board