

October 19, 2015

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, October 19, 2015 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse.

The following members were present:

- Charles Ray Peterson, Chairman
- Russell Priest, Vice Chairman
- Billy Ray Pait
- G. Michael Cogdell
- Dr. Delilah Blanks
- Daniel Dowless
- Wayne Edge
- James G. "Jimmie" Smith
- Arthur Bullock

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

ITEM 1. Chairman Peterson 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 Dowless, the Board approved the following Consent Items:

- A. Agenda.
- B. Minutes of October 6, 2015 Regular Meeting.
- C. Budget Amendments, as follows:

Administration/Sheriff

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105100.120	Salaries & Wages		65,938.00
105100.121	Longevity		704.00
105100.122	Bonus		348.00
105100.181	FICA		5,124.00
105100.182	Retirement		4,789.00
105100.183	Group Insurance		10,280.00
105100.185	Retirees Health Insurance		3,684.00
105100.186	LEO 401K		3,349.00
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	11,468.00	
103270.012	Sheriff - BOE Deputies		105,684.00

Reduction from 7 to 5 School Resources Officers per Bladen County Schools. Two SRO positions (one vacant - one due to retirement) are being eliminated to reflect request.

Sheriff

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105100.395	Schools		3,383.00
105100.499	Miscellaneous Expense		3,383.00
105100.741	Capital Outlay-Vehicles	29,163.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.011	Insurance Claims	22,397.00	

Insurance for patrol car destroyed in a collision.

Administration

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106900.903	To DSS	33,355.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	33,355.00	

Decrease in federal allocation. Funding Authorization #1.

Department of Social Services

<i>Revenues</i>			
143550.030	DSS TANF Federal		33,355.00
143550.080	Fm-General Fund	33,355.00	

Funding Authorization #1.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.693	Medicaid Transportation	50,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.320	Medicaid Transportation	50,000.00	

To pay current and future expenses. 100% Federal reimbursement.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.6160.555	Client Refund	6.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143591.010	Client Refund	6.00	

To reimburse client for overpayment of filing fee.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.6160.565	Day Care		391,360.00
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.310	DSS Day Care		391,360.00

Decrease in FY 2015-2016 Budget. Blended funds of 86.71% Federal and 13.29% State.

D. County Attorney Invoices.

Date	Department	Amount
10/13/15	Sheriff's Office	\$ 510.00
10/14/15	Health Department	\$ 360.00
	Total	\$ 870.00

- E. Tax Refunds & Releases No. 9-15, incorporated by reference and made a part of these Minutes.
- F. 2016 Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) Application in the amount of \$129,374.

ITEM 3. Public Hearing:

A. Chairman Peterson declared open a Public Hearing to receive comments regarding Bladen Area Rural Transportation System (BARTS). No one in attendance spoke.

Chairman Peterson declared closed the Public Hearing.

B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board unanimously adopted a Human Service Agency Transportation Resolution, as follows:



ITEM 4. Recognition of Employees:

The following employees were recognized for their years of service to the County of Bladen and its citizens:

Employee	Department	Years of Service
Carol Cain	Revenue	10
Beverly Parks	Register of Deeds	20
Willie McLaughlin	Central Services	25
Kenneth R. Hester	Sheriff's Office	5
Jeffrey Tyler	Sheriff's Office	10
Thomasenia Campbell	E M S	10
Glenda Bagwell	E M S	5
Clara Johnson	Health	20
Crystal Simmons	Health	20
Lisa Nance	D S S	25
Vickie Smith	D S S	15
Martha Collins	Division on Aging	15
Johnice Autry	Extension	25

County Manager Greg Martin introduced Interim Health & Human Services Agency Director Wayne Raynor.

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Chairman Peterson briefly recessed the meeting at 6:37pm for a reception in honor of the recognized employees.

Chairman Peterson reconvened the meeting at 6:46pm.

ITEM 5. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

There were no matters of interest brought to the floor by the Board.

ITEM 6. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one in attendance addressed the Board.

ITEM 7. Revenue Department: (Renee Davis, Interim Administrator/Assessor)

A. Mrs. Davis provided a brief overview of a bid in the amount of \$6,200 received for a County-owned real property parcel (Pin: 0259-0078-1324), located on Q-Ball Lane in the Bladenboro township. The bid was submitted by Carrie Gibson, along with a 5% deposit (\$310). Mrs. Davis stated that the 2015 assessed property value is \$13,780.

Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board unanimously accepted the bid to begin an upset bid process for the purchase of county-owned real property. The final price for the real property will also include reimbursing the County for any associated advertising costs.

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

A. Mrs. Coleman reviewed the financial dashboard for the three-month period ending September 30, 2015.

B. Mrs. Coleman reviewed a proposed Bladen County Credit Card Use Policy and Bank Credit Card Use Agreement presented for information at a previous meeting. Following discussion, upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously approved a Bladen County Credit Card Use Policy and Bank Credit Card Use Agreement.

C. Mrs. Coleman reviewed proposed Bladen County Financial and Budgetary Policies, which were presented at a previous meeting for information. Following discussion, upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously approved Bladen County Financial and Budgetary Policies as presented.

ITEM 9. Emergency Medical Services: (David Howell, Chief)

A. Mr. Howell presented an overview of two (2) EMS proposals, including a recommendation for an additional unit and full-time staff for night coverage. Mr. Howell stated that the Clarkton Volunteer Rescue Squad has not been a working unit for approximately a year. Stephen Hester, Clarkton Rescue Squad Chief, was in attendance and stated that equipment is currently owned by the Clarkton squad and is in working order. However, its vehicles were not inspected in June 2015 and are not certified to be used. Mr. Hester stated that the building and property would revert to the Town of Clarkton if the squad should be decommissioned.

Mr. Howell also proposed a second recommendation for the next fiscal year. This portion of the recommendation would include additional full-time staff for day shift, to offset the need for part-time staff. He also stated that a compensation study for EMS is recommended. He stated that certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) employees can travel to work for other jurisdictions and receive an increase in hourly rates. Also, there has been an increase in part-time employees not being available for scheduled hours.

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Following discussion, consideration to schedule a Special Meeting will be addressed during the County Manager's portion of the meeting.

ITEM 10. Advisory Board Appointments:

- A. **Child Fatality/Protection Team (3):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Priest, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously appointed Sheriff James McVicker to an unexpired term, with the term expiring February 7, 2016; and appointed Paula Greene and Kenneth Clark for a term of three (3) years, with terms expiring October 13, 2018.
- B. **EMS Advisory Council (4):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board, waiving the policy on terms, unanimously reappointed Greg Martin and Arthur Bullock, and appointed Linda Croom and Anthony Webb to three (3) year terms each, with terms expiring October 31, 2018.

ITEM 11. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed the Board calendars for October and November, 2015. Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, a Special Meeting regarding EMS was scheduled for 5:00pm on Monday, October 26, 2015.
- B. Mr. Martin provided an overview regarding a recent Strategic Planning Adhoc Committee meeting. He stated that naming a steering committee is recommended in order for that committee to begin work in January 2016. Chairman Peterson stated that each Commissioner would have an opportunity to make one appointment to the steering committee. It is recommended that appointments for the steering committee be completed prior to the end of the year.

ITEM 12. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one in attendance addressed the Board.

ITEM 13. Closed Session:

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board entered Closed Session at 7:29 pm in accordance with NCGS 143.318.11(a)(6) Personnel.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board exited Closed Session at 7:52 pm.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously scheduled a Special Meeting regarding Personnel for 5:00 pm on Monday, October 26, 2015 and rescheduled a Special Meeting regarding EMS for 7:00 pm on Monday, October 26, 2015.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Charles R. Peterson, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners