

**August 20, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 20, 2012 in the County Commissioners 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

Attorneys: Leslie Johnson and Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order. Reverend Larry Hayes, Pastor of Good News Baptist Church, Bladenboro, NC provided the Invocation. County Manager Gregory J. Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM 1. Consent Items:**

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

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes of the Board meeting of August 6, 2012
- C. Budget Amendments as follows:

**Department and Account Number**

**Account Description**

**Increase**

**Decrease**

**GIS/Sheriff**

Expenditures			
104700.321	Telephone		572.00
105100.610	Contracted Services	572.00	

Aircard with Sheriff's plan for GIS and Emergency Management.

**Sheriff**

Expenditures			
105100.741	Capital Outlay-Vehicle	23,653.88	
Revenue			
103190.011	Insurance Claims	23,653.88	

Insurance payment for June 8, 2012 total loss patrol car and contents.

**Administration**

Expenditures			
106900.903	To DSS	1,850.00	
Revenue			
103190.050	FBA	1,850.00	

Funding Authorization #1 CPS Expansion.

**Administration**

Expenditures			
106900.903	To DSS		4,947.00
Revenue			
103190.050	FBA		4,947.00

Funding Authorization #1 TANF/CPS FC Adopt.

**DSS**

Expenditures			
1461006160.555	Refunds/Client Repay	100.00	
Revenue			
143591.010	Client Refunds	100.00	

To reimburse client for NCHC enrollment fee that was not suppose to pay an annual fee.

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**DSS**

Expenditures			
1461006160.571	Caring for Kids	375.00	
Revenue			
143531.344	United Way-Caring for Kids	375.00	

1<sup>st</sup> quarter allocation.

**DSS**

Expenditures			
146100.689	Energy Neighbor Fund		7,459.64
Revenue			
143531.031	Energy Neighbor Fund		7,459.64

Funding Authorization #1.

**DSS**

Expenditures			
146100.689	Energy Neighbor Fund	462.00	
Revenue			
143531.031	Energy Neighbor Fund	462.00	

Funding Authorization #2.

**DSS**

Expenditures			
146100.689	Energy Neighbor Fund	454.00	
Revenue			
143531.031	Energy Neighbor Fund	454.00	

Funding Authorization #3.

**DSS**

Revenue			
143550.035	CPS Expansion-State		1850.00
143550.080	General Fund	1850.00	

Funding Authorization #1.

**DSS**

Revenue			
143550.033	TANF-CPS FC/Adopt	4,947.00	
143550.080	General Fund		4,947.00

Funding Authorization #1.

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

6-18-2012	\$ 475.00	Bladen Co. addition to ballpark
7-30-2012	5,500.00	Strickland Zoning Compliance
8-01-2012	300.00	Retainer for August
8-09-2012	1,900.00	Board of Elections Appeal
Total	\$ 8,175.00	

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

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

- Terry and Donald “Ronnie” Cain appeared before the Board to request support for a “snag” operation to be performed on Big Swamp’s waterways before they are completely dammed up by debris from logging operations and trees that have blown over during storms. Chairman Peterson advised that the Board would take under advisement and follow up with them.

**ITEM 4. Public Hearing to Receive Comments On Proposed Text Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Regarding Internet Cafes:**

- 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 Smith, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board approved the following Text Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Regarding Internet Cafes.

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Bladen County Zoning Ordinance  
Text Amendment Recommendations  
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**Internet Sweepstakes Café/Electronic Gaming Operations**

Section 12, Page 98 Add Definitions and Word Interpretations  
Any business enterprise, whether as a principal or an accessory use, where persons utilize electronic machines, including but not limited to computers and gaming terminals, to conduct games of chance, including sweepstakes, and where cash, merchandise or other items of value are redeemed or otherwise distributed, whether or not the value of such distribution is determined by electronic games played or by predetermined odds. This term includes but is not limited to internet sweepstakes, electronic gaming operations or cybercafés, who have a finite pool of winners. This definition does not include any lottery approved by the State of North Carolina.

Section 7, Page 70. Special Use Permit  
Special Use Permit. Internet Sweepstakes Cafes/Electronic Gaming Operations shall be allowed in the Commercial Zoning District as a special use. The special use permit shall be approved by the Bladen County Planning Board.

**Rules of Operation and Other Requirements**

1. No use permitted under this section may be located within 1000 feet of another use permitted under this section.
2. No use permitted under this section may be within 500 feet of any area zoned for residential use or from the property line of residential unit(s), churches, daycares, schools, or public parks in all zoning districts, which will be measured from the property line(s) containing such regulated use.
3. Distances shall be measured using a straight line without regard to intervening objects or structures, from the closest exterior wall of the gaming establishment to the curtilage area (area of the property that is being maintained) of the religious use, school, daycare, residential district, or other electronic gaming establishment.
4. If food or beverages are served, the establishment must meet the requirements of Bladen County Health Department.
5. The gaming operations shall be visible and open from the store front.
6. All exterior windows shall not exceed a window tint of 35 percent.
7. Firearms are prohibited.
8. Hours of operation shall be limited to 8:00am to 2:00am Monday - Saturday and shall not open until 2:00 pm on Sunday and remain open until 2:00am.
9. The establishment shall be restricted to patrons and employees at least 18 years of age.
10. All terminals must be properly permitted and all applicable fees established for internet sweepstakes cafes by the Bladen County Board of Commissioners must be paid.
11. Approval shall be obtained from the Bladen County Fire Marshal prior to occupancy and must comply with annual review standards.
12. All zoning and building permits issued after for all sweepstakes centers shall be subject to an annual review and inspection from the date of approval to ensure compliance with this ordinance.
13. The applicant will be responsible for all fees and costs which exceed the \$200 special use permit fee.

- ITEM 5. North Carolina Department of Transportation:**  
County Manager Greg Martin stated that District Engineer Drew Cox advised that the Tar Heel Bridge, which had been closed for several weeks for repairs, re-opened for traffic at 2:00 pm today.
- ITEM 6. Finance Department: (Lisa Coleman, Director)**
- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board approved to adopt a Resolution Making Certain Statements of Fact Concerning Proposed Bond Issue
  - B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board approved a Bond Order Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$11,500,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds of the County of Bladen
  - C. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board approved to Adopt Post-Issuance Compliance Policies and Procedure
  - D. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board approved to Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Negotiation of an Installment Purchase Contract and Providing for Certain other Related Matters Thereto
- ITEM 7. Parks and Recreation Department: (Grant Pait, Director)**
- Grant Pait appeared before the Board and provided an update of goals and objectives regarding the Bladen County Parks and Recreation Department.
- ITEM 8. Bladen County Water District: (Randy Garner, Director)**
- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board Entered Session as Bladen County Water District Board of Directors.
  - B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board Approved a Sales/Purchase Agreement with William A. Cain.
  - C. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board Approved to Adopt a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Bladen, North Carolina Acting as the Governing Body of the Bladen County Water District Making Certain Statements of Fact Concerning Proposed Bond Issue.
  - D. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, the Board Approved a Bond Order Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$10,500,000 General Obligation Refunding Water Bonds of the Bladen County Water District.  
Randy Garner provided the Board with an update on Phase III-B construction project.
  - E. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board Exited Session as Bladen County Water District Board of Directors.

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**ITEM 9. Advisory Board Appointments:**

- A. **Bladen County Industrial Facilities & Pollution Control Financing Authority:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board waived the term limits and reappointed David Hursey with an expiration date of August 16, 2018 and reappointed Tom Wynn and Robert Heavenridge with an expiration date of August 16, 2018.
- B. **Bladen County Highway Safety Committee:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board appointed Bobby Kinlaw; reappointed Larry Hayes and waived the term limits and reappointed Reynold Hester. All terms expire on August 31, 2015.
- C. **Keep Bladen Beautiful:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board appointed Darrell Page to fill the unexpired term of Sharon Murray-Block who resigned due to relocating to New Bern, NC. Term expires March 1, 2013.

**ITEM 10. County Manager: (Greg Martin)**

- A. County Manager Greg Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board rescheduled the first meeting in September to Monday, September 10, 2012.
- C. Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board rescheduled the first meeting in November to Monday, November 12, 2012.

**ITEM 11. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:**

- No one addressed the Commissioners.

**ITEM 12.** Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board entered closed session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (3) Attorney Client Privilege; (a) (6) Personnel

**ITEM 13.** Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board exited Closed Session and re-entered Open Session.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board adjourned at 7:44 pm.

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Charles Ray Peterson, Chairman  
Bladen County Board of Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Gregory J. Martin, Deputy Clerk