

August 1, 2016

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, August 1, 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
- Daniel Dowless
- Dr. Delilah Blanks
- Billy R. Pait
- Wayne Edge
- G. Michael Cogdell
- James G. "Jimmie" Smith

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 July 18, 2016 Regular Meeting.
- C. Budget Amendments, as follows:

Motor Pool

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105010.357	Vehicle Repairs	1,710.81	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.011	Insurance Claims	1,710.81	

2013 Ford Fusion 4 Door Sedan for DSS

Motor Pool

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105010.357	Vehicle Repairs	8,530.97	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.011	Insurance Claims	8,530.97	

2013 Ford Explorer

Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106900.904	To EMS	212,119.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	212,119.00	

Three full-time paramedics and two basics added at 07/18/2016 BOC meeting.

Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
325302.120	Salaries & Wages	152,538.00	
325302.122	Bonus	869.00	
325302.181	FICA	11,736.00	
325302.182	Retirement	11,261.00	
325302.183	Group Insurance	27,124.00	
325302.185	Retiree Health Insurance	8,591.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
323422.002	Fm General Fund	212,119.00	

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Jail Construction

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
815100.5110.192	Professional Services - Legal	62,567.00	
815100.5110.570	On Site Testing	105,040.00	
815100.5110.570.001	Other Services	140,125.70	
815100.5110.612	Architect	1,362,500.00	
815100.5110.612.002	Construction Manager @ Risk	53,000.00	
815100.5110.621	Construction	16,533,982.00	
815100.5110.627	Equipment Purchases	425,315.00	
815100.5110.745	Interest	1,116,496.44	

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815100.5110.900	To General Fund	1,521,921.00	
815100.5110.960.005	Relocation	78,700.00	
815100.5110.990	Contingency	566,269.30	
Revenues			
813190.014	Loan Proceeds	19,985,000.00	
813422.002	Fm General Fund	1,980,916.44	

On going – Jail Construction Project.

D. County Attorney Invoices.

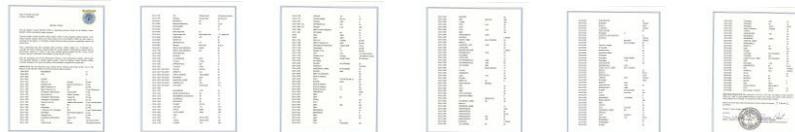
Date	Department	Amount
7/11/16	Administration	\$ 595.00
7/11/16	Health Department	\$ 675.00
7/12/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 1,850.00
7/12/16	Emergency Services	\$ 510.00
7/13/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 525.00
7/14/16	Library	\$ 525.00
7/15/16	Library	\$ 575.00
7/15/16	Library	\$ 575.00
7/15/16	Library	\$ 575.00
7/18/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 275.00
7/20/16	Human Resources	\$ 575.00
7/21/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 540.00
	Total	\$ 7,795.00

E. Designation of Vice Chairman Bullock as Voting Delegate to NCACC Annual Conference.

F. FY 2015-16 Community Care Block Grant for Older Adults Close-Out Report

G. FY 2016-17 Community Care Block Grant for Older Adults Revision.

H. The following Resolution to Declare Certain Property Surplus:



ITEM 3. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

Chairman Priest recognized Commissioner Cogdell to address the Board. Commissioner Cogdell presented a motion to bring EMS into compliance by fully funding, from the General Fund, two (2) additional Paramedic positions and three (3) additional EMT-Intermediate positions. Commissioner Bullock provided a second. Following discussion, the motion was defeated by a vote of three (3) AYES (Cogdell, Bullock, Blanks) to six (6) NOES (Smith, Peterson, Priest, Dowless, Pait, Edge).

A. Chairman Priest recognized Alton and Lillian Bryant. Chairman Priest and Vice Chairman Bullock presented a plaque to the Bryant Family in honor of their son, Desmond Bryant, who has returned to Bladen County to sponsor a football camp at his alma mater, East Bladen High School. Chairman Priest stated that this year (2016) was the fifth consecutive year the successful football camp has been held. Desmond Bryant, a 2004 graduate of East Bladen High School, annually returns to Bladen County to hold a football camp since 2012. The most recent camp was held on July 15 and attended by youth, ages 6 through 18. Mr. Bryant began his professional football career following his graduation from Harvard. He initially signed with the Oakland Raiders, and currently plays with the Cleveland Browns. Mr. & Mrs. Bryant expressed their appreciation to the Board.

Discussion returned to EMS staffing levels and the ¼¢ Sales Tax Referendum. Commissioner Cogdell indicated that alternate funding methods may need to be considered in order to fund additional EMS staff if the Sales Tax Referendum is defeated in November.

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Chairman Priest encouraged the Board to urge citizens to support the Sales Tax Referendum which will support EMS.

ITEM 4. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one in attendance addressed the Board.

ITEM 5. Sheriff's Office: (Jim McVicker, Sheriff)

A. Sheriff McVicker and Captain Jeff Singletary provided an overview of a proposal by the NC State Highway Patrol regarding available office space in the law enforcement and detention center, currently under construction. The NCSHP has proposed to fund an on-site communications tower in exchange for the use of 274 square feet of office space and closet. The County would not be responsible for any of the costs to furnish the office. The initial agreement will be for a period of three (3) years. The cost associated with constructing the tower is estimated to be \$18,000. Following discussion, Sheriff McVicker stated that he would return with a formal agreement at a future meeting.

ITEM 6. Central Services: (Kip McClary, Director)

A. Mr. McClary provided a brief overview of a request to reclassify a vacant Building Maintenance Mechanic II (Grade 61) position to Lead Maintenance Mechanic (Grade 63) position in Central Services. This reclassification would increase annual compensation by \$2,657 annually. He indicated this reclassification would enhance the department's organizational structure. Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, the Board unanimously approved the Maintenance Mechanic II (Grade 61) position reclassification to Lead Maintenance Mechanic (Grade 63).

ITEM 7. Advisory Board Appointment:

A. **White Lake Planning & Zoning (ETJ) (1):** A motion was introduced by Commissioner Edge to appoint Jessie Lennon to an unexpired term. Commissioner Smith provided the second. Following discussion regarding requirements to represent the extra-territorial jurisdiction, Commissioner Edge withdrew his motion. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Codgell, the Board unanimously tabled the matter.

ITEM 8. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration at the August 15, 2016 Meeting:

- A. Highway Safety Committee (3)
- B. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (2)

ITEM 9. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed Board calendars for the months of August and September 2016.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Bullock, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board unanimously approved a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Project Funding Agreement regarding a Lock and Dam #2 and #3 Fishway Construction Project.
- C. Mr. Martin provided an overview regarding per diem rates for travel paid by the State of North Carolina and surrounding counties. Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Blanks to table the subject to a future meeting. Commissioner Cogdell provided a second. The motion was defeated by a vote of three AYES (Blanks, Cogdell, Bullock) to six (6) NOES (Smith, Peterson, Priest, Dowless, Pait, Edge).
- D. Mr. Martin provided an update following action taken at a recent Board meeting regarding funding for Community organizations. Mr. Martin shared the outcome of the approved motion. As it stands, a total of \$1,900 has been approved to be appropriated to four (4) different entities.

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Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Russell Priest, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners