

May 13, 2013

A special meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, May 13, 2013 at 6:00 pm regarding FY 2013-2014 Budget.

Members present were:

James G. "Jimmie" Smith, Chairman

Mark Gillespie, Vice-Chairman

Delilah Blanks

Billy Ray Pait

Charles Peterson

Daniel Dowless

Russell Priest

Michael Cogdell

Wayne Edge

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order and provided an invocation.

County Manager Greg Martin presented a power point presentation regarding the FY 2014 Proposed Budget.

There was discussion regarding capital needs for the public schools and holding a referendum regarding a one-quarter cent sales tax to provide additional funding for school capital needs. The county manager was asked to place this matter on the agenda for the May 20, 2013 Board of Commissioners meeting.

There was discussion regarding the upcoming change in the responsibility for collection of motor vehicle taxes from county tax departments to the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles. There were also questions regarding the collection of delinquent property taxes, and it was requested that Tax Administrator Chris Ellis provide an update to the Board during an upcoming meeting.

Commissioner Peterson asked about funding for the Walk of Honor at the NC National Guard Armory in Elizabethtown. Mr. Martin stated that funding would be included in the proposed budget to assist with this project.

Mr. Martin informed the Board that an appropriation of approximately \$3,500.00 would be included in the proposed budget for the Elizabethtown-White Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and \$3,000.00 for Cape Fear Resource Conservation District. He also distributed information to the Board of Commissioners regarding the NC Senate's proposal to discontinue State funding for the seven regional economic development partnerships, including North Carolina's Southeast.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Dowless and approved to adjourn at 7:45 pm.

James G. Smith, Chairman

ATTEST:

Gregory J. Martin, Deputy Clerk