

**November 14, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, November 14, 2016 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse.

The following members were present:

- Russell Priest, Chairman
- Arthur Bullock, Vice Chairman
- Charles R. Peterson
- Daniel Dowless
- Dr. Delilah Blanks
- Billy R. Pait
- Wayne Edge
- G. Michael Cogdell
- James G. "Jimmie" Smith

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

**ITEM 1.** Chairman Priest called the meeting to order.

Chairman Priest expressed his appreciation to the Bladen County Firefighters who had been called to assist with wildfires in the North Carolina mountains. He asked those in attendance to remember all of the Firefighters who have placed themselves in harm's way to assist.

Reverend Richard Smith, Cypress Creek Baptist Church of Garland, provided the Invocation. Guest 4-H member Clinton Ryckley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM 2. Consent Items:**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, the Board unanimously removed from the Proposed Agenda Item #5-Consider Approving a Bid of \$11,050 on County Property Previously Owned by Milton Harvey (Parcel ID Numbers 0040321 and 0040326.

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

- A. Amended Agenda, with the removal of Item #5, as stated above.
- B. Minutes of October 17, 2016 Regular Meeting
- C. Budget Amendments, as follows:

**Motor Pool**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>105010.357</b>	Vehicle Repair	760.52	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>103190.011</b>	Insurance Claims	760.52	

Payment for repairs to 2013 Ford Taurus Vin#1013.

**Sheriff**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>105100.740</b>	Capital Outlay - Equipment	7,579.25	
<b>105100.739</b>	Non-Inventorable	1,066.30	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>103270.009</b>	Sheriff - Donations	8,645.55	

Rollover funds to pay for new mower for use at training center and to purchase associated equipment.

**Sheriff**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>105100.395</b>	Schools		8,853.04
<b>105100.610</b>	Contract Services		11,500.00
<b>105100.741</b>	Capital Outlay - Vehicles	40,335.38	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>103190.011</b>	Insurance Claims	19,982.34	

Replacement of vehicle for patrol that was involved in a collision and address a deficiency in Capital Outlay - Vehicles.

**Sheriff**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>105100.5130.352</b>	M/R - Equipment	18,000.00	
<b>105100.200.016</b>	Supplies - Surplus	34,500.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>103270.018</b>	Sheriff - HELO	52,500.00	

Expenses related to helicopter, up keep, repair, service and purchase LE equipment.

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**Health**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>105900.5915.499.057</b>	Ebola Preparedness	5,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>103530.130</b>	DHHS - WIC	5,000.00	

Additional funding from State.

**Health**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>105900.5915.499.057</b>	Ebola Preparedness	1,100.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>103530.105</b>	DHHS - Bioterrorism	1,100.00	

Additional funding from State.

**Health**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>105900.5980.120</b>	Salaries		1,800.00
<b>105900.5980.121</b>	Longevity	43.00	
<b>105900.5980.126</b>	Part-time	2,500.00	
<b>105900.5980.181</b>	FICA		50.00
<b>105900.5980.182</b>	Retirement		135.00
<b>105900.5980.183</b>	Group Insurance		975.00
<b>105900.5980.185</b>	Retiree Health Insurance		135.00
<b>105900.5980.353</b>	Copier		100.00
<b>105900.5980.491</b>	Dues & Subscriptions		1,200.00
<b>105900.5980.499.038</b>	Incentives		3,824.00
<b>105900.5980.499</b>	Miscellaneous Expense		6,402.00
<b>105900.5980.610</b>	Contracted Services	1,676.00	
<b>105900.5980.395</b>	Supplies	717.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>103530.158</b>	DHHS-Young Families Connect		9,685.00

Aligning County Budget with State Budget due to Budget Reduction.

**Health**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>105900.5986.200</b>	Supplies	3,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>103530.150</b>	DHSS - Communicable Disease	3,000.00	

Additional funding from State.

**Parks & Recreation**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>106600.499</b>	Misc Recreation	1,525.00	
<b>106600.803</b>	Insurance	1,085.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>103190.010</b>	Miscellaneous Revenue	1,525.00	
<b>103660.000</b>	Recreation Insurance	1,085.00	

Purchase blower for Park and to pay insurance for Soccer program.

**Library**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>106700.234</b>	Electronic Resources	7,931.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>103630.011</b>	LSTA Grant	7,931.00	

Grant money from State Library to pay for migration to NC Cardinal/Evergreen.

**JCPC - Juvenile Services**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>106805.640</b>	JCPC - Refund to State	1,657.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>103190.050</b>	Fund Balance Appropriated	1,657.00	

Unspent JCPC funding during 2015-2016.

**Department of Social Services**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>146100.689</b>	Energy Neighbor Fund	466.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>143531.031</b>	Energy Neighbor Fund	466.00	

Funding Authorization #5.

**Department of Social Services**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>146100.689</b>	Energy Neighbor Fund	444.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>143531.031</b>	Energy Neighbor Fund	444.00	

Funding Authorization #6.

**Department of Social Services**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>146100.693</b>	Medicaid Transportation	100,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>143531.320</b>	Medicaid Transportation	100,000.00	

100% Federal reimbursement for current and future expenses.

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**Department of Social Services**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>146100.6160.555</b>	Client Refund	50.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>143591.010</b>	Client Refund	50.00	

To reimburse client for NCHC Enrollment fee.

**Water**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>254702.610</b>	Contracted Services	10,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>253190.050</b>	Fund Balance Appropriated	10,000.00	

To pay First Source worker.

**D. County Attorney Invoices.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
10/07/16	Human Resources	\$ 4,975.00
10/14/16	Health Department	\$ 370.00
10/14/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 515.00
10/18/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 325.00
10/21/16	Health Department	\$ 595.00
10/24/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 210.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,990.00</b>

- E. Request to Award Service Side Arm to Retiree Wanda Monroe in Accordance with NCGS 20-187.2(a).
- F. Payment of Compensation to Bladen County Employees in Exempt Status for Hours Worked Beyond Regular Schedule Related to Hurricane Matthew Disaster Relief Assistance.
- G. Agreement with Lumber River Council of Governments for Senior Center FY 2016-17 General Purpose Funds.

**ITEM 3. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:**

- A. Chairman Priest recognized Wanda Monroe upon her retirement effective October 31, 2016. Captain Jeff Singletary and Vice Chairman Bullock also expressed appreciation for her dedicated service to the County and its citizens.

**ITEM 4. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:**

Chairman Priest recognized Elizabethtown Fire Department representatives Deputy Chief Jamie Smith and Chief Nick West to address the Board. Mr. Smith and Mr. West both expressed appreciation to the Board for its continued support. They extended an invitation to the Board to attend an upcoming Elizabethtown Fire Department Christmas Party.

Chairman Priest recognized Vice Chairman Bullock to address the Board. Vice Chairman Bullock asked Mr. Martin to provide an update regarding a Stepping Up Initiative, a program related to reducing the number of individuals with mental illnesses in jails and detention centers. Mr. Martin stated that an update would be presented at an upcoming Board meeting.

**ITEM 5. Revenue Department: (Carol Cain, Tax Collector)**

- A. This item was removed from the Agenda. Please see action taken under Item 2 above.

**ITEM 6. Advisory Board Appointments for consideration during the November 21, 2016 Meeting:**

- A. Bay Tree Lakes Fire District Committee (1)
- B. Clarkton Fire District Committee (2)

**ITEM 7. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration During December 19, 2016 Meeting:**

- A. Ammon Fire Department Firefighter's Relief Fund Advisory Board (1)
- B. Bay Tree Fire Department Firefighter's Relief Fund Advisory Board (1)
- C. Division on Aging Advisory Committee (2)
- D. East Arcadia Fire Department Firefighter's Relief Fund Advisory Board (1)

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- E. Economic Development Commission Advisory Council (3)
- F. Health and Human Services Agency Advisory Council (4)
- G. Hickory Grove Fire Department Firefighter's Relief Fund Advisory Board (1)
- H. Kelly Fire Department Firefighter's Relief Fund Advisory Board (1)
- I. Library Board (2)
- J. Lisbon Fire Department Firefighter's Relief Fund Advisory Board (1)
- K. Tar Heel Fire Department Firefighter's Relief Fund Advisory Board (1)
- L. Tobermory Fire Department Firefighter's Relief Fund Advisory Board (1)
- M. White Oak Fire Department Firefighter's Relief Fund Advisory Board (1)

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

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed Board calendars for the months of November and December 2016.
- B. Mr. Martin provided an overview regarding a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Application for Disaster Relief Assistance and supporting documentation. Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously approved a FEMA Application for Disaster Relief Assistance and supporting documentation.
- C. Mr. Martin briefly updated the Board regarding an Amendment to Contract #6786 with the Department of Environmental Quality regarding a Historic Fish Access Project to be constructed at Lock and Dam #2 and #3. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, the Board unanimously approved an Amendment to Contract #6786 with the Department of Environmental Quality.
- D. Mr. Martin shared information submitted by Health and Human Services Agency Director David Howard regarding the sale of Home Health Program. Mr. Martin stated that the consultant anticipated having the Request for Proposals to be published by the week of Thanksgiving. The RFP will be submitted to all parties who have shown interest in Bladen County's Home Health program, as well as other potential buyers. Mr. Martin stated that it may be mid-February 2017 before a closing could be scheduled to complete the transaction.

Commissioner Smith asked Mr. Martin to reach out to HHSA Director David Howell to address some perceived concerns within the Health Department.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

ATTEST:

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Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

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Russell Priest, Chairman  
Bladen County Board of Commissioners