

April 27, 2016

The Bladen County Board of Commissioners held a Special Meeting regarding Budget at 5:30pm on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse.

The following members were present:

Russell Priest, Chairman
Charles R. Peterson
Billy Ray Pait
Dr. Delilah Blanks
G. Michael Cogdell
Daniel Dowless
Wayne Edge
James G. "Jimmie" Smith

Excused: Arthur Bullock

Chairman Priest called the meeting to order.

An invocation was provided by Commissioner Smith.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by County Manager Greg Martin.

ITEM 1. Review Preliminary Budget Information:

Mr. Martin provided an overview of a draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Mr. Martin highlighted several issues which will impact the Budget as follows:

- Health Department
- Capital and Non-Inventorable Items
- EMS – Optimal Staffing

Mr. Martin also reviewed a sales tax expansion which is earmarked specifically for public education, community college and economic development.

ITEM 2. Discussion:

Discussion involved school funding, employee compensation and benefits, use of fund balance and the Home Health program.

Commissioner Dowless departed the meeting at 6:12pm.

Mr. Martin also indicated that the draft budget includes more vehicles and capital expenditures than in the past. One-time projects can be funded during FY 2016-2017, prior to the completion and mortgaging of a Detention & Law Enforcement Center construction project.

Commissioner Peterson suggested break-out sessions to review the Home Health program, Capital and Non-Inventorable Items and EMS. Commissioner Blanks requested that funding of school facilities repairs be reviewed as well.

Chairman Priest asked Mr. Martin to arrange breakout sessions for small groups of Board members to more closely review identified challenges for FY 2016-2017 budget.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Russell Priest, Chairman
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