

**June 18, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 18, 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 Bruce Cannon, Director of Missions, Bladen Baptist Association, Elizabethtown, NC provided the Invocation. Chairman Peterson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Peterson excused Commissioner Blanks from voting on consent items due to possible conflict of interest regarding Item 1-D, County Attorney invoices. Chairman Peterson requested to add Item 7-N to the agenda – Eastpointe LMO Advisory Board appointment that was omitted from the Agenda.

**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:
  - May 29, 2012 (Special Meeting)
  - May 31, 2012 (Special Meeting)
  - June 4, 2012 (Regular Meeting)
  - June 11, 2012 Special Meeting)
- C. Budget Amendments as follows:

**Department and Account Number**

**Account Description**

**Increase**

**Decrease**

**Finance**

Expenditures			
104400.740	Capital Outlay-Equip.	30,121.45	
Revenue			
103190.050	FBA	30,121.45	

Rollover unspent software loan.

**Motor Pool**

Expenditures			
105010.499.004	Misc Exp-Wrecker	2,850.00	
Revenues			
103560.092	Vehicle Storage	2,850.00	

Over collected revenue to pay current expenses.

**Animal Control**

Expenditures			
105200.499.028	Spay/Neuter Grant	742.92	
Revenues			
103260.041	Spay/Neuter Grant	742.92	

January-March 2012 Grant

**Water**

Expenditures			
254702.275	Bulk Water	50,000.00	
Revenues			
253190.050	FBA	50,000.00	

Overspent for water purchases for the Whites Cross Road Well.

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**EMS**

Expenditures			
325302.960.001	Admin		7,838.00
Revenues			
323190.010	Miscellaneous Revenue		7,838.00

Administrative fees associated with Medicaid Cost Settlement reimbursement.

**Administration**

Expenditures			
106900.909.001	To Water Construction		861,595.00
Revenues			
103190.050	FBA		861,595.00

Loan approved by LGC on June 5<sup>th</sup> for Phase III-B.

**Water-Phase III-B**

Expenditures			
236804.990	Contingency		861,595.00
Revenues			
233220.015	Fm General Fund		861,595.00

Loan approved by LGC on June 5<sup>th</sup> for Phase III-B.

**DSS**

Expenditures			
146100.693	Medicaid Transportation		25,000.00
Revenues			
143531.320	Medicaid Transportation		25,000.00

To pay current and future expenses – 100% reimbursement.

**D. County Attorney Invoices as follows:**

6-1-2012	\$ 300.00	Retainer for month of June
6-7-2012	\$ 8,750.00	Board of Election Protests
	\$9,050.00	

- E. Tax Refunds and Releases No. 5-12
- F. Home and Community Care Block Grant Budget FY 2012-13
- G. Authorize County Manager to Approve Budget Amendments thru June 30, 2012
- H. Annual Pesticide Environmental Trust Fund Grant
- I. Lease Proposal to the State of North Carolina for the DMV Call Center

**ITEM 2. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:**

- A. Chairman Peterson recognized Coach Lennon Fisher for 32 Years of Service to Education and Athletics in Bladen County
- B. Recognized the following employees for Years of Service:

Last Name	First Name	DEPT	YRS/SERVICE
Custis	Stephanie	Division on Aging	5
Leach	Brenda	DSS	10
Rich	Sandra	DSS	20
Richardson	Doretha	DSS	5
Slater	Crystal	DSS	5
Bowen	Caroline	EMS	15
Guyton	Bonnie	EMS	5
Elkins	Gregory	Planning	15
Dowless	Robert	Revenue	5
Romero	Christie	Sheriff	5
Sessoms	Tony	Sheriff	20
Edwards	Donnie	Water	5

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

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**ITEM 3. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:**

- No one addressed the Commissioners.

**ITEM 4. Public Hearing to Receive Comments Regarding the Rural Operating Assistance Program Application (ROAP):**

- A. 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.
- B. Upon a Motion by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board approved the Rural Operating Assistance Program Application.

**ITEM 5. Finance Department: (Lisa Coleman, Director)**

- A. Ms. Coleman reviewed the Financial Dashboard for the period of May 2012.
- B. Upon a Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board approved a Service Agreement with New World Systems Corporation.

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

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board Entered Session as Bladen County Water District Board of Directors.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board adopted a Resolution Approving Financing Terms with BB&T for Phase III-B loan extension until December 31, 2012.
- C. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board approved a Modification Agreement with BB& T for Phase III-B loan extension until December 31, 2012.
- D. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board approved an Interlocal Agreement with Bladen County regarding a loan of \$861,595.00.
- E. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board approved a Revised Capital Project Ordinance for Phase III-B.
- F. Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Tatum, the Board approved an Engagement Letter with Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP. Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein to replace former bond counsel Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP.
- G. Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board approved an Engineering Agreement with Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates, P.A. regarding White's Crossroads Well
- H. Upon a motion by Commissioner Priest, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board Exited Session as Bladen County Water District Board of Directors.

**ITEM 7. Advisory Board Appointments:**

- A. **Ammon Fire Service District Committee:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Tatum, the Board waived the term limits and reappointed Carl Whitted with an expiration date of June 30, 2015. The appointment of the seat held by Nathan Riley was tabled.
- B. **Animal Control Board:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board reappointed Channing Gooden and Charlotte Smith and waived the term limits and reappointed Morris White. All terms expire on June 30, 2015.

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- C. **Bladen County Recreation Committee:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board reappointed Shoal Singletary and Mike Suggs and waived the term limits and reappointed Kenneth Daniels and Marvin Burney. All terms expire on June 30, 2015.
- D. **Bladen County Planning Board:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board appointed Ronnie McLean to replace Berry Lewis and waived the term limits and reappointed Margaret Lawrence and Dan Ward. All terms expire on June 30, 2015. The appointment of the seat held by Aaron Cox was tabled.
- E. **Bladen County Zoning Board of Adjustment:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board appointed Ronnie McLean to replace Berry Lewis and waived the term limits and reappointed Margaret Lawrence and Dan Ward. All terms expire on June 30, 2015. The appointment of the seat held by Aaron Cox was tabled.
- F. **Elizabethtown Airport/Economic Development Commission:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Priest, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board reappointed Julius Avant and Reynold Hester with an expiration date of June 30, 2016.
- G. **Hickory Grove Fire Service District Committee:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board tabled the appointments for the seats held by Annette Smith, Ricky Johnson and Willis Ray Edge.
- H. **Kelly Fire Service District Committee:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board waived the term limits and reappointed Charles Ridenhour and Bobby Lee Russ with an expiration date of June 30, 2015.
- I. **Lumber River Workforce Development Board:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board tabled the appointments for the seats held by Barbara Knight, Hiram Hester, Michael Burney and Mary Bellamy.
- J. **Tar Heel Fire Service District Committee:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board waived the term limits and reappointed Terry Herring, Troy Smith and Vernon Richardson with an expiration date of June 30, 2015
- K. **Tobermory Fire Service Committee:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Tatum, the Board waived the term limits and reappointed Franklin Davis with an expiration date of June 30, 2015
- L. **White Lake Fire Service District Commission:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board waived the term limits and reappointed Cary Hammonds. Appointed J. C. Chadwick to replace Jim Woodruff and Pedro Merritt to replace Elmer Tessenaar. All terms expire on June 30, 2015.
- M. **White Oak Fire Service District Committee:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board waived the term limits and reappointed Haywood McKoy, Mike Johnson and Laverne Tatum with an expiration date of June 30, 2015.
- N. **Eastpointe Managed Care Organization (MCO):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board appointed Billy Ray Pait and Emery White with an expiration date of June 19, 2015. The Southeastern Regional Mental Health Advisory Board was disbanded and replaced with the Eastpointe MCO due to the State's Expansion of the 1915 b/c Medicaid Waiver and the ensuing merger with Eastpointe.

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ITEM 8.

County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. County Manager Greg Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.
B. A Motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Priest, to schedule a budget meeting on June 25, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Pait stated he didn't think that another budget meeting was necessary and he was prepared to adopt the budget originally proposed by the County Manager. The motion failed by a vote of 4 AYES (Commissioners Smith, Priest Peterson and Gillespie) to 5 NOES (Commissioners Tatum, Pait, Dowless, Blanks and Gooden).

A Motion was made by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, to approve the following FY 2012-2013 Budget Ordinance. Chairman Peterson expressed his concern regarding this unexpected motion and called a brief recess prior to calling for a vote on this motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 AYES (Commissioners Pait, Tatum, Dowless, Blanks and Gooden) to 4 NOES (Commissioners Smith, Priest Peterson and Gillespie:

Annual Operating Budget Ordinance Bladen County, North Carolina Budget Ordinance FY 2012-2013. Section 1: The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of Bladen County government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013 according to the following summary and schedule. Section 2: It is estimated that the following revenues, listed by major source, will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013 to cover the foregoing appropriations. Section 3: There is hereby authorized the following Water District fees for water use. Section 4: There is hereby authorized a reimbursement of \$5.50 per mile to employees who are required to use their personal vehicle for authorized County business (except as noted in Travel Policy). Section 5: There is hereby authorized the following Solid Waste Fees. Section 6: There is hereby authorized the following Fire District fees for fire water use. Section 7: The Budget Officer is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations within a fund as contained herein under the following conditions. Section 8: Copies of this Budget Ordinance shall be furnished to the Budget Officer, the Finance Officer, and the Revenue Officer for distribution to the Board of Commissioners. ADOPTED: This the 18th day of June, 2012. Charles Ray Peterson, Chairman Bladen County Board of Commissioners. Sara S. West, Clerk.

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- C. County Manager Greg Martin advised that Progress Energy has invited the Board to attend the launch for the Neighborhood Energy Saver Program on Thursday, July 12, 2012 from 6 to 7:30 pm at Elizabethtown Middle School.

The Neighborhood Energy Saver Program (NES) is an energy efficiency program targeting Progress Energy Carolinas' (PEC) low-income residential customers. The NES Program will provide information and energy conservation measures to encourage and reduce energy consumption and costs. The program will be provided to selected neighborhoods at no cost to the residents.

County Manager Greg Martin made the following announcement on behalf of Division on Aging Director Joan Allen:

Bladen County Division on Aging is pleased to announce that the Bladen County Senior Center in Elizabethtown has been recognized as a Senior Center of Excellence. A Site Review Team visited the Senior Center today, June 18, 2012. The team consisted of members from NC Division of Aging and Adult Services, the University of North Carolina-CARES (Center for Aging Research and Educational Services), Lumber River Council of Governments-Area Agency on Aging Administrator, the local Senior Tar Heel Legislature delegate (Dr. Delilah Blanks) and senior center directors from two other centers.

To become a Center of Merit a center must meet all of the requirements for certification. A Center of Excellence exceeds the requirements for certification. Bladen County Senior Center has demonstrated best practices in the following operational areas: outreach and access to services; programs and activities; planning, evaluation, and input from older adults; staffing; and operations. Centers of Excellence provide exemplary services and opportunities to their communities and serve as mentors and models to developing centers.

Senior Center Director, Sandra Baldwin has worked diligently to achieve this certification. As a "Center of Excellence" the Senior Center General Purpose Funding will increase for 2012-2013. The exact amount of funding is not known yet, but during the current year, the agency received just over \$4000.00. There is potential to receive just over \$12,000.00 with a 25% match required of Bladen County. The match is an in-kind match.

**ITEM 9. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:**

- No one addressed the Commissioners.

**ITEM 10. Upon a Motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Tatum, the Board Entered Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(4) Industry/Economic Development.**

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

Upon a motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie the Board adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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Charles Ray Peterson, Chairman  
Bladen County Board of Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Sara S. West, Clerk