

April 14, 2016

The Bladen County Board of Commissioners held a Special Meeting with members of the North Carolina General Assembly representing Bladen County at 7:00 pm on Thursday, April 14, 2016 in the Bladen County Health Department Conference Room, 300 Mercer Mill Road, Elizabethtown, NC. The purpose of the meeting was to meet with Representatives William Brisson and Ken Waddell regarding matters of interest to Bladen County and to discuss and receive feedback regarding the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) priority goals for the 2016 session. Senator Bill Rabon was unable to attend.

The following members were present:

Russell Priest, Chairman

Arthur Bullock, Vice Chairman

Billy Ray Pait

Dr. Delilah Blanks

G. Michael Cogdell

Daniel Dowless

Wayne Edge

James G. "Jimmie" Smith

Guests: Representative William Brisson
Representative Ken Waddell

Excused: Charles R. Peterson

Chairman Priest called the meeting to order.

An invocation was provided by Commissioner Smith.

ITEM 1. Matters of Interest to Bladen County:

Mr. Martin reviewed a request submitted by the County of Bladen prior to the 2015 legislative session. The request was for Bladen County to be included in legislation (NCGS 14-111.3) which would allow for a conviction of a Class 3 misdemeanor if requesting unneeded ambulance service. Legislation already exists for twenty-eight (28) counties in North Carolina. Following discussion, Representatives Brisson and Waddell voiced their support for Bladen County's request.

ITEM 2. The following NCACC Priority Issues were discussed:

- A. Support continued state funding of Medicaid and healthcare reform for all citizens
- B. Reinstate lottery funds for school construction
- C. Repeal authority for school boards to sue county boards
- D. Oppose shift of state transportation responsibilities to counties
- E. Oppose unfunded mandates and shifts of state responsibilities to counties

ITEM 3. Other NCACC Issues of Importance:

- A. Seek legislation to authorize local option revenue sources already given to any other jurisdiction
- B. Support legislation, regulations and funding that would preserve local option and authority where needed to deploy community broadband systems and ensure community access to critical broadband services

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Russell Priest, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners