

April 18, 2016

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, April 18, 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
- G. Michael Cogdell
- Dr. Delilah Blanks
- Daniel Dowless
- Wayne Edge
- James G. "Jimmie" Smith

Excused: Billy R. Pait

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

ITEM 1. Chairman Priest called the meeting to order.

Reverend Larry Hayes, Good News Baptist Church of Bladenboro, provided the Invocation. County Manager Gregory J. Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2. Consent Items:

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

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes of March 31, 2016 5:30pm Special Meeting
- C. Minutes of March 31, 2016 6:00pm Special Meeting
- D. Minutes of April 4, 2016 Regular Meeting
- E. Budget Amendments, as follows:

Animal Control

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105200.499.028	Spay/Neuter Grant	3,090.67	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103260.041	Spay/Neuter Grant	3,090.67	

Spay/Neuter Grant for Oct - Dec 2015 (original application submitted for \$3,162.77).

Emergency Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105300.499.056	ES-LEPC Grant	1,104.04	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	1,104.04	

Rollover LEPC Grant received in May 2015.

Emergency Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105300.499.059	Four County Grant	5,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103230.034	ES-Four County Grant	5,000.00	

Grant for HVAC at training facility.

Library

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106700.200	Supplies & Materials	980.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.010	Miscellaneous Revenue	980.00	

Donation from the Community Foundation of the New River Valley to purchase children's library materials/supplies.

Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106900.908	To Jail Construction		16,044.00
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated		16,044.00

To reconcile to USDA.

Department of Social Services

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

100% Federal Reimbursement on current and future expenses.

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Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.689	Energy Neighbor Fund	490.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.031	Energy Neighbor Fund	490.00	

100 State Funds. Funding Authorization #11.

Department of Social Services

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

Enrollment fee for NCHC reimbursed to client.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.6160.650.002	Child Abuse Awareness	2,100.75	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143190.028	Child Abuse Awareness	2,100.75	

Donations from fundraisers for Child Abuse Awareness.

Jail Construction

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
815100.5110.192	Professional Services – Legal	12,567.00	
815100.5110.499	Misc Expense		1,271.00
815100.5110.570	On Site Testing	29,856.00	
815100.5110.570.001	Other Services	120,730.70	
815100.5110.574	Permits		780.00
815100.5110.612	Architectual Fees		78,700.00
815110.5110.612.001	Geo Tech		9,400.00
815100.5110.627	Equipment Purchases		143,890.00
815100.5110.990	Contingency	54,843.30	
<i>Revenues</i>			
813422.002	Fm General Fund		16,044.00

To reconcile to USDA.

F. County Attorney Invoices.

Date	Department	Amount
3/28/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 525.00
4/01/16	April-16 Retainer	\$ 300.00
4/04/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 535.00
4/13/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 520.00
4/14/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 770.00
	Total	\$ 2,650.00

- G. Tax Releases and Refunds No. 3-16, incorporated by reference and made a part of these Minutes
- H. EZ Edge Grant Application through the State Library of North Carolina in the amount of \$4,830.08
- I. North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) Grant Application in the amount of \$262,762.50
- J. FY 2016-17 Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Program Agreements

ITEM 3. Special Recognition:

- A. The following students were recognized for competing and placing in a recent Keep Bladen Beautiful essay contest:

Sydney Gardner	1 st Place Winner
Sam Inscoe	2 nd Place Winner
Henry Pate	3 rd Place Winner

 Each of the recognized students was presented framed certificates and a monetary award. Chairman Priest, Vice-Chair Bullock, KBB Chair Sondra Guyton and Bladen County Advisor Steve Melson made the presentations and congratulated each of the students.
- B. Chairman Priest and Vice-Chair Bullock recognized Patricia Smith upon her retirement from the County. DSS Director Vickie Smith was on hand to speak to Mrs. Smith's tenure with the County. Patricia Smith retires effective April 30, 2016 after having completed twenty-eight (28) years of service.
- C. The following employees were recognized for their years of service to the County of Bladen and its citizens:

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Employee	Department	Years of Service
Andrew Powell	Sheriff's Office	5
Kendal Kelly	Sheriff's Office	10
Dalphine Jenkins	Building Inspections	20
Sheila Rains	Health Department	10
Joan Taylor	Health Department	20
Adam Nobles	Environmental Health	10
Tangela Graham	D S S	10
David Howell	E M S	10

- D. Chairman Priest briefly recessed the meeting at 6:34pm for a reception in honor of the recognized individuals.
Chairman Priest reconvened the meeting at 6:46pm.

ITEM 4. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

No one brought an item of discussion to the floor.

ITEM 5. Individuals / Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one in attendance addressed the Board.

ITEM 6. Department Focus: Register of Deeds

- A. Mrs. Beverly Parks provided an overview of the daily responsibilities of the Register of Deeds office, which handles all vital records for Bladen County including births, deaths, marriages, and real estate documents. She shared some of the changes which have taken place recently with an introduction of a digital format. Mrs. Parks commended her staff for their diligence and customer service. The Board members expressed their appreciation to Mrs. Parks and her staff.

ITEM 7. Finance Department: (Lisa Coleman, Finance Officer)

- A. Mrs. Coleman reviewed a financial dashboard for the nine-months ending March 31, 2016.

ITEM 8. Advisory Board Appointments:

- A. Bladenboro Rural Fire District Committee (2):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board unanimously appointed Mark Frink and Randy Sykes to three-year terms of service, with the terms expiring April 4, 2019.
- B. Cape Fear Assembly (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, the Board unanimously appointed Daniel Dowless to a three-year term of service, with the term expiring April 15, 2019.
- C. Carvers Creek Fire District Committee (3):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, the Board unanimously reappointed Jack Skipper and appointed Virgil McDuffie and Bobby Macon to three-year terms of service, with the terms expiring April 5, 2019.
- D. Elizabethtown Rural Fire District Committee (2):** The Board, waiving the rules on term limits, reappointed Emery White and Linda Gillespie to three-year terms of service, with the terms expiring April 7, 2019.

ITEM 11. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed Board calendars for the months of April and May 2016.
B. Mr. Martin reviewed a certified bid tabulation compiled by Summit Design Group, Inc., regarding a DSS Lobby construction project. Eight contractors were asked to submit bids. Six contractors responded with bid packages, ranging from \$137,834 to \$186,930 for the lobby construction project.

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Commissioner Peterson asked if awarding the lowest bidder was required, since there were several bids received from Bladen County contractors. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously awarded a DSS lobby construction project in the amount of \$137,834 to Bill Worley and Sons of Whiteville, NC.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Russell Priest, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners