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A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 15, 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 the following Consent Items:

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes of October 1, 2012
- C. Budget Amendments as follows:

Department and Account Number Governing Board

	Account Description	Increase	Decrease
Expenditures			
104100.499	Misc Expenses	4,800.00	
Revenues			
103190.050	FBA	4,800.00	

IPADs for paperless agenda for the Board of Commissioners.

Planning

Expenditures			
104220.270	Advertising	300.00	
Revenue			
103110.013	Zoning Fees	300.00	

Advertising for public hearing.

Sheriff

Expenditures			
1051005150.740	Capital Outlay-VIPER	23,649.37	
Revenues			
103190.050	FBA	23,649.37	

Rollover unspent VIPER and Emergency Funds.

Health

Expenditures			
1059005960.499.040	Misc Expense-Get Alarmed	29,204.00	
Revenue			
103530.168	F/S Get Alarmed	29,204.00	

State Grant for Residential Fire Safety.

Extension-JCPC Grants

Expenditures			
106805.640	JCPC Refunds	827.74	
Revenue			
103190.050	FBA	827.74	

Refund due for unspent 4-H Juvenile Services of \$707.00 and JCPC Administration of \$120.74

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Recreation

Expenditures			
106600.120	Salaries		6,406.68
106600.181	FICA		490.12
106600.182	Retirement		431.81
106600.183	Group Insurance		1,380.06
106600.185	Retirees Health Insurance		339.56
106600.741	Capital Outlay-Vehicles	3,500.00	
106600.610	Contracted Services	3,500.00	
106600.499	Misc Expense-Rec Eq	7,513.13	
Revenue			
103190.050	FBA	5,464.90	

Purchase of truck and football equipment. Unspent salaries and benefits was used to offset majority of costs.

Solid Waste

Expenditures			
205805.350	M/R Building & Grounds	450.00	
Revenue			
203190.011	Insurance Claims	450.00	

Reimbursement for damage to Kelly site fence.

Water

Expenditures			
254702.200.007	Supplies	100.00	
Revenue			
253190.010	Misc Revenue	100.00	

Core credit

- D. County Attorney Invoices
- E. Tax Refunds and Releases No. 9-12
- F. Contract with North Carolina Alliance of Public Health Agencies, Inc.
- G. Employee Appreciation Luncheon on November 8, 2012
- H. Documents Regarding the DMV Call Center:
 - i. Lease Agreement with Bladen's Bloomin' Agri-Industrial, Inc.
 - ii. Sublease Agreement with the State of North Carolina
 - iii. Memorandum of Sublease and Notice of Termination
- I. Purchase of Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)Vaccine from a Pharmaceutical Company and Offer Vaccine to Patients with Private Insurance
- J. Bad Debt Write Off for Bladen County Health Department for FY 2011-2012

ITEM 2. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

ITEM 3. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

- No one addressed the Commissioners.

ITEM 4. Public Hearing:

Public Hearing to Receive Comments Regarding the Exercise of the Power and Authority Conferred by G. S. 153A-77 as Amended by Session Law 2012-126 that Allows for Consolidation of Human Services as well as the Assumption and Control of any Commission, Board or Agency.

Chairman Peterson declared the Public Hearing opened and asked the public to offer comments.

Department of Social Services Board (DSS) Chairperson Ms. Louella Thompson advised that the DSS Board had the following concerns regarding the Consolidation of Human Services: (1) There is no track record of a County of this size consolidating services; (2) Would merger of Human Services improve the quality of services, be cost effective and be able to meet the federal and state mandates; (3) Legal liabilities of the merger.

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She suggested that the County wait until other counties of similar size made the first move in consolidation of Human Services in order that we could pattern our County from them.

Hearing no further comments from the public, Chairman Peterson declared the Public Hearing closed.

ITEM 5.

Finance: (Lisa Coleman, Director)

- A. Update Regarding Board Bond Refunding:** Finance Director Lisa Coleman advised the Board that the Local Government Commission formally approved the application of the County and Water District for the Bond Sale. The Bond Sale took place on October 10, 2012. Gross Savings on the GO's = \$633,673.94 thru May 1, 2021 and Gross Savings on the LOB's = \$2,358,127.30 thru June 1, 2041.
- B. Provide Bond Rating Upgrade:** Ms. Coleman stated that during the process of the Bond Refunding, Moody's Investors Service and the North Carolina Municipal Council re-evaluated the County's Bond Rating. Moody's rating increased from an A2 to an Aa3 and the North Carolina Municipal Council remained the same at 83, which is equivalent to A1/A+.
- C. Consider Adopting Resolution Approving Financing Terms:** Ms. Coleman advised the Board that the Bladen County Sheriff's Department has purchased 3-2013 Ford Taurus, 5-2013 Ford Explorers and will be purchasing a Van for the Jail. Once completely outfitted, the total cost of this purchase is approximately \$270,000. BB&T submitted the lowest rate of 1.49% with no additional fees.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, Board adopted the following Resolution Approving Financing Terms with BB&T :

Resolution Approving Financing Terms

WHEREAS: The Bladen County ("County") has previously determined to undertake a project for the purchase of three 2013 Ford Taurus, five 2013 Ford Explorers and a van with law enforcement equipment, graphics and striping (the "Project"), and the Finance Officer has now presented a proposal for the financing of such Project.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The County hereby determines to finance the Project through Branch Banking and Trust Company ("BB&T"), in accordance with the proposal dated October 9, 2012. The amount financed shall not exceed \$270,000.00, the annual interest rate (in the absence of default or change in tax status) shall not exceed 1.49%, and the financing term shall not exceed more than 25 years from closing.
2. All financing contracts and all related documents for the closing of the financing (the "Financing Documents") shall be consistent with the foregoing terms. All officers and employees of the County are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any Financing Documents, and to take all such further action as they may consider necessary or desirable, to carry out the financing of the Project as contemplated by the proposal and this resolution.
3. The Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to hold executed copies of the Financing Documents until the conditions for the delivery of the Financing Documents have been completed to such officer's satisfaction. The Finance Officer is authorized to approve changes in any Financing Documents previously signed by County officers or employees, provided that such changes shall not substantially alter the intent of such documents or final terms as the Finance Officer shall approve, with the Finance Officer's release of any Financing Documents for delivery constituting conclusive evidence of such officer's final approval of the document's final form.
4. The County shall not take or omit to take any action the taking or omission of which shall cause its interest payments on the financing to be includable in the gross income for Federal income tax purposes of the registered owners of the interest payment obligations. The County hereby designates its obligations to make principal and interest payments under the Financing Documents as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for the purpose of Internal Revenue Code Section 265(b)(3).
5. The County intends that the adoption of this resolution will be a declaration of the County's official intent to reimburse expenditures for the project that is to be financed from the proceeds of the BB&T financing described above. The County hereby certifies that any such expenditures, or that may be advanced, from the County's general fund, or any other County fund related to the project, for project costs may be reimbursed from the financing proceeds.
6. All prior actions of County officers in furtherance of the purpose of this resolution are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed. All other resolutions (or parts thereof) in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed, to the extent of the conflict. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved this 15th day of October, 2012.

By: 
Sara S. West
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners
Bladen County, North Carolina

By: 
Charles R. Peterson
Chairman, Board of Commissioners
Bladen County, North Carolina

D. Consider Approving Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, the Board approved the following Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse:

**BLADEN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE**

This declaration (the "Declaration") is made pursuant to the requirements of the United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2 and is intended to constitute a Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse under such Treasury Regulations Section.

The undersigned is authorized to declare the official intent of Bladen County, North Carolina (the "Issuer") with respect to the matters contained herein.

1. **Expenditures to be incurred.** The Issuer anticipates incurring expenditures (the "Expenditures") for Three 2013 Ford Taurus, Five 2013 Ford Explorers and a Van with law enforcement equipment, graphics and striping (the "Project").
2. **Plan of Finance.** The Issuer intends to finance the costs of the Project with the proceeds of debt to be issued by the Issuer (the "Borrowing"), the interest on which is to be excluded from gross income for Federal income tax purposes.
3. **Maximum Principal Amount of Debt to be Issued.** The maximum principal amount of the Borrowing to be incurred by the Issuer to finance the Project is **\$270,000.00**.
4. **Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse.** The Issuer hereby declares its official intent to reimburse itself with the proceeds of the Borrowing for any of the Expenditures incurred by it prior to the issuance of the Borrowing.

Adopted this 15th day of October, 2012.

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By: 
Sara S. West
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners
Bladen County, North Carolina

By: 
Charles R. Peterson
Chairman, Board of Commissioners
Bladen County, North Carolina



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ITEM 6. Bladen County Water District: (Randy Garner, Director)

A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board entered Session as Bladen County Water District Board of Directors.

B. District Water Director Randy Garner advised the Board that he had received a request from the Tar Heel Water Corporation to request that the Board consider acquisition of the Tar Heel Water Corporation.

Tar Heel Water Corporation Chairman Phil Allen spoke to the Board regarding the concerns with their current water system and the possibility of the town, including the Tar Heel Middle School, being without water at any time.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board approved an Emergency Hook Up for Tar Heel Water Corporation to the County Water System and consider their request to acquire the Tar Heel Water Corporation at a future meeting.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, the Board Exited Session as Bladen County Water District Board of Directors.

ITEM 7. Advisory Board Appointments:

A. **Child Fatality Board:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board appointed Terry Duncan to fill the unexpired term of Beverly Grayman-Rich with an expiration date of February 7, 2013 and to reappoint Mae Rose Banks with an expiration date of October 3, 2015.

B. **EMS Advisory Board:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board reappointed Dan Weatherly, Dr. Donald Brown, Janice Robbins and Linda Miller with an expiration date of October 31, 2015

C. **White Lake Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustments:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board appointed Barbara Hollingsworth with an expiration date of March 20, 2015.

ITEM 8. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

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

B. Mr. Martin asked the Board to consider scheduling a Board Training Session on November 13, 2012 at 5:30 pm regarding the transition to a paperless agenda.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board approved to schedule a Training Session on November 13, 2012 at 5:30 pm.

ITEM 9. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

- No one addressed the Commissioners.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Charles Ray Peterson, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioner

ATTEST:

Sara S. West, Clerk to the Board