

August 18, 2014

A special meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, August 18, 2014 at 5:00 pm regarding mileage reimbursement for advisory boards, non-profit funding requests and legislative goals process.

Members present:

Chairman James G. Smith
Mark Gillespie, Vice Chairman
Charles Ray Peterson
G. Michael Cogdell
Dr. Delilah Blanks
Daniel Dowless
Billy Ray Pait
Wayne Edge

Excused: Russell Priest; arrived at 5:05pm

ITEM 1. Chairman Smith called the meeting to order and provided an invocation.

ITEM 2. Consent Items:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board approved the Agenda.

ITEM 3. County Manager: Greg Martin

A. Mr. Martin provided a brief overview of several options regarding mileage reimbursement to advisory boards within the county. The first option would be to reimburse only the Animal Control Board members, which would cost approximately \$300 annually. The second option would be to reimburse each advisory board member in the county for a total of approximately \$12,000. The last option would be to continue compensating only the Health and Human Services Advisory Board. Reimbursement to this board originated from the former Department of Social Services and Health governing boards.

During discussion, Commissioner Priest arrived.

Following discussion, Commissioner Peterson made a motion to table the matter until budget time. Commissioner Edge provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Mr. Martin provided an overview and spreadsheet regarding respondents to the non-profit funding application process. The entire application submitted by each of the non-profit entities was provided to each of the Commissioners for review and consideration. Mr. Martin stated that each of the non-profits has been contacted by the Clerk to the Board for additional information in order to complete the application in full. Several indicated that additional information would be submitted within 10-14 days. Commissioner Peterson specifically pointed out that the County's policy states that the services and/or programs provided by the non-profit agency must fill a critical gap that may exist between government services and community needs. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board accepted applications submitted by Bladen County Special Olympics, Bladenboro Historical Society, Bladen County Youth Focus, Lower Cape Fear Hospice, American Legion Post No. 404 and Harmony Hall Plantation. The motion passed with six (6) AYES (Smith, Peterson, Priest, Dowless, Pait and Edge) to three (3) NOES (Blanks, Cogdell and Gillespie).

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- C. Mr. Martin reviewed legislative goals process sponsored by the NC Association of County Commissioners (NCACC). The process currently open is for the 2015-16 biennium, with a deadline of September 19, 2014 to submit goals. During the upcoming months, steering committees will review goals submitted and submit potential goals to the Legislative Goals Committee for review and consideration. By December, the NCACC Board of Directors will review and finalize the recommendations. In January during the Legislative Goals Conference, the membership will have the opportunity to approve the goals.

Mr. Martin discussed several goals which Bladen County had submitted in previous years and the subsequent NCACC goal adoption process. Several goals relevant to Bladen County include county oversight of bio-solids application, swift adjudication to minimize overcrowding in county jails and sales tax increase from 2.0% to 2.5% by referendum. Mr. Martin stated that he would be sending correspondence to Representative Brisson and Waddell to encourage support of a sales tax increase bill.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Edge, the Board unanimously agreed to submit a listing of goals to be submitted to the NCACC no later than Thursday, September 11, 2014 at noon to be included on the agenda for the September 15 Board meeting.

Mr. Martin requested the Board to clarify its position on the Non-Profit Funding for FY 2014-2015 before the close of the meeting. Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board unanimously approved to fund the applications received as funded during FY 2013-2014 for a total of \$3,400.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Pait, to adjourn at 5:46pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk

James G. Smith, Chairman