

September 6, 2016

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, September 6, 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 Cogdell, the Board approved the following Consent Items:

- A. Revised Agenda, to move item 11, Closed Session, to immediately follow item 3, Matters of Interest to Commissioners.
- B. Minutes of August 15, 2016 Special Meeting.
- C. Minutes of August 15, 2016 Regular Meeting.
- D. Budget Amendments, as follows:

Governing Board

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104100.120	Salaries	3,713.00	
104100.181	FICA	104.00	
104100.182	Retirement	11.00	
106930.990	Contingency		3,828.00

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104200.120	Salaries	3,387.00	
104200.181	FICA	259.00	
104200.182	Retirement	235.00	
106930.990	Contingency		3,881.00

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

Human Resources

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104210.120	Salaries	1,177.00	
104210.181	FICA	90.00	
104210.182	Retirement	82.00	
106930.990	Contingency		1,349.00

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

Planning

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104220.120	Salaries	1,659.00	
104220.181	FICA	127.00	
104220.182	Retirement	115.00	
106930.990	Contingency		1,901.00

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

Workplace Safety

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104230.120	Salaries	139.00	
104230.181	FICA	10.00	
104230.182	Retirement	9.00	
106930.990	Contingency		158.00

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Elections

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104300.120	Salaries	2,524.00	
104300.126	Part-Time Salaries	1,178.00	
104300.181	FICA	283.00	
104300.182	Retirement	181.00	
106930.990	Contingency		4,166.00

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

Finance

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104400.120	Salaries	4,596.00	
104400.126	Part-Time Salaries	58.00	
104400.181	FICA	356.00	
106930.990	Contingency		5,010.00

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

Tax Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104500.120	Salaries	3,332.00	
104500.181	FICA	255.00	
104500.182	Retirement	231.00	
106930.990	Contingency		3,818.00

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

Computer Ops

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104600.120	Salaries	2,832.00	
104600.181	FICA	216.00	
104600.182	Retirement	194.00	
106930.990	Contingency		3,242.00

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

GIS

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104700.120	Salaries	1,557.00	
104700.181	FICA	119.00	
104700.182	Retirement	108.00	
106930.990	Contingency		1,784.00

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

Register of Deeds

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104800.120	Salaries	3,265.00	
104800.181	FICA	250.00	
104800.182	Retirement	226.00	
106930.990	Contingency		3,741.00

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

Central Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105000.120	Salaries	6,307.00	
105000.181	FICA	482.00	
105000.182	Retirement	410.00	
105000.185	Retiree Health Insurance	84.00	
106930.990	Contingency		7,283.00

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

Motor Pool

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105010.120	Salaries	1,476.00	
105010.181	FICA	112.00	
105010.182	Retirement	114.00	
106930.990	Contingency		1,702.00

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

Motor Pool

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105010.357	Vehicle Repairs	1,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.011	Insurance Claims	1,000.00	

Insurance reimbursement on 2012 ambulance

Housekeeping

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105020.120	Salaries	3,470.00	
105020.181	FICA	265.00	
105020.182	Retirement	239.00	
106930.990	Contingency		3,974.00

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Sheriff

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105100.200.016	Sheriff – Surplus Proceeds	49.59	
105100.200.021	Supplies – K9	3,084.13	
105100.499.043	Incident Provisions	3,016.71	
105100.601	Excise Tax – Control Subst	9,854.17	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	16,004.60	

Rollover of unspent designated funds.

Sheriff

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105100.120	Salaries	53,835.00	
105100.181	FICA	5,642.00	
105100.182	Retirement	3,254.00	
105100.185	Retiree Health Insurance	659.00	
105100.186	LEO 401K	4,105.00	
106930.990	Contingency		67,495.00

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

Sheriff - Jail

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105100.5110.120	Salaries	16,201.00	
105100.5110.181	FICA	1,521.00	
105100.5110.182	Retirement	823.00	
105100.5110.185	Retiree Health Insurance	245.00	
105100.5110.186	LEO 401K	153.00	
106930.990	Contingency		18,943.00

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

Sheriff - Communications

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105100.5120.120	Salaries	11,023.00	
105100.5120.181	FICA	1,027.00	
105100.5120.182	Retirement	969.00	
105100.5120.185	Retiree Health Insurance	733.00	
106930.990	Contingency		13,752.00

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

Sheriff - Pre-Trial Release

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105100.5140.120	Salaries	1,079.00	
105100.5140.181	FICA	131.00	
105100.5140.182	Retirement	122.00	
105100.5140.185	Retiree Health Insurance	31.00	
105100.5140.186	LEO 401K	97.00	
106930.990	Contingency		1,460.00

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

Sheriff - COPs Grant

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105100.5160.120	Salaries	1,632.00	
105100.5160.181	FICA	125.00	
105100.5160.182	Retirement	72.00	
105100.5160.185	Retiree Health Insurance	18.00	
105100.5160.186	LEO 401K	127.00	
106930.990	Contingency		1,974.00

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

Sheriff - Courthouse Security

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105100.5170.120	Salaries	5,345.00	
105100.5170.126	Part-Time Salaries	15,876.00	
105100.5170.181	FICA	1,670.00	
105100.5170.182	Retirement	455.00	
105100.5170.185	Retiree Health Insurance	300.00	
105100.5170.186	LEO 401K	341.00	
106930.990	Contingency		23,987.00

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

Sheriff - BCC Deputies

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105100.5175.120	Salaries	1,652.00	
105100.5175.181	FICA	157.00	
105100.5175.182	Retirement	74.00	
105100.5175.186	LEO 401K	3,254.00	
106930.990	Contingency		5,137.00

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Animal Control

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105200.120	Salaries	3,043.00	
105200.181	FICA	233.00	
106930.990	Contingency		3,276.00

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

Animal Control

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105200.739	Non-Inventorable	4,955.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	4,955.00	

Rollover unspent recreation area for Animal Control

Emergency Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105300.120	Salaries	3,363.00	
105300.181	FICA	430.00	
105300.182	Retirement	398.00	
105300.185	Retiree Health Insurance	94.00	
106930.990	Contingency		4,285.00

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

Building Inspections

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105400.120	Salaries	3,024.00	
105400.181	FICA	231.00	
105400.182	Retirement	209.00	
106930.990	Contingency		3,464.00

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

Coroner

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105500.120	Salaries	103.00	
105500.181	FICA	7.00	
106930.990	Contingency		110.00

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

Health

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105900.120	Salaries	5,877.00	
105900.181	FICA	450.00	
105900.182	Retirement	392.00	
105900.185	Retiree Health Insurance		250.00
106930.990	Contingency		6,469.00

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

Health

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105900.5905.120	Salaries	3,180.00	
105900.5905.181	FICA	243.00	
105900.5905.182	Retirement	220.00	
106930.990	Contingency		3,643.00

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

Health

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105900.5905.120	Salaries	2,075.00	
105900.5905.181	FICA	159.00	
105900.5905.182	Retirement	153.00	
105900.5905.185	Retiree Health Insurance	113.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.010	Miscellaneous Revenue	2,500.00	

Reimbursement Grant.

Health

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105900.5940.120	Salaries	450.00	
105900.5940.181	FICA	34.00	
105900.5940.182	Retirement	31.00	
106930.990	Contingency		515.00

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

Health

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105900.5951.120	Salaries	2,786.00	
105900.5951.181	FICA	213.00	
105900.5951.182	Retirement	193.00	
105900.5951.200	Supplies	6,960.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103530.110	Child Services	10,152.00	

2% COLA added to 16/17 budget, plus additional state funding.

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Health

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105900.5960.120	Salaries	1,268.00	
105900.5960.181	FICA	97.00	
105900.5960.182	Retirement	86.00	
106930.990	Contingency		1,451.00

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

Health

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105900.5960.499.030	Wolfe Mini Grant	1,245.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	1,245.00	

Rollover unspent grant.

Veterans

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106000.120	Salaries	789.00	
106000.181	FICA	71.00	
106930.990	Contingency		860.00

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

Division on Aging

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106200.120	Salaries	2,416.00	
106200.181	FICA	226.00	
106200.182	Retirement	204.00	
106200.185	Retiree Health Insurance	7.00	
106930.990	Contingency		2,853.00

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

Division on Aging

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106200.6201.120	Salaries	1,582.00	
106200.6201.181	FICA	146.00	
106200.6201.182	Retirement	132.00	
106200.6201.185	Retiree Health Insurance	6.00	
106930.990	Contingency		1,866.00

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

Division on Aging

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106200.6205.120	Salaries	1,301.00	
106200.6205.181	FICA	198.00	
106200.6205.182	Retirement	110.00	
106200.6205.185	Retiree Health Insurance	5.00	
106930.990	Contingency		1,614.00

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

Division on Aging

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106200.6210.120	Salaries	2,243.00	
106200.6210.181	FICA	242.00	
106200.6210.182	Retirement	219.00	
106930.990	Contingency		2,704.00

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

Division on Aging

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106200.6220.120	Salaries	2,716.00	
106200.6220.181	FICA	207.00	
106200.6220.182	Retirement	192.00	
106200.6220.185	Retiree Health Insurance	40.00	
106930.990	Contingency		3,155.00

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

Division on Aging

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106200.6225.120	Salaries	163.00	
106200.6225.181	FICA	21.00	
106200.6225.182	Retirement	18.00	
106930.990	Contingency		202.00

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

Soil Conservation

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106400.120	Salaries	1,766.00	
106400.181	FICA	277.00	
106400.182	Retirement	149.00	
106400.185	Retiree Health Insurance	6.00	
106930.990	Contingency		2,198.00

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Soil Conservation

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106400.499.006	Misc Expense – Drill	36,219.90	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	36,219.90	

Rollover unspent drill funds, weed wiper funds, donations, etc.

Library

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106700.120	Salaries	7,292.00	
106700.126	Part-time Salaries	233.00	
106700.181	FICA	695.00	
106700.182	Retirement	612.00	
106700.185	Retiree Health Insurance	26.00	
106930.990	Contingency		8,858.00

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

Library

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106700.200	Supplies	110.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.010	Misc Revenue	110.00	

Donation from Hamilton Educational Foundation

Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106800.808.002	Veterans Memorial Project	417.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	417.00	

Rollover of unspent Veterans Memorial funding.

Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106900.903	To DSS	10,786.05	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	10,786.05	

Rollover of unspent donations, memorials, etc.

Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106900.901	To Economic Development	3,416.00	
106930.990	Contingency		3,416.00

2% COLA added for 16/17 budget

Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106900.904	To EMS	50,490.00	
106930.990	Contingency		31,336.00
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	19,154.00	

2% COLA added for 16/17 budget

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.693	Medicaid Transportation	125.40	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143190.010	Miscellaneous Revenue	125.40	

Refund of travel funds for Marsha Norris.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.6160.499.050	Memorials	100.00	
146100.6160.545	Federal Adoptions	7,289.55	
146100.6160.571	Caring for Kids	1,606.74	
146100.6160.650.001	Foster Care Donations	883.41	
146100.6160.650.002	Child Abuse Awareness	720.85	
146100.6160.650.003	Adult Abuse Awareness	185.50	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143550.080	Fm General Fund	10,786.05	

Rollover of unspent donations, memorials, etc.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.6160.565	Day Care	320,145.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.310	DSS Day Care	320,145.00	

Funding Authorization #1.

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Solid Waste

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
205800.120	Salaries	3,717.00	
205800.181	FICA	374.00	
205800.182	Retirement	347.00	
205800.185	Retiree Health Insurance	45.00	
205805.120	Salaries	2,822.00	
205805.181	FICA	276.00	
205805.182	Retirement	236.00	
205805.185	Retiree Health Insurance	8.00	
205805.990	Contingency		7,825.00

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

Solid Waste

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
205800.398	KBB/Community Relations	1,937.84	
<i>Revenues</i>			
203190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	1,937.84	

Rollover unspent Keep Bladen Beautiful funds.

Water

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
254702.120	Salaries	4,916.00	
254702.181	FICA	478.00	
254702.182	Retirement	425.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
253190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	5,819.00	

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

Economic Development

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
307200.120	Salaries	2,566.00	
307200.126	Part-time Salaries	327.00	
307200.181	FICA	276.00	
307200.182	Retirement	227.00	
307200.185	Retiree Health Insurance	20.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
303422.002	Fm General Fund	3,416.00	

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

EMS

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
325302.120	Salaries	41,489.00	
325302.181	FICA	4,048.00	
325302.182	Retirement	3,773.00	
325302.185	Retiree Health Insurance	1,180.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
323422.002	Fm General Fund	50,490.00	

2% COLA added to 16/17 Budget

Sheriff - Equitable Sharing

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
535100.200	Supplies	4,703.52	
535100.212	Uniforms	5,418.29	
535100.395	Schools	5,000.00	
535100.499	Misc Expense	50,930.07	
535100.739	Non-Inventorable	7,155.69	
<i>Revenues</i>			
533190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	73,207.57	

Rollover of unspent.

E. County Attorney Invoices.

Date	Department	Amount
8/05/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 525.00
8/05/16	Health Department	\$ 470.00
8/09/16	Health Department	\$ 445.00
8/09/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 385.00
8/17/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 270.00
8/18/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 680.00
8/22/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 575.00
8/23/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 470.00
8/25/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 375.00
8/29/16	Health Department	\$ 600.00
8/29/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 275.00
	Total	\$ 5,820.00

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- F. The following Proclamation in honor of SPT Manufacturing's 50th Anniversary in Bladen County:



- G. The following Proclamation designating September 2016 as Recovery Month:



- H. Waived Park Fees for the Bladen County Firefighters Association to hold a fundraising softball tournament on October 2, 2016 for the benefit of the Emergency Services Training Center.

ITEM 3. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

- A. Ms. Beverly Spaulding was recognized upon her retirement from Bladen County following twenty-eight (28) years of service to the County and its citizens. Chairman Priest and Vice Chairman Bullock presented a plaque in appreciation to Ms. Spaulding. Department of Social Services Director Vickie Smith also expressed her appreciation and congratulated Ms. Spaulding upon her retirement.
- B. Ms. Joan Allen was recognized upon her retirement from Bladen County following twenty-two (22) years of service to the County and its citizens. Chairman Priest and Vice Chairman Bullock presented a plaque in appreciation to Ms. Allen. Health and Human Services Agency Director David Howard also expressed his appreciation to Ms. Allen for her service.
- C. Chairman Priest and Vice Chairman Bullock recognized Eastpointe representative Cheryl Harris. A Proclamation designating September 2016 as Recovery Month was presented to Ms. Harris. She extended her appreciation and further addressed the Board regarding recovery from mental illnesses and substance abuse disorders.

Chairman Priest recognized Commissioner Smith to address the Board. Commissioner Smith asked Mr. Martin to contact the NC Department of Transportation regarding a low area near a newly constructed bridge on Hwy. 11. Water has been collecting in the area and may have caused an automobile accident.

Commissioner Peterson asked Mr. Martin to hold a kick-off meeting regarding the 1/4¢ Sales Tax Referendum to develop a plan to educate the public regarding the intended use of additional funds which would be strictly for Emergency Medical Services.

Following the amended agenda, Chairman Priest proceeded to item #11-Consider Entering Closed Session in Accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a) (3) Attorney/Client Privilege and NCGS 143-318.11(a) (6) Personnel.

ITEM 11. Closed Session:

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board entered Closed Session in Accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a) (3) Attorney/Client Privilege and NCGS 143-318.11(a) (6) Personnel at 6:41pm.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board exited Closed Session at 7:19pm.

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ITEM 4. Public Hearing:

Chairman Priest declared open the Public Hearing to receive comments regarding Bladen County's Home Health Agency. No one in attendance addressed the Board.

Chairman Priest declared closed the Public Hearing.

ITEM 5. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one in attendance addressed the Board.

ITEM 6. Health and Human Services Agency: (David Howard, Director)

- A. Mr. Howard presented a Resolution declaring intent to sell the Bladen County Home Health Agency. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the following Resolution was adopted by a vote of eight (8) AYES (Peterson, Priest, Bullock, Cogdell, Blanks, Dowless, Pait, Edge) to one (1) NO (Smith):



Following discussion, upon an amended motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board adopted a Resolution declaring intent to sell the Bladen County Home Health Agency by a vote of eight (8) AYES (Peterson, Priest, Bullock, Cogdell, Blanks, Dowless, Pait, Edge) to one (1) NO (Smith) and Chairman Priest read aloud the adopted Resolution.

- B. Mr. Howard provided a brief overview of a Letter of Engagement and standard HIPAA Business Associate Agreement with Clifton Larsen Allen, LLP. These agreements will allow for consultation and advisory assistance regarding the sale, or other form of conveyance, of the County's Medicare-certified Home Health Agency operated as a part of the County's Public Health Department. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board unanimously approved the Letter of Engagement and HIPAA Business Associate Agreement with Clifton Larsen Allen, LLP.
- C. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously scheduled a Public Hearing for Monday, October 3, 2016 regarding the intention to sell Bladen County's Home Health Agency.
- D. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously tabled consideration of a Clinical Professional Services Agreement with Columbus County.

ITEM 7. Computer Operations: (Robin Hewett, Director)

- A. Mr. Hewett provided an overview of a DOXO website which has represented itself as a Bladen County Water District payment processing site. This information was shared in order to better educate the public. It appears that at least one customer used the service to pay her outstanding water charges. The company does forward the funds to the County by way of a check following the processing of the customer's credit or debit card. However, the processing fees are assessed at a greater cost and the check delays payment of the customer's bill. The delay in processing and mailing of the paper check caused late fees to be assessed to the customer's account.

Following discussion, the Board expressed its appreciation to Mr. Hewett for bringing the subject to its attention and asked the media to publish information regarding the correct website in order to process timely water charge payments.

Mr. Hewett shared the intent to mail inserts along with water bills to bring attention to the correct website address for processing payments.

County Attorney Allen Johnson indicated his willingness to send cease and desist correspondence.

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ITEM 8. Emergency Medical Services: (David Howell, Director)

A. Mr. Howell provided a brief overview regarding a temporary ambulance service agreement with Sampson County. Sampson County's non-emergency transport service provider, Johnston Ambulance Services, closed suddenly which caused an emergent need for assistance. Mr. Howell indicated that three (3) patients have been identified in the Garland area who will need non-emergency transportation for the short-term. He further indicated the length of the agreement may be approximately 30-60 days duration. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, the Board unanimously approved a Temporary Ambulance Service Agreement.

ITEM 9. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration during September 19, 2016 Meeting:

- A. Voluntary Agricultural Districts Committee (2)
- B. Watershed Review Board (2)

ITEM 10. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed Board calendars for the months of September and October 2016.
- B. Mr. Martin reviewed proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure for the Bladen County Board of Commissioners. Following discussion, Mr. Martin indicated that additional amendments will be incorporated and presented at a future meeting.
- C. Update Regarding Legislation Revisions to State Health Plan for 2017 was not discussed.

ITEM 11. Closed Session:

Following the amended Agenda, Item 11-Closed Session was addressed immediately following Item 3, Matters of Interest to Commissioners.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Russell Priest, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners