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A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, November 16, 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.

Chairman Peterson asked for a moment of silence in recognition of a recent terrorist attack in Paris.

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 November 2, 2015 Regular Meeting.
- C. Budget Amendments, as follows:

Sheriff

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105100.212	Sheriff Uniforms	8,300.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103270.009	Sheriff-Donations	8,300.00	

To provide funding for honor guard uniforms and related equipment.

Library

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106700.310	Travel	200.00	
106700.395	Schools & Meetings	200.00	
106700.353	Copier Maintenance	2,000.00	
106700.200	Supplies	1,000.00	
106700.231	Library Books	1,000.00	
106700.610	Contracted Services	1,482.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103630.010	F/S Library	5,822.00	

Additional State Aid funds for Library.

Department of Social Services

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

Funding Authorization #1.

D. County Attorney Invoices.

Date	Department	Amount
11/01/2015	November-2015 Retainer	\$ 300.00
	Total	\$ 300.00

- E. Tax Refunds & Releases No. 10-15, incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes
- F. Amazon Government iCloud Account Agreement

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- G. Appropriations to Bladen County All-Star Soccer Teams, in the amount of \$500 each for the following teams who will be traveling to Hickory, NC for a state tournament:
- ⊗ 10U Girls Soccer, Josh Schultz, Coach
 - ⊗ 10U Boys Soccer, Mercedes Rojas, Coach
 - ⊗ 14U Boys Soccer, Mike Potter, Coach

ITEM 3. Oath of Office:

- A. Clerk of Court Niki Dennis administered the Oath of Office to Elizabeth R. Davis as Tax Assessor. Mrs. Davis' term of office will expire on March 1, 2019. This appointment fills the unexpired four-year term of the former Tax Assessor/Administrator.

ITEM 4. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

- A. During the November 2, 2015 Regular Board meeting, Chairman Peterson had asked the Board to consider additional awards for employee recognition. Commissioner Smith made a motion to award recognized employees a \$10 gift card and framed years-of-service certificate. Commissioner Priest provided a second. Following discussion, a substitute motion was made by Commissioner Bullock to award recognized employees with a \$15 gift card and framed years-of-service certificate, with Commissioner Cogdell providing a second. The substitute motion was approved by a vote of five (5) AYES (Blanks, Bullock, Cogdell, Edge, Priest) to four (4) NOES (Peterson, Dowless, Pait, Smith).
- B. Following discussion regarding a Sales Tax referendum, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the following Resolution regarding a Sales Tax Referendum. Commissioner Edge provided a second. The motion was approved by a vote of six (6) AYES (Smith, Edge, Dowless, Pait, Priest, Peterson) to three (3) NOES (Blanks, Bullock, Cogdell):



The resolution specifically addresses the use of the funds generated if the referendum is successfully passed by Bladen County voters. The additional sales tax will be used to lower the current property tax rate by \$.02 per \$100 assessed valuation.

ITEM 5. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

- A. Mr. Phil Geary, Transportation Engineer with NC Department of Transportation Planning Branch provided an update of the Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Mr. Joe Bailey, also with NC Department of Transportation, and Mr. Mark Zeigler, Department of Commerce representative, were also in attendance and provided additional information regarding the update as well.
- B. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board unanimously adopted the Bladen County Comprehensive Transportation Plan, a long-range 30-year, multi-modal plan.
- C. Ms. Dawn York of Dial Cordy provided an overview regarding efforts to obtain funding to construct a rock ramp fishway at Lock & Dam #2.
- D. Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board unanimously adopted the following revised Resolution regarding a Rock Ramp Archway at Lock & Dam #2:



ITEM 6. Department of Social Services: (Vickie Smith, Director)

- A. Ms. Smith provided an update regarding a Child Support Amnesty Day, scheduled for December 8, 2015. In conjunction with Judge Scott Ussery, the

Child Support program is holding an amnesty day in order to allow for non-custodial parents to catch up on past due child support payments. Ms. Smith stated that there are approximately 60 cases which are being reviewed for possible participation in the amnesty day program. Non-custodial parents would be required to make a minimum \$500 payment in order to participate. Ms. Smith shared that if the event on December 8, 2015 is successful, another day may be scheduled later during 2016.

ITEM 7. Health & Human Services Agency: (Wayne Raynor, Interim Director)

- A. Ms. Sheila Rains, Communicable Disease Nurse, provided an overview and information update regarding the Communicable Disease program.
- B. Mr. Raynor presented an affiliation renewal agreement for consideration. This agreement would allow an opportunity for Fayetteville State University nursing students to participate in the clinical experience at Bladen County’s facility. Nursing student placement at BCHD is consistent with the goals and objectives of the curriculum and will enhance the program of study.
- C. Mr. Raynor presented an affiliation renewal agreement for consideration. This agreement would allow an opportunity for Elon University physician assistant students to participate in the clinical experience at Bladen County’s facility. Physician assistant students must have a one-month rotation within a public health field. It will also give the current Nurse Practitioner continuing education hours.
- D. Mr. Raynor presented an agreement with North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health (CLIA Program). This agreement would allow a 15-test maximum of waived and moderately complex tests per certificate and falls under the federally defined category of “limited public health testing”.
- E. Mr. Raynor provided a brief overview of an agreement with Stanbio Lab Short-Term pricing, covering the time period of October 7, 2015 through December 31, 2015. With the agreement, BCHD would receive ground shipping at Stanbio’s expense through December 31, 2015.
- F. Mr. Raynor provided an overview of an agreement with Bladen Community College regarding a phlebotomy rotation with BCHD. This agreement would allow for students who have successfully completed the didactic portion of the phlebotomy course to complete clinical requirements at the County’s facility.
- G. Mr. Raynor provided a brief overview of an agreement with On Target Preparedness, LLC. On Target Preparedness will provide for preparing a plan of response, mandated by the State of North Carolina, to bioterrorism or pandemic event. The agreement funding, with a \$24,000 annual cap, has been recommended by the Health & Human Services Agency Advisory Committee during its September 14, 2015 meeting.

Following discussion and upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board unanimously approved items 7B-7G.

ITEM 8. Emergency Services: (Bradley Kinlaw, Fire Marshal)

- A. Mr. Kinlaw provided an overview of several priority items for completion and funding. The following list was presented for information and consideration at an upcoming Board meeting:

Item Description:	Requested Funds:
Survey	\$ 5,800.00
Roof Repair (5 buildings)	\$ 1,000.00
HVAC (Chapel & Classrooms)	\$ 3,000.00
Paint	\$ 1,000.00
Total	\$ 10,800.00

ITEM 9. Advisory Board Appointments:

- A. **Bay Tree Lake Fire District Committee (2):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Priest, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the appointments were tabled until a future meeting.
- B. **Bladen County Jury Commission (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously

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reappointed Mr. Jerry Graham to a two-year term, with the term expiring December 9, 2017.

- C. **White Lake Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustment (ETJ) (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously reappointed Barbara Hollingsworth to a three-year term of service, with the term expiring October 14, 2018.

ITEM 10. Advisory Board Appointments:

- A. **Strategic Planning Steering Committee:** Chairman Peterson asked the Board to submit individuals' names to Mr. Martin by Tuesday at 5:00 pm for appointment to a Strategic Planning Steering Committee.

ITEM 11. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed the Board calendars for November and December, 2015.
B. Mr. Martin reviewed a Bladen Community College FY 2015-16 Budget in the amount of \$16,073,862. Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board unanimously approved BCC's FY 2015-16 Budget template, as required by the North Carolina Community College System Office.
C. Mr. Martin provided an overview of the process and pricing received from David Hill of Piedmont-Triad Regional Council for a compensation study for Bladen County. Mr. Hill has quoted a price of not more than \$10,000 to partner with Bladen County. By acclamation, the Board approved for Mr. Martin to proceed with a compensation study.
D. Mr. Martin reviewed the Charitable Donation requests received for FY 2015-16. Upon a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board approved the exact same funding levels as approved for FY 2014-15 appropriations, as follows:

a. Bladenboro Historical Society	\$ 500.00
b. Bladen County Youth Focus	\$ 500.00
c. Lower Cape Fear Hospice	\$ 400.00
d. American Legion Post #404	\$ 500.00
e. Bladen County Historical Society	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
Total:	<u>\$2,400.00</u>

- E. The Board viewed a brief video regarding association activities submitted by NCACC.

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 Pait, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board entered Closed Session at 7:34 pm in accordance with NCGS 143.318.11(a)(6) Personnel.
B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board exited Closed Session at 7:53 pm.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Charles R. Peterson, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners