

April 7, 2015

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse.

The following members were present:

- Charles Ray Peterson, Chairman
- Billy Ray Pait
- G. Michael Cogdell
- Daniel Dowless
- Wayne Edge
- Delilah Blanks
- James G. "Jimmie" Smith
- Arthur Bullock

Excused: Russell Priest

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

ITEM 1. Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order.

Chairman Peterson asked for a moment of silence in memory of former Commissioner Bobby Roberts who passed away recently.

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 Regular Meeting of March 16, 2015.
- C. Minutes of Special Meeting of March 30, 2015.
- D. Budget Amendments as follows:

Division on Aging

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
1062006230.200	Supplies & Materials		5,485.00
1062006230.270	Advertising		1,000.00
1062006230.310	Travel		1,000.00
<i>Revenues</i>			
103530.023	DOA-Sr Ctr BG Case		7,485.00

A reduction in the Home and Community Care Block Grant Allocation due to the decrease in state funding passed by the State House and Senate in the budget.

Soil Conservation

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106400.499.014	Soil Misc Expense District	150.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103470.001	Soil Conservation Ad Sales	150.00	

Funds to go to Area VII.

Library

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106700.234	Electronic Materials	7,315.50	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103630.011	LSTA Grants	7,315.50	

Funds to go to Area VII.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.689	Energy Neighbor Fund	452.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.031	Energy Neighbor Fund	452.00	

Funding Authorization #10.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.706	Low-Income Energy Assistance Program	10,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.033	Low-Income Energy Assistance Program	10,000.00	

LIEAP 100% Fed Increase.

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Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
1461006160.571	United Way-Caring for Kids	375.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.344	United Way-Caring for Kids	375.00	

Additional funds from United Way-Caring for Kids.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
1461006160.650.001	Foster Care Donation	50.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143190.027	Foster Care Donation	50.00	

Donation for Foster Care.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
1461006160.650.002	Child Abuse Awareness	50.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143190.028	Child Abuse Awareness	50.00	

Donation for Child Abuse Awareness.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
1461006160.555	Client Refund	50.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143591.010	Client Refund	50.00	

To reimburse a client for a NCHC enrollment fee.

Water

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
254702.740	Capital Outlay Equipment	3,738.42	
<i>Revenues</i>			
253220.013	Fm Other Funds	3,738.42	

Transfer from Fire Departments to pay one half the cost of Countywide Hydraulic Modeling.

EMS

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
325302.200	Supplies & Materials	2,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
323170.040	Sale of Assets	2,000.00	

Money from sale of 2 cardiac surplus monitors to replace the current washer/dryer that will not last until July - replaced with a commercial grade washer/dryer.

Tobermory Fire Department

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
335333.499	Miscellaneous Expense	186.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
333190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	186.00	

Hydrant service shared with fire departments and County.

Ammon Fire Department

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
335334.499	Miscellaneous Expense	144.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
343190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	144.00	

Hydrant service shared with fire departments and County.

Clarkton Fire Department

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
355334.499	Miscellaneous Expense	155.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
353190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	155.00	

Hydrant service shared with fire departments and County.

Hickory Grove Fire Department

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
375337.499	Miscellaneous Expense	268.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
373190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	268.00	

Hydrant service shared with fire departments and County.

White Lake Fire Department

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
395339.499	Miscellaneous Expense	206.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
393190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	206.00	

Hydrant service shared with fire departments and County.

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White Oak Fire Department

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
405340.499	Miscellaneous Expense	105.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
403190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	105.00	

Hydrant service shared with fire departments and County.

Tar Heel Fire Department

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
415341.499	Miscellaneous Expense	198.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
413190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	198.00	

Hydrant service shared with fire departments and County.

Bladenboro Fire Department

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
425341.499	Miscellaneous Expense	662.00	
425342.990	Contingency		662.00

Hydrant service shared with fire departments and County.

Carvers Creek Fire Department

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
435343.499	Miscellaneous Expense	240.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
433190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	240.00	

Hydrant service shared with fire departments and County.

Lisbon Fire Department

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
445344.499	Miscellaneous Expense	415.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
443190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	415.00	

Hydrant service shared with fire departments and County.

Elizabethtown Fire Department

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
455345.499	Miscellaneous Expense	527.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
453190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	527.00	

Hydrant service shared with fire departments and County.

Dublin Fire Department

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
465346.499	Miscellaneous Expense	585.00	
465346.990	Contingency		585.00

Hydrant service shared with fire departments and County.

Bay Tree Fire Department

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
475347.499	Miscellaneous Expense	55.00	
475347.990	Contingency		55.00

Hydrant service shared with fire departments and County.

E. County Attorney Invoices:

Date	Department	Amount
3/18/15	Sheriff's Office	\$ 850.00
3/19/15	Administration	\$ 160.00
3/19/15	Sheriff's Office	\$ 510.00
3/19/15	Sheriff's Office	\$ 310.00
	Total	\$ 1,830.00

F. Professional Services Agreement Renewal with Logan Systems.

G. The following Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation:



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H. The following Performance Bond for Sheriff James McVicker:



ITEM 3. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

Chairman Peterson stated that the Board of Education had contacted County Manager Greg Martin regarding a joint budget workshop of the Board of Education and Board of County Commissioners and proposed dates of April 15-16, 2015. He asked for volunteers to participate in the budget workshop. Commissioners Cogdell and Bullock volunteered. Chairman Peterson stated that he and Commissioner Priest would also attend. However, the proposed dates did not fit into current schedules. Mr. Martin was asked to contact the Board of Education regarding optional dates.

- A. Chairman Peterson presented a signed Proclamation designating April 2015 as Child Abuse Prevention Month to Department of Social Services (DSS) Director Vickie Smith and Health & Human Services Director Cris Harrelson. Mr. Peterson read aloud the Proclamation. Mrs. Smith thanked the Board for its support and invited all in attendance to participate in the Annual Child Appreciation Walk to Prevent Child Abuse scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2015 at 10:45am. The Walk will begin at the Courthouse and end at the Elizabethtown Police Department where outdoor games will be located. This year's event is a joint effort by DSS and the Elizabethtown Police Department.

ITEM 4. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one addressed the Board of Commissioners.

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

- A. In Mr. Cain's absence, Mr. Ellis provided an update regarding the 2015 Revaluation. He stated that the process was approximately 90% complete. However, overall tax valuation is still uncertain. Mr. Ellis reviewed proposed dates for the Board of Equalization and Review to convene and hear tax value appeals by property owners. Mr. Ellis stated that a quorum of the Board of Equalization and Review must hear appeals. Chairman Peterson asked that the Board members review the proposed dates and contact Mr. Martin should there be a conflict in the proposed schedule. Mr. Peterson shared his view that the entire Board should be in attendance during the appeals process to assure consistency, equality and impartiality.

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

- A. Mr. Harrelson requested to postpone an update regarding Bladen County's Health Rankings to the April 20, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting. Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board unanimously tabled the update.
- B. Mr. Harrelson provided a brief overview of a Memorandum of Agreement with Every Teen Can (ETC!) regarding a teen pregnancy prevention program. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously approved a Memorandum of Agreement with Every Teen Can (ETC!).
- C. Mr. Harrelson reviewed a Medical Service Agreement with East Coast Migrant Head Start Program. Following discussion, upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, the Board unanimously approved a Medical Service Agreement with East Coast Migrant Head Start Program.

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ITEM 7. Advisory Board Appointments:

- A. **Elizabethtown Rural Fire District Committee (3):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board unanimously reappointed Billy Smith, Bizzle Davis and Woody Lancaster for three-year terms, with the terms expiring April 7, 2018.
- B. **Keep Bladen Beautiful (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board unanimously tabled an appointment to a future meeting and following contact with West Bladen High School for a recommendation for a student representative.

ITEM 8. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed Board calendars for the months of April and May, 2015
- B. Mr. Martin provided an update on a recently filed House Bill 518 regarding Sales Tax. The proposed legislation would permit counties to choose a mix of sales taxes to meet their growing public service demands. Such action would be done by resolution or referendum, in keeping with a legislative goal adopted by counties. This proposed bill does not create winners and losers regarding county revenue.
- C. The Board viewed a video update provided by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners regarding association activities, including the upcoming annual conference keynote speaker David Mead, County Assembly Day, National Government Month and Risk Management pool.

ITEM 9. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one addressed the Board of Commissioners

ITEM 10. Closed Session:

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board unanimously entered Closed Session at 7:10pm in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143.318.11(a)(6) Personnel.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board exited Closed Session at 7:23pm.

Commissioner Blanks asked for further information regarding a Local Confinement Report submitted by the Sheriff's Office. Captain Jeff Singletary briefly reviewed the report with the Board. Commissioner Blanks expressed concern regarding jail population demographics.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Charles R. Peterson, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners