

November 18, 2013

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, November 18, 2013 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse.

The following members were present:

- James G. "Jimmie" Smith, Chairman
- Mark Gillespie, Vice Chairperson
- Charles Ray Peterson
- Delilah Blanks
- Billy Ray Pait
- Russell Priest
- Daniel Dowless
- G. Michael Cogdell
- Wayne Edge

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

ITEM 1. Chairman Smith called the meeting to order. Before the Invocation, Reverend Larry Hayes asked for a moment of silence in honor of Lesi Spaulding-Hines, a long-time County employee who passed away Saturday, November 16, at her home. Reverend Larry Hayes, Good News Baptist Church, Bladenboro, NC provided the Invocation. County Manager Gregory J. Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2. Consent Items:
Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Dowless the Board approved the following Consent Items:

- A. Agenda.
- B. Minutes of Regular Meeting on November 4, 2013.
- C. Minutes of the Special Meeting on November 14, 2013.
- D. Budget Amendments as follows:

Motor Pool

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
105010.357	Vehicle Repairs	2,496.68	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.011	Insurance Claims	2,496.68	

Repairs to 2008 Crown Vic driven by Deputy Clark.

Emergency Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
105300.744	Debt Service-Principal		9,195.00
105300.745	Debt Service-Interest		420.00
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.014	Loan Proceeds		28,000.00
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	18,385.00	

Vehicle purchased instead of financed.

Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
106800.808.002	Veterans Memorial Project	16,030.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	14,250.00	
103190.010	Miscellaneous Revenue	1,780.00	

Move donations for Veterans Memorial Project.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
1461006160.535	Medicaid	330.67	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143591.010	Client Refund	330.67	

Amendment is necessary to due to the EPICS draft for September 2013.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
146100.689	Energy Neighbor Fund	470.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.031	Energy Neighbor Fund	470.00	

Amendment is necessary due to increased funding from State. #8.

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Bay Tree Fire Department

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
475347.499	Miscellaneous Expense	20,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
473190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	20,000.00	

Purchase of rescue/service truck.

E. County Attorney Invoices:

Date	Department	Amount
11/1/13	Nov-13 Retainer	\$ 300.00
11/12/13	Sheriff's Office	\$ 250.00
11/12/13	Sheriff's Office	\$ 775.00
	Total	\$ 1,325.00

F. Tax Refunds and Releases No. 10-13

G. Community Development Block Grant Monthly Performance Status Reports (3) for October, 2013.

H. FY 13-14 Forest Service Agreement with the State of North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in the amount of \$388,415, including \$155,366 in County Funds.

ITEM 3. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

Commissioner Peterson indicated a scheduling conflict with the next Board meeting on December 2, 2013. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board approved to reschedule the first Board of Commissioners meeting in December from December 2, 2013 until Monday, December 9, 2013 at 6:30pm. The 8:15am Prayer Service will remain scheduled for the first Monday, December 2, 2013.

ITEM 4. Individuals / Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one in attendance wished to address the Board.

ITEM 5. Public Hearing:

A. Chairman Smith declared open the Public Hearing to Receive Comments Regarding a Proposed 2015 Community Transportation Program Grant Application. The Fiscal Year 2015 Community Transportation Program Grant (CTP) application contains the administrative, capital, operating assistance and facility safety and security improvements grants program. The 5311 program is intended to provide financial assistance for the support of public transportation services in non-urbanized areas. The transportation services must open to the general public on an equal and continuing basis. The 5311 funds can be used for the costs of transit planning activities, local project administration, transit operations and the purchase of capital equipment or facilities to aid in the provision of transit services in rural areas, as well as provide funds for state-level administration.

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

Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board unanimously approved the Proposed 2015 Community Transportation Program Grant Application as presented by Transportation Director Kent Porter.

ITEM 6. Finance Department: (Lisa Coleman, Director)

A. Mr. Greg Martin provided an overview of the Financial Dashboard for the period ending October 31, 2013 in Mrs. Coleman's excused absence. Commissioner Cogdell asked Mr. Martin specifically about Budget Amendments and how they are recorded in the Dashboard report. Mr. Martin responded by stating that each of the Budget Amendments approved through October 31, 2013 are incorporated in the report.

ITEM 7. Health and Human Services Department: (Cris Harrelson, Director)

A. Mr. Cris Harrelson introduced Mrs. Vickie Smith to explain the request to reclassify an open staff position from Agent I to Office Assistant V. Mrs. Smith stated that with the addition of the Compass Pilot Program and the required document scanning and preparing files for court, the tasks are

clerical, thus the request to reclassify the position. With this reclassification, the County should realize approximately \$4,000 in savings on an annual basis. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board unanimously approved the request to reclassify the open position.

Chairman Smith asked Mrs. Smith if she would like to speak regarding the recent passing of DSS employee Lesi Spaulding-Hines. Mrs. Smith shared her high regard of Mrs. Spaulding-Hines and her exemplary work ethic. She worked in the Adult Medicaid Unit and cared greatly for her clients. Mrs. Smith stated that Mrs. Spaulding-Hines did not wish to have a funeral. The family is planning a Memorial service at Pier 41 Restaurant in Lumberton on Thursday, November 21, 2013 at 1pm. Family and friends are invited to attend.

ITEM 8. Bladen County Water District: (Randy Garner, Director)

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board entered Session as Water District Board of Directors.
- B. Randy Garner, along with Tim Carpenter and Adam Kiker, representatives from LKC Engineering, PLLC, were recognized to respond to any questions the Board of Directors may have regarding a proposed consulting agreement. There being no questions or discussion, upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board unanimously approved the Engineering Consulting Agreement with LKC Engineering related to the design and construction of a new well at Whites Crossroads.
- C. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board unanimously approved exiting Session as the Water District Board of Directors.

ITEM 9. Advisory Board Appointments:

- A. **Bay Tree Fire District Committee:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, the Board waived the policy regarding term limits and reappointed Albert Beatty with the term expiring November 3, 2016.
- B. **Bladen County Jury Commission:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board waived the policy regarding term limits and reappointed Jerry Graham with the term expiring December 9, 2015.
- C. **Clarkton Fire District Committee:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, the Board waived the policy regarding term limits and reappointed Dale Edwards and appointed Kenzil McCall to replace Mr. Leon Spaulding, with terms expiring November 30, 2016.

ITEM 10. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed the calendars for November and December, 2013.

Chairman Smith recognized Commissioner Blanks' request to address the Board. Commissioner Blanks informed the Board of the recent passing of a noted Bladen County citizen, Levi Dixon, of the East Arcadia community. He had celebrated his 102nd birthday in June 2013. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board unanimously adopted the following Resolution in Mr. Levi Dixon's memory to be presented at his funeral service scheduled for Friday, November 22, 2013.



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Chairman Smith called for an Equalization and Review Board meeting to be scheduled for December 9, 2013 at 5:45pm in order to make a ruling on the appeal presented by Mr. John Larry Gore, of White Lake, during the November 4, 2013 meeting.

- B. Mr. Martin reviewed the list of Charitable Contributions for information and consideration. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board unanimously approved to duplicate last year's contributions, as follows:

Bladen County Division on Aging	\$	200.00
Bladen County Special Olympics		1,000.00
Bladenboro Historical Society		500.00
Bladen County Youth Focus Project		500.00
Lower Cape Fear Hospice		400.00
VFW Post 8062		500.00
United Way of Bladen County		700.00
American Legion Post No. 404		500.00
Harmony Hall Plantation		500.00
Total	\$	4,800.00

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm.

James G. Smith, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board