

August 15, 2016

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, August 15, 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: Leslie 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 August 1, 2016 Regular Meeting.
- C. Budget Amendments, as follows:

Health

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105900.5965.126	Salaries		10,259.00
105900.5965.181	FICA		781.00
105900.5965.200	Supplies		660.00
105900.5965.321	Telephone		250.00
105900.5965.325	Postage		500.00
105900.5965.353	Copier		150.00
105900.5965.395	Schools & Meetings		150.00
105900.5965.491	Dues & Subscriptions		1,000.00
<i>Revenues</i>			
103530.163	MAP		13,750.00

Reduction in State Funding.

Library

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106700.234	Electronic Materials	2,992.08	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103630.011	LSTA Grant Reimbursement	2,992.08	

Grant Reimbursement.

Education

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106910.878	BCC-Matching Grant	50,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	50,000.00	

Rollover Golden Leaf Matching Grant.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.688	Crisis Intervention	173,793.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.220	Crisis Intervention	173,793.00	

Funding Authorization #2.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.689	Energy Neighbor Fund		4,677.28
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.031	Energy Neighbor Fund		4,677.28

Funding Authorization #1.

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Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.689	Energy Neighbor Fund	452.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.031	Energy Neighbor Fund	452.00	

Funding Authorization #2.

Elizabethtown Fire Department

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
455345.627	Equipment Purchases	743.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
453190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	743.00	

Equipment purchases for 16-17.

D. County Attorney Invoices.

Date	Department	Amount
6/21/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 895.00
7/22/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 420.00
7/25/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 770.00
7/26/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 445.00
7/27/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 220.00
7/29/16	Administration	\$ 770.00
8/01/16	August-16 Retainer	\$ 300.00
8/04/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 1,450.00
8/04/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 520.00
	Total	\$ 5,790.00

E. Tax Refunds and Releases No. 7-16, incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

F. The following Proclamation recognizing Bladen County All Star 10U Softball Team:



G. FY 2016-17 Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) Grant Application.

ITEM 3. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

- A. Ms. Beverly Spaulding was recognized upon her retirement from the County following twenty-eight (28) years of service to the County and its citizens. Ms. Spaulding was unable to attend the meeting.
- B. Chairman Priest and Vice Chairman Bullock recognized the Bladen County All Star 10U Girls' Softball Team in attendance, along with the coaches. A Proclamation was presented to the state championship team. Head Coach Barry Priest expressed appreciation to the Board for its support of the Parks and Recreation department youth programs.

Chairman Priest recognized Commissioner Cogdell to address the Board. Commissioner Cogdell asked the Board to consider requesting Mr. Martin to research the "Stepping Up" Initiative which was a topic of discussion at a recent NC Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) Annual Conference. The initiative recognizes that the number of people with mental illness in US jails has increased substantially and supports steps to alleviate the situation. Mr. Martin expressed his willingness to research the initiative and report to the Board at a future meeting.

ITEM 4. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one in attendance addressed the Board.

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ITEM 5. Detention and Law Enforcement Center Construction Project Update: (Blair Bordeaux, Bordeaux Construction Company, Inc.)

A. Mr. Bordeaux, along with Matt Miller, provided an update and demonstrated the capabilities of virtually constructing the project to identify issues prior to on-site construction.

Mr. Bordeaux indicated the project would be substantially complete by the end of May, 2017 with turn over to the Sheriff's Office anticipated by July 2017.

Along with safety, employment of Bladen County citizens has been a high priority for Bordeaux/WM Jordan during the construction phase. Mr. Bordeaux indicated that consultant Joe Jackson, and project superintendent Ben Brisson are both citizens of Bladen County. He also indicated that several of the subcontractors reside in Bladen County.

Commissioner Cogdell inquired regarding future expansion if needed. Mr. Bordeaux indicated that utilities to serve the detention and law enforcement center will be able to accommodate expansion.

Mr. Bordeaux expressed his appreciation to the Board.

ITEM 6. Department Focus:

A. Parks and Recreation Department: Grant Pait, Director

Mr. Pait provided an overview of the services and programs available through the Parks & Recreation Department. Mr. Pait reminded the Board of the facilities throughout the county for recreational opportunities. Data indicates that participation has increased in a number of youth sports programs, with soccer being at the highest level. The baseball programs have declined recently because of other local organized baseball programs.

Commissioner Blanks inquired regarding community outreach for outlying areas of the county. Mr. Pait indicated that the master plan is scheduled to be revised in the near future. Currently, establishing satellite parks is a part of the long range master plan and will be included in the updated plan. Grants are available for through the Community Recreation Assistance Fund (CRAF) to assist in establishing recreational opportunities within a community.

ITEM 7. Revenue Department (Renee Davis, Tax Administrator)

A. Mrs. Davis and Tax Collector Carol Cain provided an Unpaid Tax Report and Annual Settlement for the years of 2006-2015.

B. An Order directing the Tax Collector to Collect Taxes charged in the Tax Records and Receipts, along with a 2016 Summary Levy was presented.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, the Board unanimously approved an Unpaid Tax Report and Annual Settlement for Year 2006-2015 and adopted the following Order Directing the Tax Collector to Collect Taxes Charged in the Tax Records and Receipts:



ITEM 8. Finance Department: (Lisa Coleman, Finance Officer)

A. Mrs. Coleman reviewed a Financial Dashboard for the one-month period ending July 31, 2016, noting that certain revenues and expenses may be rolled back into FY 2015-16 in order to properly record transactions.

B. Mrs. Coleman reviewed an estimated Fund Balance report as of June 30, 2016.

ITEM 9. Health and Human Services Agency: (David Howard, Director)

A. Mrs. Carol Strickland and Ms. Kayla Brienne provided an overview of available services through the Young Families Connect (YFC) program. Bladen County was awarded the YFC grant on March 24, 2016. The program is currently in the approved year of August 1, 2016 – July 31, 2017, with funding in the amount of \$217,910.00. The grant period will be 2016-2019, providing Office of Adolescence Health funds remain available.

This grant amount covers: position salaries for a Coordinator and two (2) case-managers for the program, research program Project Information Management System (PIMS) with UNC-Chapel Hill, transportation for participants to workshops and limited school transportation with approval from YFC staff through Woods Transportation Services, continuation education tuition, books and class essentials with Bladen Community College, limited childcare through Childcare Network, required educational workshops supplies/incentives, and Domestic Violence education with Families First and limited Dentistry services.

YFC program goals are for participants to improve self-sufficiency, health/wellness and parenting skills for men or women pregnant or parenting, aged 13-24 in Bladen County.

Referrals are received from Bladen Community College, Health Department, Women-Infant-Children (WIC) program, maternity clinic, Bladen Medical Associates, Cape Fear Valley Hospital-Bladen County, Department of Social Services, client referrals, Division of Employment Security, Care Coordinator for Children (CC4C) and Obstetric Care Management (OBCM). Each of these contacts involves the entire county, reaching new moms and babies.

The YFC program helps to connect participants to other programs in Bladen County to help improve the goals and initiatives that they personally set through our program. Participants are contacted and met with monthly for updates and for quarterly review of progress of their goals. Currently there are 33 active participants in the program.

B. Mr. Howard provided a brief overview of the updated health policies, which have already been presented and approved by the HHS Advisory Board. The policies have been updated to reflect new administration and reviewed to ensure compliance. Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously approved the following policies:

1. Fixed Assets
2. Employee Flex Schedule
3. Internal Control Process
4. Consumer Complaint
5. Customer Service Expectations/Feedback

C. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously approved a FY 2016-17 Medication Assistance Program (MAP) Grant Application.

D. Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board unanimously approved Board of Health rule for rabies post exposure management of dogs and cats.

E. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board unanimously approved an agreement with Eastpointe regarding placement of a mental health kiosk within the Health Department.

F. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board unanimously approved agreements with the following providers regarding the Young Families Connect (YFC) program:

1. Dr. Ray Cross, DDS
2. Woods Transportation
3. Bladen Community College

ITEM 10. Advisory Board Appointments:

A. **Highway Safety Committee (3):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously reappointed Linda Miller and Johnny Parks and appointed Jim Crayton to three-year terms of service, with the terms expiring August 31, 2019.

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- B. **Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (2):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously reappointed Doretta Lennon and Keith Graham, to two-year terms of service, with the terms expiring June 30, 2018. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board unanimously requested that other appointments to the JCPC be updated and shared with the Board at a future meeting.
- C. **White Lake Planning & Zoning (ETJ) (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board unanimously appointed Alisha Evans to an unexpired term, with the term expiring March 20, 2017.

ITEM 11. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed Board calendars for the months of August and September 2016.
- B. Mr. Martin provided an overview of a NACo initiative, Rural Impact County Challenge (RICC), which offers community coaching for up to 10 RICC counties. This initiative provides local leaders support to strengthen efforts to improve communities. Expertise from a variety of disciplines, from public health to law to social work to planning to hospital community benefits, may be made available to the ten (10) successful counties.
- C. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, the Board unanimously adopted the following Resolution in support of the Rural Impact County Challenge:



ITEM 12. Closed Session:

- A. Upon a motion at 7:51pm by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously entered Closed Session in accordance with NCGS 143.318-11(a)(3) Attorney/Client Privilege.
- B. Upon a motion at 8:29 pm by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously exited Closed Session.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Russell Priest, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners