

May 16, 2016

The Bladen County Board of Commissioners held a Special Meeting regarding Budget at 5:30pm on Monday May 16, 2016 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse.

The following members were present:

Russell Priest, Chairman

Arthur Bullock

Charles R. Peterson

Billy Ray Pait

Dr. Delilah Blanks

G. Michael Cogdell

Wayne Edge

James G. "Jimmie" Smith

Excused: Daniel Dowless

Chairman Priest called the meeting to order.

ITEM 1. Home Health Presentation:

Home Health Director Jessica White and Patient Relations IV Representative Beth Singletary expressed appreciation for the opportunity to address the Board regarding the county's Home Health Program.

Ms. White and Mrs. Singletary presented information regarding the Home Health Program, discussing the types of services which are available. Mrs. Singletary stated that each of the 134 Home Health patients are Medicaid or Medicare recipients. In order to complete its accreditation process, a recent Joint Commission home care survey has been completed in the county's Home Health facility. Final notification from The Joint Commission is imminent and a positive outcome is expected. Both Ms. White and Mrs. Singletary stated that with accreditation, the Home Health program could increase its referrals and also have an opportunity to engage private insurance through contracts, allowing the Home Health Department to market more aggressively and process private insurance in-network referrals. The anticipated accreditation by The Joint Commission would be recognized and preferred by referring physicians and health care facilities.

Following discussion, the Board expressed appreciation not only to Ms. White and Mrs. Singletary, but to the entire Home Health staff who were in attendance.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the meeting was adjourned at 5:46pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Russell Priest, Chairman
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