

**February 1, 2010**

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, February 1, 2010 at 6:30 pm in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse. The following members were present:

Billy Ray Pait, Chairman  
Delilah Blanks, Vice Chairperson  
W.D. Neill, Jr.  
Lewis Tatum  
Larry Smith  
Margaret Lewis-Moore  
Charles Ray Peterson  
Daniel R. Dowless  
David R. Gooden

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

Chairman Pait called the meeting to order. Commissioner Gooden provided the Invocation and County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Delilah Blanks, the Board approved the following consent items:

- A. **Minutes of the January 19, 2010 Regular Meeting**
- B. **Agenda**
- C. **Budget Amendments**

	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
<u>Water District</u>		
Exp: 254702.123		
On-Call Pay	\$1000.00	
Exp: 254702.123		
Standby Pay	\$1000.00	
Exp: 254702275		
Bulk Water	\$25,000.00	
Exp: 254702.491		
Dues and Sub	\$500.00	
Exp: 254702.499		
Misc Expense	\$11,000.00	
Rev: 253190.499		
Fund Balance	\$38,500.00	
<u>Revenue Department</u>		
Exp: 104500.610		
Contracted Services	\$11,500.00	
Rev: 103190.50		
Fund Balance	\$11,500.00	

- D. **County Attorney Invoices**
  - **\$775.00, File No 01 CVD 268**
  - **\$360.00, Certificate Contract to Precision Contractors, Inc.**
  - **\$570.00, Conference with Greg Martin and Bobby Martin**
- E. **Transfer of 20 Annual Days from Robert Mazur to Bladen County Schools employee Michelle Mazur**

**ITEM 2. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:**

- Commissioner Peterson requested that as the FY 11 Budget is being development that County Manager look into possible physical improvements, such as painting, for Bladen County Social Services building.
- Commissioner Peterson requested that Bladen County contact Robeson County to explore a snagging project in the Big Swamp area.

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**ITEM 3. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:**

*Larry Smith Arrived.*

- William Butler and John Hasbrouch with the Bladenboro Historical Society requested financial assistance for repairs to the entrance way of the Bladenboro Historical Society. Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Margaret Lewis-Moore, the Board approved a donation of \$500.00 to the Bladenboro Historical Society.
- Judy Hester and Gerald Maulsby requested assistance regarding a problem with standing water in their yards and ditches in the Butters Community on Highway 211 Business West. County Manager Greg Martin will write a letter to NC DOT requesting assistance with this issue.

**ITEM 4. Community Development Block Grant:  
(Adrian Lowery, Lumber River Council of Governments)**

- Public Hearing Regarding the 2008 Community Development Block Grant Scattered Site Housing Project – Chairman Pait declared the Public Hearing Open. There were no public comments and Chairman Pait declared the public hearing closed.

**ITEM 5. Health: (Carol Strickland and Marianne Valentiner)**

- Health Educators Carol Strickland and Marianne Valentiner presented the 2009 Community Health Assessment.

**ITEM 6. Tax Office: (Chris Ellis, Tax Administrator and Carol Cain, Tax Collector)**

- A. Tax Administrator Chris Ellis presented the report of Unpaid 2009 Taxes that are Liens on Real Property.
- B. Upon a motion by Lewis Tatum, seconded by Delilah Blanks, the Board approved to advertise uncollected taxes in the Bladen Journal on March 19, 2010. All unpaid taxes must be paid by Friday, March 12, 2010 at 5:00 pm.

**ITEM 7. Emergency Medical Services: (Jeanene Green, Director)**

- Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Margaret Lewis-Moore, the Board approved EMS Management and Consultants to telephone customers regarding the establishment of a payment plan for unpaid accounts.

**ITEM 8. Bladen County Water District: (Randy Garner, Director)**

- A. Upon a motion by W.D. Neill, Jr., seconded by Larry Smith, the Board entered session as Water District Board of Directors.
- B. Discussion was held regarding the Phase III Participation. Water District Director Randy Garner advised that informational brochures and door hangers have been distributed and community meetings have been held. However, the participation is still very low for Phase III-B. The Board agreed to send letters to all potential water customers in Phase III-B in an effort to increase participation.
- C. Upon a motion by W.D. Neill, Jr., seconded by Larry Smith, the Board approved to exit session as Water District Board of Directors.

**ITEM 9. Advisory Boards:**

- A. Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee – Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr., the Board reappointed Agnes McKoy and John Creech with an expiration date of January 6, 2013.
- B. Bladen Airport Appeals Board – Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by David Gooden, the Board appointed Reynold Hester to replace Robert Hester with an expiration date of January 22, 2013. Other appointments were tabled.

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- C. Bladen County Economic Development Commission – Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Lewis Tatum, the Board reappointed Howell Clark, Jon Hasbrouck, Larry Barnhardt and Steve Cox with expiration dates of December 31, 2012. The Board appointed Rich Glenn to replace Lynn Welborne, appointed Robert H. Jessup to replace Brian Campbell, and David Gooden to replace Lewis Tatum with expiration dates of December 31, 2012. The appointment for Warren Graham was tabled.
- D. Bladen County Personnel Advisory Board – Upon a motion by W.D. Neill, Jr., seconded by Margaret Lewis-Moore, the Board reappointed Betty McLaughlin and Patsy Priest with expiration dates of December 31, 2012 and waived the term limits.
- E. Elizabethtown Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustments – Upon a motion by Margaret Lewis-Moore, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr., the Board reappointed Marie Ross to the Elizabethtown Planning and Zoning Commission with an expiration date of January 31, 2014. Upon a motion by Margaret Lewis-Moore, seconded by Charles Ray Peterson, the Board reappointed Marie Ross to the Board of Adjustments with an expiration date of December 31, 2011.
- F. Lisbon Rural Fire Protection District Commission – Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Margaret Lewis-Moore, the Board reappointed JB Priest, Israel Cromartie, and John Carter with expiration dates of January 2, 2012 and reappointed John Packer and George Barber with expiration dates of January 2, 2013.
- G. Southeastern Regional Mental Health Board – Upon a motion by Delilah Blanks, seconded by Lewis Tatum, the Board reappointed Billy Ray Pait with an expiration date of December 31, 2011.

**ITEM 10. County Manager: (Greg Martin)**

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.
- B. Information was provided by Greg Martin regarding a policy being considered by the NC Community College System concerning the Admission of Illegal Aliens into the NC Community College System. No action was taken by the Board.
- C. Upon a motion by Lewis Tatum, seconded by Margaret Lewis-Moore, the Board entered Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) Attorney Client Privilege.

Upon a motion by Lewis Tatum, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr., the Board exited Closed Session and re-entered Regular session.

Upon a motion by Lewis Tatum, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr., the Board approved to adjourn at 8:55 pm.

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Billy Ray Pait, Chairman  
Bladen County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Ashley C. Sasser, Clerk