

**September 19, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, September 19, 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 Richard Smith, Cypress Creek Baptist Church of Garland, provided the Invocation. County Manager Gregory J. Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM 2. Consent Items:**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board approved the following Consent Items:

- A. Agenda.
- B. Minutes of September 6, 2016 Regular Meeting.
- C. Budget Amendments, as follows:

**Tax Administration**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>104500.192</b>	Professional Services – Legal	6,200.00	
<b>104500.192.002</b>	Professional Services – Foreclosure	19,800.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>103190.050</b>	Fund Balance Appropriation	26,000.00	

Foreclosure/Legal Fees.

**Tax Administration**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>104500.270</b>	Advertising	160.25	
<b>104500.192</b>	Professional Services – Legal	167.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>103190.010</b>	Miscellaneous Revenue	327.25	

Bid fees on parcel #0005808.

**Health**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>105900.5910.120</b>	Salaries	7,244.00	
<b>105900.5910.181</b>	FICA	555.00	
<b>105900.5910.182</b>	Retirement	534.00	
<b>105900.5910.185</b>	Retiree Health Insurance	117.00	
<b>105900.5910.499.026</b>	Breastfeeding Grant	910.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>103530.130</b>	DHHS-WIC	9,360.00	

Additional grant from State.

**Health**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>105900.5970.610</b>	Contracted Services	24,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>103190.050</b>	Fund Balance Appropriation	24,000.00	

Agreement with Clifton Larsen Allen, LLP for consulting services – intent to sell Home Health Agency.

**Department of Social Services**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>146100.689</b>	Energy Neighbor Fund	464.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>143531.031</b>	Energy Neighbor Fund	464.00	

Funding Authorization #3.

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**Department of Social Services**

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

Funding Authorization #4.

**Department of Social Services**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>146100.6160.550</b>	Smart Start		46,024.00
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>143690.000</b>	Smart Start		46,024.00

Funding Authorization #1.

**Department of Social Services**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>146100.6160.555</b>	Client Refund	50.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>143591.010</b>	Client Refund	50.00	

Reimbursement to client for NCHC enrollment fees.

**Solid Waste**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>205800.398</b>	KBB/Community Relations	1,500.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>203321.011</b>	KBB	1,500.00	

Keep NC Beautiful donation.

**Bay Tree Fire District**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>475347.990</b>	Contingency		5,000.00
<b>475347.499</b>	Miscellaneous Expense	5,000.00	

Equipment for new truck.

**D. County Attorney Invoices.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
8/30/16	Revenue Department	\$ 1,500.00
8/31/16	Health Department	\$ 595.00
9/01/16	September-2016 Retainer	\$ 300.00
9/06/16	Health Department	\$ 470.00
9/08/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 975.00
9/12/16	Health Department	\$ 475.00
9/12/16	Sheriff's Office	\$ 520.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,835.00</b>

E. Tax Refunds and Releases No. 8-16, incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

**ITEM 3. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:**

Chairman Priest recognized Commissioner Cogdell to address the Board. He indicated concern regarding the Economic Development Director's meeting and recent tour of in the Industrial Park with a County Commissioner candidate. Commissioner Cogdell suggested that all candidates be invited to tour facilities. Commissioner Peterson expressed his view of an open door policy regarding any county employees. Following discussion, County Manager Greg Martin expressed willingness to review the situation.

**ITEM 4. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:**

A. Keep Bladen Beautiful Chairperson Sondra Guyton, Bladen County Staff Advisor Steve Melson and Board member Erin Smith were in attendance. Ms. Guyton expressed appreciation to the Board for the opportunity to address the Board. Ms. Guyton and Mr. Melson provided a brief overview of recent KBB activities, including three grant awards totaling \$1,500 to assist with a number of events and purchases. The beautification of Brown's Creek Bike Park and Brown's Landing Lock and Dam #2 entrances will be funded. An essay contest for sixth graders is planned for the spring with awards to be funded by a grant award. The purchase of a new recycling mascot costume is planned

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and should be available for the Jones Lake Fall Festival, scheduled for October 30.

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

- A. Mrs. Coleman reviewed a financial dashboard for the two months ending August 31, 2016.

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

- A. Mr. Howard provided a brief overview of an agreement with the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. Upon a motion Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board unanimously approved an agreement with the University of North Carolina at Wilmington to allow UNC-W nursing students in training for Public Health to do rotations at the Bladen County Health Department.
- B. Mr. Howard briefly discussed an agreement with Bladen Community College. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board unanimously approved an agreement with Bladen Community College to allow BCC nursing students in training for Public Health to do rotations at the Bladen County Health Department.
- C. Mr. Howard provided an overview of an agreement with Columbus County Health Department. Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, the Board approved an Agreement with Columbus County Health Department to contract family nurse practitioner professional services during a vacancy in Bladen County's family nurse practitioner position. The agreement was approved by a vote of seven (7) AYES (Cogdell, Blanks, Priest, Bullock, Dowless, Pait, Edge) to two (2) NOES (Peterson, Smith).
- D. Mr. Howard briefly discussed a new service code and current procedural terminology (CPT) code for obstetric care. Upon a motion by Commissioner Bullock, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously approved a new Service Code and Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Code to reflect obstetric care.
- E. Mr. Howard provided a brief overview of an agreement with Care Coordination for Children. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously approved an agreement with Care Coordination for Children (CC4C).
- F. Mr. Howard presented a memorandum of agreement with Bladen Community College. Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously approved a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Bladen Community College regarding Young Families Connect program.
- G. Mr. Howard briefly discussed an agreement with Community Care of the Lower Cape Fear. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board unanimously approved an Agreement with Community Care of the Lower Cape Fear regarding maternity clients.
- H. Mr. Howard provided an overview of an addendum regarding the FY 2016-17 Bladen County School Agreement. Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously approved an Addendum regarding the FY 2016-17 Bladen County School Health agreement.
- I. Mr. Howard briefly discussed an agreement with Stanbio Laboratory. Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board approved a Customer Incentive Agreement with Stanbio Laboratory. The agreement was approved by a vote of seven (7) AYES (Pait, Edge, Cogdell, Blanks, Smith, Priest, Bullock, Edge) to two (2) NOES (Dowless, Peterson).

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**ITEM 7. Sheriff's Office: (Captain Jeff Singletary, Administrative Officer)**

- A. Captain Singletary provided an overview of an agreement with the County of Onslow regarding the transfer, detention and care of Bladen County inmates. Currently Bladen County has an agreement with Sampson County for the transfer, detention and care of Bladen County inmates. However, the Sampson County Detention Center is reaching capacity and may not be a viable option in the future. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board unanimously approved an agreement with the County of Onslow.

**ITEM 8. Advisory Board Appointments:**

- A. **Voluntary Agricultural Districts Committee (2):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board, waving the rules on term limits, unanimously reappointed Dan Ward and Albert Beatty to three-year terms with the terms expiring September 30, 2019.
- B. **Watershed Review Board (2):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board, waiving rules on term limits, unanimously reappointed Franklin Graham and Warren D. Graham to three-year terms, with the terms expiring September 9, 2019.

**ITEM 9. 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. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board unanimously approved the amended Rules of Procedure for the Bladen County Board of Commissioners.
- C. Mr. Martin briefly discussed amended legislation to revise the State Health Plan for 2017. Recent amendments to legislation by the General Assembly will no longer allow for the Board of County Commissioners to pay the employee's portion of the Enhanced 80/20 Health plan. Effective January 2017, each employee who participates at the Enhanced 80/20 level, must pay a \$15.04 monthly premium for their own coverage. Mr. Martin further indicated that correspondence will be included with an upcoming payroll to inform employees as well.
- D. Mr. Martin briefly discussed a fish passage project for Lock and Dam #2 and #3. Dawn York has been corresponding with Mr. Martin regarding a request to submit a funding proposal to the NC Division of Water Quality Resources for consideration in the next fiscal budget review of the General Assembly.
- E. Mr. Martin also presented a request by Ms. York regarding a proposal to the Smithfield Environmental Enhancement Grant for the fish passage project. Ms. York stated the intent, if the grant is awarded to the County of Bladen, to apply those funds toward the construction of the fish passage structures at Lock and Dam #2 and #3.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board unanimously approved each of the requests (Agenda Items 10D and 10E) regarding funding requests for fish passage construction projects at Lock and Dam #2 and #3.

**ITEM 11. Closed Session:**

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board approved to enter Closed Session in Accordance with NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6) Personnel at 7:03pm.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board exited Closed Session at 7:20pm.

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Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously approved a compensation plan recommended by Piedmont Triad Council of Governments to increase compensation for Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedics, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Supervisors and EMS Training Officer effective September 18, 2016.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

ATTEST:

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Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

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Russell Priest, Chairman  
Bladen County Board of Commissioners