

March 19, 2012

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 19, 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
- Billy Ray Pait
- Russell Priest
- Daniel Dowless
- Lewis Tatum

Attorney: Leslie Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order. Reverend Richard Smith, Pastor, Cypress Creek Baptist Church, Garland, 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 Pait, the Board approved the following Consent Items:

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes of March 12, 2012 (Special Meeting)
- C. Minutes of March 12, 2012 (Regular Meeting)
- D. County Attorney Invoices as follows:

3-06-2012	\$ 4,750.00	EMS - Henderson
3-07-2012	\$ 300.00	Review Closed Session Minutes
	\$ 5,050.00	

- E. Tax Refunds and Releases No. 2-12
- F. National County Government Month Proclamation
- G. Use of Courthouse Lawn for Child Abuse Awareness Month Ceremony
- H. Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

ITEM 2. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

- Commissioner Pait asked that a Resolution be prepared in Support of Marriage Amendment which will be on the ballot in the May primary.
- Chairman Peterson read the following statement:

I am pleased to announce that Bladen County has taken a significant step forward tonight with regard to the provision of healthcare in Bladen County by signing the documents to officially transfer ownership of Bladen County Hospital to Cape Fear Valley Health System. This is pursuant to the Asset Purchase Agreement approved by the Board of County Commissioners in May 2011.

We feel like this agreement is in the best interest of the citizens of Bladen County. It not only maintains the operation of Bladen County Hospital, which is critical to the physical health of our citizens and to the economic health of our community, it also provides hope that a modern hospital facility will be built in our community in the foreseeable future.

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Cape Fear Valley Health System stepped up to the plate in 2008 to meet the healthcare needs of Bladen County by leasing the operation of Bladen County Hospital. We are pleased that Cape Fear Valley has now demonstrated its commitment to securing its presence in Bladen County as the provider of quality healthcare for our citizens.

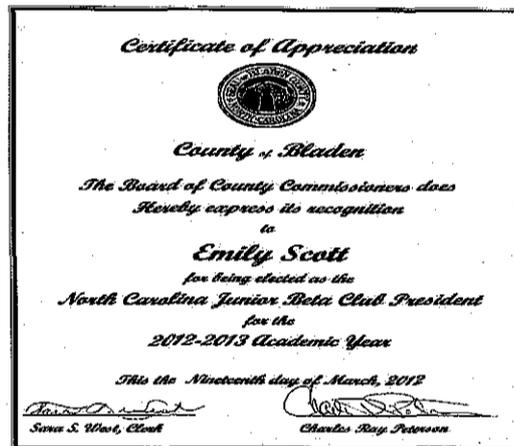
I would like to thank Bladen County and Cape Fear Valley officials for the hard work and due diligence demonstrated by both parties in finalizing this important transaction.

Chairman Peterson recognized Cape Fear Valley Health System CEO Mike Nagowski and Bladen Healthcare Interim CEO Dan Weatherly.

Mr. Nagowski expressed Cape Fear Valley Health Systems commitment to continue to providing quality health care to the citizens of Bladen County.

Chairman Peterson and CEO Nagowski participated in a ceremonial letter-signing and plaque presentation.

- A. Chairman Peterson Presented Emily Scott the following Certificate of Appreciation for being selected as the North Carolina Junior Beta President for the 2012-2013 academic year:



Emily is a 7th grade student at Clarkton School of Discovery and the daughter of Bryon and Judith Scott of Elizabethtown.

- B. Chairman Peterson recognized the following employees for Years of Service for the FY 2012 First Quarter:

Name	Department	Years of Service
Sara West	Administration	10
Jason Bryant	Animal	5
Cynthia Shaw	Elections	25
Christine Kraft	EMS	5
Lynda Sanders	EMS	5
Desmond Gillespie	Housekeeping	5
Sherry Lanier	Solid Waste	5
Penelope Perkins	Communications	10

A reception was held in honor of the employees for their years of Service to the County.

ITEM 3. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

- No one addressed the Commissioners.

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ITEM 4. Public Hearing: (H. L. "Drew" Cox, P.E. District Engineer)

- District Engineer Drew Cox appeared before the Board and reviewed the 2011-2012 North Carolina Transportation Secondary Roads Improvement Program for Bladen County.

County Attorney Leslie Johnson recognized Department of Transportation Board member Ed Grannis.

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.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Tatum, the Board approved the proposed 2011-2012 North Carolina Transportation Secondary Roads Improvement Program for Bladen County.

ITEM 5. General Services: (Robert Mazur, Manager)

- Robert Mazur provided the Board with an overview of the County Safe Driving Practice Policy and Program and Defensive Driving Program. Mr. Mazur also stated that Motor vehicle records of employees that drive county vehicles are reviewed on an annual basis.

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

- Upon a motion by Commissioner Priest, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board entered Session as the Water District Board of Directors.
- Upon a motion by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board approved to add approximately 6400 feet of 6 inch and 4 inch water lines to Sweet Home Church Road starting at NC 242 and going to Bladen Lakes School Road and up Bladen Lakes School Road for a short distance, to Phase III-B project at an estimated cost of \$88,987.50.
- Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board exited Session as the Water District Board of Directors.

ITEM 7. Advisory Board Appointments:

- Bladen County Nursing Home Advisory Committee: Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board appointed Fannie Long to fill the unexpired term of Amanda Brown with an expiration date of February 28, 2014.
- Elizabethtown Rural Fire District Committee: Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board appointed Woody Lancaster with an expiration date of April 7, 2015.
- Lumber River Workforce Development Board: Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board appointed Michael Burney with an expiration date of June 30, 2015.

ITEM 8. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- County Manager Greg Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.
- Chairman Peterson appointed Commissioners Smith, Gillespie and Peterson to a Budget Committee.
- The Board scheduled a meeting for April 2, 2012 at 5:30 pm to meet with Legislative Delegation.

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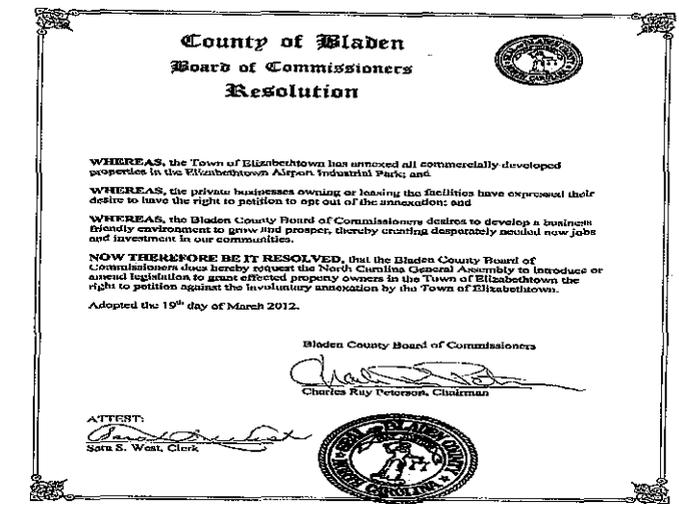
ITEM 9. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

- No one addressed the Commissioners.

ITEM 10. Upon a Motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, the Board Entered Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) Attorney Client (a)(5) Real Property Purchase/Contracts/Leases.

Upon a Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board Exited Closed Session and re-entered Open Session.

Upon a Motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board approved the following Resolution by a vote of 6 AYES (Commissioners Tatum, Pait, Dowless, Peterson, Blanks and Gooden) to 3 NOES (Commissioners Smith, Priest and Gillespie:



Upon a motion by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Pait the Board adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Charles Ray Peterson, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioner

ATTEST:

Sara S. West, Clerk