

**February 15, 2010**

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, February 15, 2010 at 6:30 pm in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse. The following members were present:

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

\*Arriving Late: Larry Smith

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

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

*The Board paused in a moment of silence in memory of Commissioner Margaret Lewis-Moore.*

Chairman Pait requested that *Item 4, Census Update* be deleted from the proposed agenda and that the Board Vacancy matter listed as *Item 5*, be addressed in *Item 2: Matters of Interest to Commissioners*.

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

- A. Minutes of the February 1, 2010 Regular Meeting**
- B. Approve Agenda**
- C. Approve Budget Amendments**

	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
<u>Social Services</u>		
Exp: 146100.689	\$430.00	
<i>Energy Neighbor Fund</i>		
Rev: 143531.031	\$430.00	
<u>Social Services</u>		
Exp: 146100.689	\$434.00	
<i>Energy Neighbor Fund</i>		
Rev: 143531.031	\$434.00	
<u>JCPC-Teen Court</u>		
Exp: 106805.642		\$292.00
<i>JCPC-Extension</i>		
Rev: 103190.050		\$292.00
<i>FBA</i>		
<u>Parks and Recreation</u>		
Exp: 106600.200	\$300.00	
<i>Supplies</i>		
Exp: 106600.499	\$300.00	
<i>Recreation Misc</i>		
Exp: 106600.303	\$500.00	
<i>Insurance</i>		
Rev: 103190.010	\$600.00	
<i>Misc. Revenue</i>		
Rev: 1036600.000	\$500.00	
<i>Insurance</i>		

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Health Department

Exp: 10.5900.5951.120

\$1,747.81

Salaries

\$1,747.81

Exp: 10.5900.493

Refunds

**D. County Attorney Invoices**

- \$300.00, February Retainer
- \$1500.00, 08 CVS 696
- \$745.00, Tax Appeal

**E. Tax Refunds and Releases for January 2010**

**F. Rabies Vaccination Fee Increase from \$5.00 to \$6.00**

**ITEM 2. MATTERS OF INTEREST TO COMMISSIONERS:**

**A.** Elections Director Larry Hammond informed the Board of the appointment process regarding the existing Board vacancy. Mr. Hammond reviewed General Statute 153A-27 and explained that the Board is required to fill the vacancy within 60 days from the date that the vacancy occurred, or the Clerk of Superior Court would then be required to fill the vacancy within 10 days thereafter. It was noted that, prior to filling the vacancy, the Board of Commissioners shall consult with the Executive Committee of the Democratic Party regarding the appointment.

*\*Larry Smith Arrived*

**B.** Chairman Pait presented certificates and lapels pins to the following employees in recognition of years of service to Bladen County:

- Djuana Register, Health Department, 20 years
- Cynthia Munguia, Social Services, 5 years

**C.** Commissioner Peterson requested a plaque in memory of Commissioner Margaret Lewis-Moore be kept in the Commissioners Room and that the Board present a plaque to the Moore family at an upcoming meeting.

**D.** Upon a motion by Delilah Blanks, seconded by Larry Smith, the Board amended the Special Meeting for Monday, February 22, 2010 at 5:00 pm to include consideration of the appointment of the vacancy on the Board of County Commissioners.

**ITEM 3. INDIVIDUALS/DELEGATIONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COMMISSIONERS:**

**A.** Cape Fear Valley Health System Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Breeden Blackwell introduced himself and expressed his interest in maintaining a positive relationship between Bladen County and Cape Fear Valley Health System. Furthermore, Mr. Blackwell stated that Cape Fear Valley Health System's future goal is to build a new hospital in Bladen County. However, no time frame has been established.

**B.** Reverend Kincy Barrow presented a request to use the Courthouse lawn for a 24 hour 7 day a week prayer vigil. The Board of Commissioners requested legal counsel from the County Attorney prior to making a decision regarding the request.

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**ITEM 4. PLANNING: (Greg Elkins)**

- 2010 Census Update – *DELETED from Agenda*

**ITEM 5. ADVISORY BOARDS:**

- A. BARTS Advisory Board – Upon a motion by David Gooden, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr., the Board reappointed Wendell Brown, Mary Shaw, Jimmy Hudson, Wanda Herring, June Koenig, Lillian Bryant, Tommy Rains, Sharon Anderson, and Charles Ray Peterson, with expiration dates of December 31, 2012. Upon a motion by W.D. Neill, Jr, seconded by David Gooden, the Board appointed Jeanene Green to fill the unexpired term of Mitchell Byrd with an expiration date of December 31, 2011.
- B. Bladen Airport Appeals Board – Upon a motion by W.D. Neill, Jr., seconded by Lewis Tatum, the Board reappointed Jeff Huff and John Dove with expiration dates of January 22, 2013.
- C. Bladen County Economic Development Commission – Upon a motion by Delilah Blanks, seconded by Charles Ray Peterson, the Board reappointed Warren Dale Graham with an expiration date of December 31, 2012.
- D. Bladen County Library Board – Upon a motion by W.D. Neill, Jr., seconded by Lewis Tatum, the Board reappointed Creddie Graham, Gloris Lloyd, and Barbara Wilkins with expiration dates of December 31, 2012 and waived the term limits.
- E. Bladen County Nursing Home Advisory Committee – Upon a motion by Delilah Blanks, seconded by Charles Ray Peterson, the Board reappointed Beth Hammond, Joyce Brisson, and Sylvia Pait with expiration dates of February 28, 2013 and waived the term limits.
- F. Child Fatality/Protection Team - *Tabled*
- G. Division on Aging Advisory Committee – Upon a motion by W.D. Neill, Jr., seconded by Lewis Tatum, the Board reappointed Mary Andrews with an expiration date of December 31, 2012 and appointed Linda Bryan to replace Sylvia Pait with an expiration date of December 31, 2012. Other appointments were tabled.
- H. Elizabethtown Rural Fire District Committee – Upon a motion by David Gooden, seconded by Charles Ray Peterson, the Board reappointed Linda Gillespie with an expiration date of February 3, 2013.

**ITEM 6. COUNTY MANAGER: (Greg Martin)**

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.
- B. Upon a motion by Larry Smith, seconded by Charles Ray Peterson, the Board entered Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) Attorney-Client Privilege.

Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by David Gooden, the Board exited Closed Session and re-entered Regular Session.

Upon a motion by Delilah Blanks, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr., the Board authorized the County Attorney to give notice of appeal of the Scott Edwards case and authorized the County Attorney to obtain Co-Counsel for assistance at no expense to the County of Bladen. The motion passed by a vote of 5AYES (Larry Smith, Delilah Blanks, Billy Ray Pait, W.D. Neill, Jr., and Lewis Tatum) to 3 NOES (David Gooden, Charles Ray Peterson, and Daniel Dowless).

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Upon a motion by Lewis Tatum, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr., the Board adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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Billy Ray Pait, Chairman  
Bladen County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Ashley C. Sasser, Clerk