

October 20, 2014

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, October 20, 2014 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse.

The following members were present:

- James G. “Jimmie” Smith, Chairman
- Mark Gillespie
- Charles Ray Peterson
- Billy Ray Pait
- Daniel Dowless
- G. Michael Cogdell
- Wayne Edge
- Delilah Blanks
- Russell Priest

Attorney: Leslie Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

ITEM 1. Chairman Smith called the meeting to order. Reverend Richard Smith, Cyrpess Creek Baptist Church, Garland, NC 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 Gillespie, the Board approved the following Consent Items:

- A. Agenda.
- B. Minutes of Regular Meeting on October 6, 2014.
- C. Minutes of Special Meeting on October 14, 2014.
- D. Budget Amendments as follows:

Planning

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
104220.270	Advertising	200.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103110.011	Special Use Permit	200.00	

Cover fees associated with cell tower public hearing.

Sheriff

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
1051005110.200	Jail-Supplies & Materials	6,535.35	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103260.019	Jail-Misdemeanant Program	6,535.35	

Funds to be used to offset cost pertaining to ongoing painting project in the jail.

Sheriff

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
1051005170.740	Capital Outlay-Equipment	15,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	15,000.00	

Metal Detectors and alarms, etc. for side entrances for Courthouse Security.

Health

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
1059005960.200	Supplies	250.00	
1059005960.395	Schools & Meeting	250.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103530.151	IMAPP Grant – NC Public Health	500.00	

Honorarium for Community Health Improvement Project.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
1461006160.555	Client Refund	50.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143591.010	Client Refund	50.00	

To reimburse client for NCHC enrollment fee,

CDBG-Scattered Site

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
784970.960.001	Admin	35,000.00	
784970.960.002	Scattered Site Planning	5,000.00	
784970.960.003	Clearance	30,000.00	
784970.960.008	Reconstruction	330,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
783970.020	CDBG-Scattered Site	400,000.00	

Rollover of CDBG-Scattered Site Program

E. County Attorney Invoices:

Date	Department	Amount
10/17/14	General Services	\$ 760.00
10/17/14	E M S	\$ 260.00
10/17/14	Finance Department	\$ 510.00
	Total	\$ 1,530.00

- F. Tax Refunds and Releases No. 09-14, incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.
- G. Annual Employee Appreciation Luncheon on November 19, 2014.
- H. Renewal Lease Agreement with North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Products
- I. Public Hearing scheduled for Monday, November 3, 2014 at 6:30pm regarding a Community Transportation Program Grant Application for FY 2015-2016.

ITEM 3. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

- A. Chairman Smith recognized the following employees upon their years of service to the County of Bladen and its citizens:

Employee	Department	Years of Service
Joan Allen	Division on Aging	20
Carla Burney	DSS	10
Debra Jones	DSS	10
Sabrina Oliver	DSS	5
Beverly Spaulding	DSS	25
Linda Clark	Economic Development	10
Heather Ellis	E M S	15
Sheila Bryan	Health	15
Eugenia Singletary	Health	5
Maria Padilla	Health	10
Maria Spaulding	Health	15
Linda Graham	Housekeeping	5
Tracy Heath	Vehicle Maintenance	5

- B. The meeting was briefly recessed at 6:35pm for a reception in honor of the recognized employees.

Chairman Smith reconvened the meeting at 6:45pm.

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

No one in attendance wished to address the Board.

ITEM 5. Public Hearing

- A. Chairman Smith declared open the Public Hearing to receive comments regarding Bladen Area Rural Transportation System (BARTS). No one in attendance wished to comment. Chairman Smith declared closed the Public Hearing.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, the Board unanimously approved a FY 2014-2015 Rural Operating Assistance Program Grant Application, for a total of \$134,392.

ITEM 6. Finance Department: (Lisa Coleman, Finance Officer)

- A. Mrs. Coleman reviewed the financial dashboard for the period ending September 30, 2014.

parking areas. Captain Singletary also stated the need for reviewing overall operations from time to time, and more frequently during initial stages.

Option 1, presented as a best-practice recommended by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association, would include one public entrance at the front (Broad Street entrance), employee and handicapped entrance at the rear of the courthouse, installation of security equipment including door locks, card reader lock and intercom systems. This option also includes a full-time security checkpoint at the public entrance. Initial cost estimates total \$93,000, with \$65,000 in recurring costs.

The second option would allow for only the front entrance to be used to access the courthouse. The back entry would be an emergency exit only. This option would require a full-time checkpoint, building improvements including a handicapped lift or ramp and modified parking spaces near the front entrance. The cost estimates total \$123,000, with approximately \$60,000 in recurring costs.

Option 3 would retain the front and back entrances as public and employee access, require two full-time security checkpoints and would also include building improvements. Cost estimates total \$137,700, with \$94,200 in recurring costs.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board accepted Option 1 as presented. The motion was accepted by a vote of seven (7) AYES (Smith, Gillespie, Cogdell, Blanks, Priest, Dowless, Pait) to two (2) NOES (Peterson, Edge). Commissioner Peterson did not agree with hiring additional Deputies.

ITEM 10. Advisory Board Appointments

- A. Keep Bladen Beautiful (3):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, the Board unanimously tabled the appointments.
- B. Tobermory Fire Department Firefighters Relief Fund Advisory Board (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board unanimously appointed Johnathan M. Register, with the term expiring 12/31/16.
- C. East Arcadia Fire Service District Committee (3):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously tabled the appointments.
- D. EMS Advisory Council (11):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board unanimously appointed the following individuals for a period of three (3) years, with terms expiring 10/31/17:

(A)	Administrator of hospital	Lisa Byrd
(B)	Physician nominated by BC Medical Society	Craig Louisy
(C)	Physician from local hospital	Dr. Kenneth Carter
(D)	County Communications representative	Sheriff Prentis Benston
(G)	ER Nurse, nominated by BC Hospital administration	Tracy Priest
(H)	County citizen, At Large	Charles Ray Peterson
(J)	Director of EMS	David Howell
(L)	Other individual deemed appropriate	Donald Bryan
(M)	Public Schools representative	Dr. Robert Taylor
Other	Fire Chief Assn. recommendation	Jackie Coleman
Other	Firefighter Assn. recommendation	Gene Lockamy

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ITEM 11. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed calendars for the months of October and November, 2014. Mr. Martin noted a Ribbon Cutting scheduled for Sunday, October 26, 2014 from 2pm until 5pm, to celebrate the recent completed renovations at the Elizabethtown Fire Station.

- B. Mr. Martin presented a charitable contribution application submitted by the Bladen County Chapter of United Way. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board unanimously approved a donation to United Way in the amount of \$500.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

James G. Smith, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners