

March 10, 2014

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, March 10, 2014 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse.

The following members were present:

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

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

ITEM 1. Chairman Smith called the meeting to order. Reverend Larry Hayes, Good News Baptist Church, Bladenboro, NC provided the Invocation. County Manager Gregory J. Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2. Consent Items:

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

- A. Agenda.
- B. Minutes of Regular Meeting on February 17, 2014.
- C. Minutes of Special Meeting on February 24, 2014.
- D. Budget Amendments as follows:

Motor Pool

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
105010.357	Vehicle Repairs	1,126.51	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.011	Insurance Claims	1,126.51	

Repairs for 2014 - Ford Taurus #2055.

Health

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
105900.200	Supplies	17,000.00	
105900.5985.200	IAP Supplies	5,793.64	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103560.082	Hepatitis B	22,793.64	

Moving funds collected for Hepatitis B/Flu Shots.

Division on Aging

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
1062006250.499	DOA Housing/Home Imp Misc		5,236.00
1062006235.499	DOA Senior Center GP		5,395.00
<i>Revenues</i>			
103530.023	DOA Senior Center BG Case		5,395.00
103530.018	BG Home Improvement		5,236.00

HCCBG projection was based on last year allocation. Allocation is less.

Library

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
106700.234	Electronics	8,695.50	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103630.011	LSTA Grants	8,695.50	

Annual fee for circulation/cataloging to TLC.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
146100.689	Energy Neighbor Fund	471.62	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.031	Energy Neighbor Fund	471.62	

Increased State funding, authorization #12.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
1461006160.550	Smart Start	87,591.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143690.000	Smart Start	87,591.00	

Increased State funding.

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Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
1461006160.565	Child Day Care		288,000.00
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.310	Child Day Care		288,000.00

Decreased State Funding.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>
1461006160.565	Child Day Care	60,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.310	Child Day Care	60,000.00	

Increased State Funding.

E. County Attorney Invoices:

Date	Department	Amount
2/17/14	EMS	\$ 500.00
2/19/14	Sheriff's Office	\$ 950.00
2/25/14	Division on Aging	\$ 500.00
3/01/14	Mar-14 Retainer	\$ 300.00
	Total	\$ 2,250.00

- F. Tax Refunds and Releases No. 2-14, incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.
- G. Memorandum of Understanding Related to Annual Audit for Period Ending June 30, 2014.
- H. Contract to Audit Accounts with Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams and Company, PA Related to the Period Ending June 30, 2014.
- I. Amerizon Wireless NetworkFleet Service Agreement for diagnostic GPS units for two (2) EMS units.
- J. Appropriations of \$500 to 9-12 Youth Boys and \$500 to 9-12 Youth Girls All-Star Basketball teams to assist in offsetting travel expenses to out of town state tournaments.
- K. Public Hearing scheduled for Monday, March 17, 2014 at 6:30pm to Receive Public Comments Regarding a Rezoning Request.
- L. Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Program and use of Courthouse lawn on Saturday, April 26, 2014 from 9am until 4pm.
- M. Child Abuse Prevention Month (Apr-14) Proclamation, as follows:



ITEM 3. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

Commissioner Peterson asked that County Manager Greg Martin update the Board regarding an employee tuition program and a potential project to be located at the Armory building in Bladenboro.

Commissioner Blanks asked about temporary employees at the Board of Elections to assist with preparations and during the upcoming May election. County Manager Greg Martin stated that Board of Elections Director Cynthia Shaw is preparing information related to a request for the next regular Board meeting, scheduled for Monday, March 17.

Commissioner Cogdell asked County Manager Greg Martin to make the Board aware of upcoming contract negotiations for any and all services, products, materials.

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- A. Chairman Smith presented a Proclamation Declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month to Department of Social Services Director Vickie Smith and to Child Protective Services Supervisor Jill Sampson. Chairman Smith asked the Clerk to read aloud the Proclamation.

ITEM 4. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one in attendance wished to address the Board.

ITEM 5. Revenue Department (Chris Ellis, Tax Assessor):

- A. Tax Assessor Chris Ellis and Project Manager Tim Cain, of Assessment Solutions, provided an update related to the 2015 Revaluation process. Mr. Cain stated that the process is going well and the schedule is being maintained, even with the recent inclement weather. Since the 2007 revaluation, the tools available to assist with the process have advanced a great deal. With the software being used, there have been one-hundred, twenty-seven (127) neighborhoods identified throughout the county. However, the housing market has changed sharply as well, particularly regarding a decline in the number of sales.

Mr. Cain anticipates submitting a schedule of values in July, 2014, holding a Public Hearing in August, 2014 and mailing the new valuation notifications in late November, 2014.

ITEM 6. Health and Human Services (Cris Harrelson, Director)

- A. Mr. Harrelson provided a brief overview of the five (5) contracts related to the Young Families Connect Grant Program, as follows:

Bladen Community College: to provide GED and Testing Services by supporting the cost of the GED registration fee for up to four (4) participants, plus the testing registration fees for up to four (4) participants; to support the cost of continuing education classes for up to two (2) participants.

JOSS Transportation: to provide transportation for families enrolled in the Young Families Connect program at Bladen County Health Department, including transport from homes to workshops at Bladen County Health Department and Bladen Community College in Dublin.

Families First: to provide ten (10) Domestic Violence Prevention workshops for a minimum of twenty-five (25) participants.

Childcare Network: to provide child care for the children of Young Families Connect workshop participants on the Childcare Network premises, while the mothers attend three-hour workshops at the Bladen County Health Department.

Charles D. Allen, DDS: to provide dental care (cleaning and exams) to a minimum of ten (10) participants in the Young Families Connect program.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board unanimously approved the five (5) contracts as presented.

- B. Mr. Harrelson and Department of Social Services Director Vickie Smith provided an overview of the need to hire three (3) temporary employees to increase daily production to meet the influx of Medicaid eligibility applications from the federal insurance marketplace and new Food and Nutrition Service requirements. Commissioner Cogdell asked if three temporary employees would be sufficient to achieve the requirements. Mr. Harrelson stated that after consideration of the requirements and current production levels, three temporary employees was the consensus to be requested. The temporary positions would be funded by lapsed salary funds in the current budget.

Mr. Harrelson stated that the positions may be considered in the 2014-2015 budget if the need remains.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board unanimously approved hiring three (3) temporary employees at the Department of Social Services.

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ITEM 7. Emergency Medical Services (Jeanene Green, Director)

- A. Ms. Green provided an overview of the current fee schedule and the requested rate increases for ALS/BLS and ALS2 rates. The increased billing rates will ensure the maximum reimbursement rate from Medicare/Medicaid. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board unanimously approved the proposed rate increases.

ITEM 8. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration at the March 17, 2014 Board Meeting:

- A. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (3)
B. Keep Bladen Beautiful (1)
C. Southeastern Economic Development Commission (3)
D. White Lake Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustments (1)

ITEM 8. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. County Manager Greg Martin provided an overview of the NCDOT easement and Deed related to the US 701 and NC 87 interchange for information and consideration at an upcoming Board meeting.

- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board scheduled a meeting with Bladen County's Legislative delegation for Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 6:30pm. The location of the meeting will be determined. The conference room at the Health Department is an alternate location and the conference room at the Industrial Park is the first option. The delegation includes Senator Rabon, Representative Brisson and Representative Waddell. This meeting is being convened to discuss goals recently identified by the NC Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) and include the following:

- 1) Reinstate lottery fund for school construction
- 2) Oppose a shift of state transportation responsibilities
- 3) Oppose unfunded mandates and shift of state responsibilities to counties
- 4) Endure adequate mental health funding
- 5) Preserve the existing local revenue base

- C. Mr. Martin asked the Board to consider scheduling a Strategic Planning Workshop in collaboration with the Division Managers to further discuss Goals and Objectives.

- D. Mr. Martin asked the Board to consider scheduling a Special meeting related to the FY 2015 Budget.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, a second provided by Commissioner Edge, the Board unanimously scheduled a Strategic Planning Session and Special Meeting related to the FY 2015 Budget for Monday, March 24, 2013 at 5pm.

- E. Mr. Martin reviewed the calendars for March and April, 2014.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board unanimously rescheduled the second meeting in April from Monday the 21st, until Tuesday, April 22, 2014, at 6:30pm.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Edge the Board unanimously rescheduled the first meeting in May from May 5 until May 12, 2014 at 6:30pm.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board unanimously authorized County Manager Greg Martin to work with Parks and Recreation Director Grant Pait and to move forward and negotiate with the Town of Bladenboro related to a batting cage facility, potentially to be located in the former Armory building. Mr. Pait has been discussing the use of this facility with the Town of Bladenboro.

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Mr. Martin stated that Human Resources Director Amy Pharr is preparing information for a presentation to the Board at the upcoming March 17, 2014, meeting related to a proposed tuition assistance program for employees.

F. The Board of Commissioners viewed a brief video produced by the NCACC related to the 2014 legislative goals.

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

James G. Smith, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board