

September 8, 2015

A Special Meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, September 8, 2015 at 4:30 pm in the Commissioners Room on the lower level of the Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was regarding Emergency Medical Services.

Members present were:

Charles R. Peterson, Chairman

Russell Priest, Vice Chairman

Delilah Blanks

Michael Cogdell

James G. "Jimmie" Smith

Daniel Dowless

Billy Ray Pait

Wayne Edge

Arthur Bullock

ITEM I. Call to Order

Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order. Commissioner Dowless provided the invocation. County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2. Emergency Medical Services: (David Howell, Chief and Bradley Kinlaw, Emergency Services Director)

Mr. Howell and Mr. Kinlaw provided a detailed overview of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) department. The general topics discussed were the challenges related to 15-minute response times, staffing and volunteer squads and review and discussion of the use of quick response vehicles (QRV's). A power point presentation covered employee duties, response areas and times, call volume, compensation, challenges with volunteer squads and an opportunity to purchase a crash truck.

Mr. Howell and Mr. Kinlaw reviewed the organization structure and reviewed the overlapping roles and responsibilities of EMS. Specific duties of each of the EMS positions were reviewed in detail, including Chief (1), Training Officer (1), Supervisors (4) and EMT/Medics. The hiring and assessment process was reviewed and discussed.

Following discussions regarding coverage areas and hours, placement of rescue units in the County during evening hours and QRV assignment, Mr. Howell and Mr. Kinlaw stated their intent to return to the Board with specific plans following additional data collection regarding calls and response times.

Chairman Peterson adjourned the meeting at 5:56pm.

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk to the Board

Charles R. Peterson, Chairman