

**November 2, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, November 2, 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 Pait, the Board approved the following Consent Items:

- A. Agenda.
- B. Minutes of October 19, 2015 Regular Meeting.
- C. Minutes of October 26, Special Meeting Regarding Personnel
- D. Minutes of October 26, 2015 Special Meeting Regarding EMS.
- E. Budget Amendments, as follows:

**Sheriff/Jail**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>105100.740</b>	Sheriff-Capital Outlay Equipment	110,896.50	
<b>105100.5110.740</b>	Jail-Capital Outlay Equipment	60,575.85	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>103190.050</b>	Fund Balance Appropriated	171,472.35	

Balance on E-9 Corporation Invoice for upgrade to CAD system.

**Parks and Recreation**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>106600.803</b>	Insurance	1,945.00	
<b>106600.610</b>	Contract Services	2,000.00	
<b>106600.126</b>	Part-time Salaries		2,000.00
<b>106600.350</b>	M/R Building & Grounds	800.00	
<b>106600.200</b>	Supplies	1,387.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>103190.010</b>	Miscellaneous Revenue	2,187.00	
<b>103660.000</b>	Insurance Fees	1,945.00	

Transfer insurance to expense account. Transfer scoreboard donations to expense account.

**JCPC**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>106805.640</b>	JCPC-Refund to State	1,408.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>103190.010</b>	Miscellaneous Revenue	1,408.00	

JCPC funding for Bladen County Schools – Supportive Services for Students and Parents unspent and returned to State.

**Administration**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>106900.904</b>	To EMS	47,994.64	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>103190.050</b>	Fund Balance Appropriated	47,994.64	

Three full-time positions approved on 10/26/15. One intermediate and two basics.

**Department of Social Services**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>146100.689</b>	Energy Neighbor Fund	454.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>143531.031</b>	Energy Neighbor Fund	454.00	

Funding Authorization #5.

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**Department of Social Services**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>146100.693</b>	Medicaid Transportation	100,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>143531.320</b>	Medicaid Transportation	100,000.00	

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

**Department of Social Services**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>146100.6160.555</b>	Client Refund	100.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>143591.010</b>	Client Refund	100.00	

To reimburse client for NCHC enrollment fee.

**Department of Social Services**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>146100.6160.650.001</b>	Foster Care Donations	876.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>143190.027</b>	Foster Care Donations	876.00	

Donations for LINKS T-Shirt fundraiser.

**EMS**

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<b>325302.120</b>	Salaries & Wages	31,842.00	
<b>325302.181</b>	FICA	2,435.92	
<b>325302.182</b>	Retirement	2,155.71	
<b>325302.183</b>	Group Insurance	9,812.88	
<b>325302.185</b>	Retirees Health insurance	1,748.13	
<i>Revenues</i>			
<b>323422.002</b>	Fm General Fund	47,994.64	

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**F. County Attorney Invoices.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
10/16/2015	E M S	\$ 495.00
10/16/2015	D S S	\$ 510.00
10/16/2015	Health Department	\$ 560.00
10/28/2015	Health Department	\$ 260.00
10/28/2015	Sheriff's Office	\$ 925.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,750.00</b>

G. Community Transportation Program Grant Application for FY 2016-17 in an estimated amount of \$233,003.90.

H. 2016 Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule

I. 2016 County of Bladen Holiday Schedule

J. Hire a Vet Week Proclamation, as follows:



**ITEM 3. Recognitions/Presentations:**

A. Chairman Peterson recognized Sue Lutz upon her retirement from the Bladen County Sheriff's Office, having served twenty-five years in Law Enforcement.

B. Chairman Peterson presented a Hire a Vet Week Proclamation to NC Works Director Ann Garrett.

**ITEM 4. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:**

Commissioner Bullock asked that the driveway into the Dublin Solid Waste Collection site be inspected for repair.

Chairman Peterson asked the Board to consider additional awards for employee recognition, including framing a years-of-service certificate and a \$10 gift certificate for each recognized employee. He asked that Employee Recognition

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Program be included on the next regular meeting agenda for further consideration and possible action.

**ITEM 5. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:**

Mrs. Marian McGovern addressed the Board regarding body cameras for the Sheriff's Office. She presented information regarding the possible cost of purchasing one for each on-duty deputy. Mrs. McGovern asked if a feasibility study could be done to gather additional information for the possibility of outfitting each deputy with a body camera as a protection for not only the deputy, but public as well. Chairman Peterson asked County Manager Greg Martin to respond to Mrs. McGovern in a day or so.

Reverend Larry Hayes addressed the Board and asked for consideration of the Cry Out America Committee purchasing and placing a standing monument adjacent to the flag poles at the corner of US 701 and NC 87 Business in order to move plaques placed in honor of fallen law enforcement personnel, emergency personnel and firefighters. The monument will allow for the plaques to be moved from ground level to a standing monument for ease of viewing. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, the Board unanimously approved the request of the Cry Out America Committee.

**ITEM 6. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration at November 16, 2015 Board Meeting:**

- A. Bay Tree Lakes Fire Service District (2)
- B. Bladen County Jury Commission (1)
- C. White Lake Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustment (ETJ) (1)

**ITEM 7. Advisory Board Appointments:**

- A. During a previous meeting, the Commissioners were asked to consider making appointments to a Strategic Planning Steering Committee. Following is a list of the recommended appointments:
  - G. Michael Cogdell: Dr. Patricia Faulk
  - Dr. Delilah Blanks: Julian Duncan
  - Arthur Bullock: Jessica Wilson
  - Jimmie Smith: Larry Hayes
  - Russell Priest: Hope Campbell
  - Daniel Dowless: Mike Jackson
  - Billy Ray Pait: Don White
  - Wayne Edge: Leon Martin
  - Charles R. Peterson: Charlotte Smith

**ITEM 8. County Manager: (Greg Martin)**

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed the Board calendars for November and December, 2015.
- B. Mr. Martin provided a brief overview of the process to request a Sales Tax Referendum to be included on the upcoming 2016 primary ballot scheduled for March 2016. Chairman Peterson stated his viewpoint to request a referendum which would lower the property tax rate in Bladen County. Commissioner Bullock recommended EMS to receive a portion of any additional revenue. Following discussion, Chairman Peterson asked that a Resolution requesting the Bladen County Board of Elections to hold an advisory referendum for the levy of a local sales tax for consideration be included on the next regular meeting agenda scheduled for November 16, 2015.
- C. Mr. Martin shared information gathered at a recent conference call with Piedmont-Triad Regional Council Management Analyst David Hill. Mr. Hill indicated that a full-service pay and classification plan would cost approximately \$25,000-\$30,000. Following discussion, Chairman Peterson asked that a Compensation Plan Study be included on the upcoming regular meeting agenda for further information and consideration.

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- D. Mr. Martin provided information submitted by Interim Tax Assessor Renee Davis regarding a request from a tax payer for a hearing with the Board of Commissioners. Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board unanimously scheduled a Special Meeting at 6:00pm on Monday, November 16, 2015. Following discussion, the Board rescheduled the meeting from 6:00pm to 5:30pm.
- E. Mr. Martin reviewed Nonprofit Agency Funding requests which have been received by the County Manager's office for FY 2015-16. Mr. Martin indicated that the Board would be asked to consider the requests during the next regular meeting scheduled for Monday, November 16, 2015.
- F. Mr. Martin asked the Board consider a special appropriation for the Bladen County United Way Day of Caring, which is scheduled for Friday, November 6, 2015. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board unanimously approved a special appropriation to United Way Day of Caring in the amount of \$200.
- G. Mr. Martin asked the Board consider a special appropriation for the Bladen County Veterans Day Ceremony, which is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2015. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board unanimously approved a special appropriation to the Bladen County Veterans Day Ceremony in the amount of \$250.

**ITEM 11. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:**

No one in attendance addressed the Board.

**ITEM 12. Closed Session:**

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board entered Closed Session at 7:03 pm in accordance with NCGS 143.318.11(a)(6) Personnel.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Priest, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board exited Closed Session at 7:09 pm.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board unanimously appointed Renee Davis as Tax Assessor/Administrator through March 1, 2019. This appointment fills the unexpired four-year term of the former Tax Assessor/Administrator.

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

ATTEST:

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Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

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Charles R. Peterson, Chairman  
Bladen County Board of Commissioners