

June 15, 2015

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, June 15, 2015 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse.

The following members were present:

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

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

ITEM 1. Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order.

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 Pait, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board approved the following Consent Items:

- A. Revised Agenda, tabling Item 6, Department of Social Services request to consider Medicaid Transportation vendors for non-emergency Medicaid Transportation.
- B. Minutes of Special Meeting of May 28, 2015.
- C. Minutes of Special Meeting of June 1, 2015
- D. Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 1, 2015.
- E. Minutes of Special Meeting of June 8, 2015.
- F. Budget Amendments as follows:

Health

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
105900.900.001	Credit Card Fees	12.75	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103560.015	Health Credit Card Fees	12.75	

Funds for credit card fees collected for March & April.

Education

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
106910.880	Schools – Current Expense	350,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriation	350,000.00	

Funding approved 06/01/2015 for Bladen County Schools completion of 2014-2015 Fiscal Year.

Department of Social Services

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
146100.693	Medicaid Transportation	75,000.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
143531.320	Medicaid Transportation	75,000.00	

To pay current and future expenses. 100% Federal Reimbursed.

Emergency Telephone

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
225301.740.004	Capital Outlay-911 Grant	63,580.57	
<i>Revenues</i>			
223191.014	Alt 911 Center Grant	63,580.57	

Remaining funds for the 911 Grant.

Water

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
254702.200.007	Supplies/Materials	765.00	
<i>Revenues</i>			
253190.011	Insurance Claims	765.00	

Settlement of property damage to Rosindale Well fence.

G. County Attorney Invoices.

Date	Department	Amount
6/01/15	June-15 Retainer	\$ 300.00
6/04/15	Sheriff's Office	\$ 760.00
6/09/15	E M S	\$ 560.00
6/09/15	Sheriff's Office	\$ 660.00
6/12/15	Administration	\$ 310.00
	Total	\$ 2,590.00

- H. Tax Refunds and Releases No. 5-15, incorporated by reference and made a part of these Minutes.
- I. Fireworks Display at Goldston's Beach on July 4, 2015 or an undetermined rain date in accordance with NCGS 14.410.413.
- J. Fireworks Display at Bay Tree Lakes on July 3, 2015 or an undetermined rain date in accordance with NCGS 14.410.413.
- K. Award Service Side Arm and Gold Badge to a Retiring Officer in accordance with NCGS 20.187.2(a).
- L. NC Alliance of Public Health Agencies, Inc. Public Health Staffing Agreement for FY 2015-16.
- M. Authorize County Manager to Approve Budget Amendments Through June 30, 2015.
- N. Home and Community Care Block Grant for Older Adults Budget Revision for FY 2014-15.
- O. Home and Community Care Block Grant for Older Adults Agreement for FY 2015-16.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board scheduled a Special Meeting for Monday, June 22, 2015 to address Item 6, Department of Social Services information.

ITEM 3. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

There were no matters of interest brought to the floor by the Board.

ITEM 4. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one in attendance addressed the Board.

ITEM 5. Finance Department: (Lisa Coleman, Finance Officer)

- A. Mrs. Coleman provided an overview of a Financial Dashboard for the eleven-month period ending May 31, 2015.

ITEM 6. Department of Social Services: (Vickie Smith, Director)

This item was tabled to be addressed during a Special Meeting scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2015 at 6:00 pm. See Item 2 above.

ITEM 7. Sheriff's Office: (Sheriff Jim McVicker)

- A. Sheriff McVicker and Captain Jeff Singletary presented a Resolution to declare certain property surplus. Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board unanimously adopted the following Resolution:



- B. Captain Singletary presented information regarding a transaction with Lawmen's Safety Supply to trade-in surplus firearms. He stated that three (3) potential vendors were contacted and, of the three, Lawmen's Safety Supply was the highest bidder to accept the surplus firearms. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board unanimously approved a transaction with Lawmen's Safety Supply, Inc.
- C. Sheriff McVicker and Captain Singletary provided an overview of a meal service agreement for inmates, staff and visitors of the Bladen County Detention Center. Three potential vendors were contacted for proposals, Trinity, ABL and Aramark. Trinity and ABL responded, and ABL was determined to be the low bidder and desired vendor. Captain Singletary stated that this agreement would begin as soon as feasible, as it would provide cost savings. Commissioner Bullock asked if the price was in line with other detention centers of similar size. Captain Singletary stated that the meal cost also included equipment cost for the new detention center. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board unanimously approved the meal service agreement with ABL Management, Inc.
- D. Sheriff McVicker and Captain Singletary provided a brief overview of a health and medical services agreement to provide correctional health care services for all persons committed to the custody of the Bladen County Detention Center. Two vendors were contacted for quotes, Transform Health and Southern Health Partners, Inc. (SHP). Southern Health Partners is the current, and preferred, service provider. Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board unanimously approved a health services agreement with Southern Health Partners, Inc.

Commissioner Blanks asked Sheriff McVicker to research a church property, which has recently experienced break-ins, located adjacent to the East Arcadia Fire Department. The property may be in Bladen or Columbus County and the congregation is unsure who has jurisdiction. Sheriff McVicker assured Commissioner Blanks that he would check on this and would contact her.

ITEM 8.

Advisory Board Appointments:

- A. **Ammon Fire Service District Committee (2):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board unanimously reappointed Scott Johnson and, waiving the policy on terms, reappointed Carl Whitted to three-year terms of services, with the terms expiring June 30, 2018; and appointed Dean Hicks to Gary Padgett's unexpired term, with the term expiring June 30, 2016. Mr. Padgett has moved out of the service district.
- B. **Animal Control Board (2):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board, waiving the policy on terms, unanimously reappointed Charlotte Smith and Morris White for a three-year term of service; and appointed Kelly Owen Brisson to a three-year term of service, with the terms expiring June 30, 2018. Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board unanimously appointed Dr. Sheila Hamby for a three-year term of service as the eighth Board and Ex Officio Board member, with the term expiring June 30, 2018.
- C. **Bladen County Recreation Committee (4):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, the Board unanimously appointed Kathy Coates, Daniel Peterson, Sara Ward and, waiving the policy on terms, reappointed Kenneth Daniels to three-year terms of service, with the terms expiring June 30, 2018.
- D. **Eastpointe LME Advisory Committee (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board unanimously reappointed Emery White for a three-year term of service, with the term expiring June 19, 2018.
- E. **Hickory Grove Fire Service District Committee (3):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board

- unanimously reappointed Annette Smith, Ricky Johnson and Willis R. Edge, to three-year terms of service, with the terms expiring June 30, 2018.
- F. **Kelly Fire Service District Committee (2):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Bullock, the Board unanimously reappointed Charles E. Ridenhour and Bobby Lee Russ to three-year terms of service, with the terms expiring June 30, 2018.
- G. **Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) (7):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Pait the Board unanimously reappointed Charles R. Peterson, Jamie Smith, Bradley Kinlaw, Tiffany Pait, Joel Blake and Larry Hayes to three-year terms of service; appointed Sandra Cain to a three-year term of service, with the terms expiring June 30, 2018; and appointed Kent Allen and Terral Dial to unexpired terms, with terms respectively expiring June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016.
- H. **Lumber River Workforce Development Board (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board, waiving the policy on terms, unanimously reappointed Dr. William Findt to a three-year term of service, with the term expiring June 30, 2018.
- I. **Tar Heel Fire Service District Committee (3):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board, waiving the policy on terms, unanimously reappointed Terry Herring and Vernon Richardson, and reappointed Jimmy L. Allen Jr. to three-year terms of service, with the terms expiring June 30, 2018.
- J. **Tobermory Fire Service District Committee (1):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board, waiving the policy on terms, unanimously reappointed Franklin Davis to a three-year term of service, with the term expiring June 19, 2018.
- K. **White Lake Fire Service District Committee (3):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board, waiving the policy on terms, unanimously appointed Cary Hammonds and reappointed J. C. Chadwick and Ivy B. Merritt for three-year terms of service, with the terms expiring June 30, 2018.
- L. **White Oak Fire Service District Committee (3):** Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the Board, waiving the policy on terms, unanimously reappointed Haywood McKoy, Mike Johnson and Laverne Tatum to three-year terms of service, with the terms expiring June 30, 2018.

ITEM 9. Advisory Board Appointments for Consideration at the July 20, 2015 Board Meeting:

- A. Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee (2)
B. Bladenboro Planning Board and Board of Adjustment (2)

ITEM 10. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed Board calendars for the months of June and July, 2015.
- B. Mr. Martin provided an overview of a recently introduced sales tax distribution plan. The proposed plan includes modifications to the sales tax base which would include some services which are now not taxed; modifications in the cap for non-profits; a shift in distribution of local sales taxes from 25% per capita/75% point of delivery to 80% per capita/20% point of delivery, by October 1, 2019 in a five-year phase; and authority to levy two one-quarter (1/4) cent sales taxes that can be used for education, transportation or any general public use. A referendum would still be required for either sales tax, and a county may only levy one quarter-cent sales tax at a time. The proposed plan could be very positive for Bladen County.
- C. Mr. Martin stated that Inmate labor has now been restored starting today. He stated that the County of Bladen and Town of Elizabethtown are pleased.
- D. Mr. Martin provided information regarding potential rock arch ramps and construction at Lock & Dam #2 and #3. Cape Fear River Watch and Dial Cordy representative Dawn York have requested assistance by a letter of support of the project and grant requests. Upon a motion by Commissioner

June 15, 2015

Smith, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board unanimously expressed support of the project and approved a letter of support to be mailed to NOAA Coastal Ecosystem Resiliency Project.

- E. The Board viewed a brief video distributed by the NC Association of County Commissioners highlighting recent association activities.

ITEM 11. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

No one addressed the Board of Commissioners

ITEM 13. Closed Session:

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board entered Closed Session at 7:03 pm in Accordance with NCGS 143.318.11(a)(5) Real Property Purchases and NCGS 143.318.11(a)(6) Personnel.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Edge, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board exited Closed Session at 7:56 pm.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Charles R. Peterson, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners