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A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, May 16, 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
- Billy R. Pait
- Wayne Edge
- James G. "Jimmie" Smith

Excused: Daniel Dowless

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

- A. Agenda.
- B. Minutes of May 2, 2016 Regular Meeting.
- C. Budget Amendments, as follows:

Motor Pool

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105010.253	Vehicle Parts	5,479.69	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.011	Insurance Claims	5,479.69	

Repairs for accident in January.

Sheriff-Courthouse Security

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105100.5170.120	Salaries	545.00	
105100.5170.122	Bonus		411.00
105100.5170.125	Overtime	1,168.00	
105100.5170.126	Part-time	4,280.00	
105100.5170.181	FICA	588.00	
105100.5170.182	Retirement	103.00	
105100.5170.183	Group Insurance	113.00	
105100.5170.185	Retiree Health Insurance	115.00	
105100.5170.186	LEO 401K	64.00	
106930.990	Contingency		6,565.00

To cover year end.

Sheriff-BCC Deputies

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105100.5175.120	Salaries	2,460.00	
105100.5175.125	Overtime	82.00	
105100.5175.181	FICA	163.00	
105100.5175.182	Retirement	182.00	
105100.5175.183	Group Insurance		961.00
105100.5175.185	Retiree Health Insurance	143.00	
105100.5175.186	LEO 401K	127.00	
106930.990	Contingency		2,196.00

To cover year end.

Animal Control

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105200.120	Salaries		3,000.00
105200.123	On Call Pay	612.00	
105200.124	Standby Pay	56.00	
105200.125	Overtime	840.00	
105200.181	FICA		300.00
105200.185	Retiree Health insurance	121.00	
106930.990	Contingency	1671.00	

To cover year end.

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Administration/Animal Control

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105200.739	Non Inventorable	4,955.00	
106800.450	Insurance & Bonds		4,955.00

Cost for exercise yard for animal control

Coroner

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105500.120	Salaries	40.00	
105500.181	FICA	4.00	
105500.190	Professional Services	10,000.00	
106930.990	Contingency		10,044.00

To cover year end.

Health

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105900.5915.499.057	Ebola		5,000.00
<i>Revenues</i>			
103530.105	DHHS-Bioterrorism		5,000.00

Reduction in State Funds.

Division on Aging

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106200.6205.499	DOA-Medical Trans – Miscellaneous	6,326.00	
106200.6230.499	DOA-Senior Center Ops – Miscellaneous	8,327.00	
106200.6250.499	DOA-Housing/Home Improvement – Misc	3,164.00	
106200.357	M/R Vehicles		14,300.00
106200.6230.310	Travel		2,200.00
106200.6230.395	Schools & Meetings		1,317.00
<i>Revenues</i>			
103530.025	DOA-Sr Ctr Health Promotions		2,000.00
103530.029	DOA-BG Sr Center	5,164.00	
103530.021	DOA-In Home BG I		15,817.00
103530.031	DOA-Trans BG General	3,163.00	
103530.032	DOA-Trans BG Medical	3,163.00	
103530.023	DOA-Sr Ctr BG Case	3,163.00	
103530.018	DOA-BG Home Improvement	3,164.00	

To reclassify BG for year end.

Division on Aging

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106250.499	DOA Housing/Home Impro-Miscellaneous	6,227.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103530.018	BG Home Improvement	6,227.00	

Additional funding from the Home and Community Care Block Grant.

Soil Conservation

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106400.120	Salaries	570.00	
106400.122	Bonus	64.00	
106400.181	FICA	10.00	
106400.182	Retirement	52.00	
106400.183	Group Insurance	60.00	
106400.185	Retiree Health Insurance	179.00	5,038.00
103530.100	DHHS-Maternal Health		5,038.00

Reduction in funds from state.

Extension

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106500.120	Salaries		6,371.51
105000.350	M/R – Building & Grounds	6,371.51	

To cover cost associated with new HVAC for Ag Center.

Parks & Recreation

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106600.210	Recreation Equipment	100.00	
106600.350	M/R Building & Grounds	262.00	
106600.352	M/R Equipment	450.00	
106600.493	Refunds	30.00	
106600.499	Miscellaneous Expense	716.03	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103660.010	Recreation Fees	1,296.03	
103190.010	Miscellaneous Revenues	262.00	

To cover expenses.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.6160.571	United Way – Caring for Kids	1,500.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.344	United Way – Caring for Kids	1,500.00	

1st Quarter Allocation.

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EMS

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
325302.251	Vehicle Fuels		400.00
325302.739	Non Inventorable		100.00
325302.341	Printing	200.00	
325302.499	Miscellaneous Expense	550.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
323190.010	Miscellaneous Revenue	250.00	

Cover expense for purchasing items for EMS week and expense for more Ambulance care reports.

EMS

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
325302.120	Salaries	21,500.00	
325302.121	Longevity		101.00
325302.125	Overtime	85,000.00	
325302.126	Part-time	25,400.00	
325302.181	FICA	3,200.00	
325302.182	Retirement	2,300.00	
325302.183	Group Insurance		21,000.00
325302.185	Retiree Health Insurance	3,100.00	
325302.492	Bad Debt	415,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
323280.011	Billing Revenue	534,399.00	

To cover year end.

D. County Attorney Invoices.

Date	Department	Amount
5/01/16	May-16 Retainer	\$ 300.00
5/03/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 2,525.00
5/05/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 575.00
5/05/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 370.00
5/10/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 550.00
5/11/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 425.00
-	Total	\$ 4,745.00

E. Tax Refunds and Releases No. 4-16, incorporated by reference and made a part of these Minutes.

F. The following Mental Health Awareness Month Proclamation:



G. The following EMS Week Proclamation:



H. Amendment to the NC Department of Public Safety Agreement Regarding Inmate Labor, for the period of June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017.

I. Home and Community Care Block Grant for Older Adults Budget Revision for FY 2015-16

J. The following Resolution to Support Cape Fear Valley Health System's Effort to Secure Funding for the Establishment of a Residency Program for up to 300 Residents:



K. Public Hearing Scheduled for 6:30pm on Monday, June 6, 2016 Regarding FY 2016-17 Proposed Budget.

ITEM 3. Special Recognition

A. Chairman Priest recognized Chandler Bordeaux and Sydney Gardner and presented each student with a Certificate, recognizing their first place poster submittals to the North Carolina Soil and Water Districts. Chandler Boardaux is a third-grade student who attends Elizabethtown Christian

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Academy. Sydney Gardner, a sixth-grader, attends Clarkton School of Discovery. Each placed first in her grade at the state level.

- B. Chairman Priest presented an Older Americans Awareness Month Proclamation, which was also read aloud by Chairman Priest. Division on Aging Director Joan Allen accepted the Proclamation.
- C. Chairman Priest presented to Eastpointe representative Cheryl Harris an adopted Mental Health Awareness Month Proclamation. Chairman Priest read aloud the proclamation.
- D. Chairman Priest presented to Bladen County EMS Director David Howell an adopted EMS Week Proclamation. Vice Chairman Bullock read aloud the proclamation. Chairman Priest and Vice Chairman Bullock expressed appreciation to the entire Bladen County EMS staff, paid and volunteer, for its service.

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. Finance Department: (Lisa Coleman, Finance Officer)

- A. Mrs. Coleman reviewed a financial dashboard for the ten-months ending April 30, 2016.

ITEM 7. Health and Human Services Agency: (David Howard, Director)

- A. County Manager Greg Martin introduced David G. Howard, recently named Health and Human Services Agency Director, which includes Health Director responsibilities. Mr. Howard expressed his appreciation to Mr. Martin and the Board for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Bladen County, continuing to provide excellent services by a responsible and well-trained county staff.
- B. Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners Maria Edwards administered the Oath of Office to Health and Human Services Agency Director David G. Howard.
- C. Health Educators Marianne Valentiner and Berkleigh Pridgen presented results of the Bladen County 2015 Community Health Assessment.

In summary, the CHA is completed in Bladen County in collaboration with Cape Fear Valley-Bladen County Hospital every 3 years. The last CHA was completed in 2013 and the next CHA cycle will be completed in 2019.

For the 2015 CHA, 443 surveys were completed and gathered anonymously through online surveys through Survey Monkey, in addition to paper copies collected through work group team members through the Cape Fear Valley/Bladen County Hospital, communities, health department clients, Bladen Community College faculty, staff and students, Facebook link, local media links, and the Jury Pool. Our work group consisted of 15 members from the community and agency partners.

Identified Priorities for the 2015 CHA were Chronic Disease that includes:

1. Substance Abuse : Tobacco/Vapor Products, Alcohol, Prescription Drug Use.
2. Obesity/Weight Problem: Nutrition Education and Physical Activity.

Data shows that for 2010-2014 per 100,000 that the three top causes of death in Bladen County were 1 Diseases of the Heart 232.0 for Bladen and NC 165.9, 2 Cancer rate of 163.4 for Bladen and 171.8 for NC, and 3 Other Unintentional Injuries at a rate of 36.6 for Bladen and 29.6 for NC.

New and Emerging Issue was identified as Teenage Pregnancy, which ranked top five in the results of what is the biggest health and/or other issue in your community? Based on the data, Teenage pregnancy rates in 2014 for per 100,000 for NC rate was 32.3 vs. Bladen rate at 52.1. Bladen County's rates have increased from the 2013 rates validating that this is a growing issue in our county.

Respondents noted Priority Health Issues within the surveys:

- Question 30 indicates what citizens would like to see in their community to improve the health of its citizens and the top answer was Physical Activity Opportunities. Following was Healthier Food Choices and Wellness Screens.
- Question 31 asks about families' health problems to which the answers indicated the top three answers; High Blood Pressure, Diabetes and Weight Problems.
- Question 33 inquires about the health programs that citizens would like to be available in their community in which the top 3 responses were Physical Activity, Substance Abuse and Nutrition/Wellness.
- Question 34 asks what health or community services do they have problems finding information about using and the top 3 responses were Mental HealthCare/Counseling, Employment, and Substance Abuse.

The top causes of death for the range of 2010-2014 indicated that Diseases of the Heart was 1 and Cancer was 2. Number 3, Chronic Lower Respiratory, with 4, Cerebrovascular Disease, and 5, Other Unintentional Injuries.

Bladen County's 2015 CHA was submitted on March 7, 2016 and was approved by the NC Department of Health and Human Services. Action Plans based on these findings will be completed this year.

Copies of the CHA will be placed in the Bladen County Libraries, Cape Fear Valley-Bladen County Hospital, Bladen Community College in Dublin and East Arcadia and NC Cooperative Extension. The CHA can also be found on the County's website.

- D. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously approved a Professional Services Agreement with Bladen Health Care, LLC dba Cape Fear Valley-Bladen County Hospital. This agreement will allow for services to be provided which includes tuberculosis/X-ray services, physician back up services and OB physician services.
- E. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously approved a New Employee Orientation Policy and Procedure.
- F. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, the Board unanimously approved a Fees, Eligibility and Billing Policy and Procedure.
- G. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously approved the following agreements with Tucker Silver Recovery Services:
 - a. Tucker Silvery Recovery Services Agreement
 - b. HIPAA Business Associate Agreement
 - c. Business Associate Agreement

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- H. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board unanimously approved an Agreement with East Coast Migrant Head Start Project. This agreement will allow for Bladen County Health Department to assist East Coast Migrant Head Start in making assessments of newly-enrolled children regarding age-appropriate preventative and primary health care which includes medical, dental and mental health.
- I. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board tabled consideration of a Pharmacy Services Agreement with Anderson's Drug Store.

ITEM 8. Advisory Board Appointments:

- A. **Carvers Creek Fire District Committee (2):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously appointed Sandra Blanks and Larry McLean to three-year terms of service, with the terms expiring April 5, 2019.
- B. **Dublin Fire District Committee (2):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board, waiving the policy on term limits, reappointed James Hales and Terry Dowless to three-year terms of service, with the terms expiring May 20, 2019.
- C. **Kelly Water Dike and Drainage District Committee (2):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board, waiving the policy on term limits, reappointed William Corbett and Charles Russ to three-year terms of service, with the terms expiring May 20, 2019.

ITEM 9. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed Board calendars for the months of May and June 2016.
- B. Mr. Martin provided a brief overview of a required Certification related to a proposed new continuing education facility on Bladen Community College's campus. This construction project will be funded by Connect NC Bond revenues in the amount of \$6,300,000. The certification indicates Bladen County's responsibility of expending an approximate \$41,152 annually for maintenance, staffing and utilities when the facility is complete.
- C. Mr. Martin provided an overview of a grant agreement between the County of Bladen and NC Department of Environmental Quality regarding a project to restore access to historic migratory fish habitat in the Cape Fear River basin at Lock & Dam #2. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board unanimously approved the \$250,000 grant agreement for design services.
- D. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously approved a request submitted by Living Springs Church Outreach Ministry for the use the Courthouse lawn at 10:00am until 12:00pm on Saturday, July 16, 2016.
- E. Mr. Martin briefly reviewed options regarding a current residency requirement included in the Personnel Policy. Following discussion, a motion was introduced by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Blanks to delete the Residency Requirement from the Personnel Policy. A substantive motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, to add wording that "any aspect of the residency requirement may be waived at the discretion of the Board of County Commissioners." Following discussion, Commissioner Smith withdrew the substantive motion. Commissioner Cogdell repeated the original motion to delete the Residency Requirement from the Personnel Policy, which was seconded by Commissioner Blanks. The motion was defeated by a vote of three (3) AYES (Cogdell, Blanks, Bullock) to five (5) NOES (Smith, Peterson, Priest, Pait, Edge). Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, the Board voted to add wording that "any aspect of the residency requirement may be waived at the discretion of the Board of County

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Commissioners.” The motion passed upon a vote of five (5) AYES (Smith, Peterson, Priest, Pait, Edge) to three (3) NOES (Cogdell, Blanks, Bullock). Commissioner Cogdell inquired if the residency requirement would be included in future job postings. Mr. Martin stated that the residency requirement would be included in future job postings.

- F. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, the Board scheduled a Special Meeting regarding FY 2016-17 Budget at 5:30pm on Monday, May 23, 2016.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, the meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Russell Priest, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners