

**February 21, 2011**

**\* Minutes revised to include entire background text of 2010 State of the County Health Report in Item 8**

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 21, 2011 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse.

The following members were present:

- Charles Ray Peterson, Chairperson
- James G. "Jimmie" Smith, Vice Chairperson
- Russell Priest
- Delilah Blanks
- Daniel Dowless
- Mark Gillespie
- David Gooden
- Lewis Tatum
- Billy Ray Pait

Attorney: Leslie Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

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

**ITEM 1. Consent Items:**

Chairman Peterson requested to add a Water District matter to the agenda following Item 11. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board approved the addition to the agenda and the following consent items:

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes of February 7, 2010 (Regular Meeting)
- C. County Attorney Invoice(s):
  - 2-08-11 \$ 525.00 Bladen County Sheriff Department
  - 2-08-11 \$5,200.00 Southeastern Regional Medical Center
  - 2-16-11 \$ 485.00 Town of E-town Revitalization & Hold Harmless
  - 2-16-11 \$ 150.00 Blue Cross Blue Shield of NC
  - \$6,360.00
- D. Budget Amendments as follows:

Department and Account Number	Account Description	Increase	Decrease
<b>DSS</b>			
<u>Expenditures</u>			
146160.535	Medicaid	\$ 6,494.80	
Revenues			
143591.010	Client Ref.	\$ 6,494.80	
<u>Expenditures</u>			
146160.499.027	Misc. Asst.	\$ 1,979.86	
Revenues			
143190.010	Misc. Rev.	\$ 1,979.86	
(Donations collected for funeral of Travis Wilson)			
<u>Expenditures</u>			
146100.689	Energy Neighbor Fund	\$ 442.00	
Revenues			
143531.031	Energy Neighbor Fund	\$ 442.00	
(Increased funding from the State – Funding Authorization #10)			
<u>Expenditures</u>			
146100.689	Energy Neighbor Fund	\$ 432.00	
Revenues			
143531.031	Energy Neighbor Fund	\$ 432.00	
(Increased funding from the State – Funding Authorization #9)			
<u>Expenditures</u>			
146100.689	Energy Neighbor Fund	\$ 430.00	
Revenues			
143531.031	Energy Neighbor Fund	\$ 430.00	
(Increased funding from the State – Funding Authorization #8)			
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Department and Account Number	Account Description	Increase	Decrease
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<u>Water Department - Phase IIIA</u>			
<u>Expenditures</u>			
254702.740	Capital Outlay Equip.	\$ 5,800.00	
Revenue			
253190.050	Fund Balance	\$ 5,800.00	
(Purchase a 60 KW Generator, tank & transfer switch from the Town of E-town)			
<u>Expenditures</u>	Well Testing	\$ 10,000.00	
254702.616			
<u>Revenue</u>			
253190.050	Fund Balance	\$ 10,000.00	
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<u>Bladen County Motor Pool</u>			
<u>Expenditures</u>			
105010.357	Vehicle Repair	\$ 17,000.00	
105010.253	Vehicle Parts	\$ 20,000.00	
<u>Revenue</u>			
103190.050	Fund Balance	\$ 37,000.00	
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<u>Revenue Dept.</u>			
<u>Expenditures</u>			
104500.192	Legal Services	\$ 500.00	
<u>Revenue</u>			
103190.010	Misc. Revenue	\$ 500.00	
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<u>Workers Compensation Fund</u>			
<u>Expenditures</u>			
136801.451	Workers Comp Insurance	\$ 635,369.00	
136801.900	To General Fund	\$ 195,510.00	
<u>Revenue</u>			
133190.010	Misc. Revenue	\$ 830,879.00	
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(Rollover Budget for the Workers Comp. Fund			

- E. Tax Refunds and Releases for the period of 1/01/2011 through 1/31/2011.
- F. Settlement Agreement and Release of Claims with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.
- G. Additions to Health Department Fee Schedule
- H. Lease Agreement with N. C. Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services
- I. Fire Service Contracts

**ITEM 2. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:**  
 Chairman Peterson acknowledged the following employees for years of service:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Years</u>
Geraldine Reid	DSS	20 years
Robert Adam Nobles	Environmental Health	5 years

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

- No one addressed the commissioners

**ITEM 4. Planning: (Greg Elkins, Director)**  
 Planning Director Greg Elkins appeared before the Board regarding the Rezoning request of property identified as PIN 1322-00-26-6074.

A. Chairman Peterson declared the Public Hearing opened and asked the public to offer comments.

James Tippet, Sharon Tippet, Dennis Bryan, Doris Anderson, and Linda Sutton Potter spoke in opposition to the rezoning. These individuals voiced concerns related to the potential for increased traffic and crime as well as concerns related to lighting and access to the property. Ms. Anderson requested that a 12 foot "no see through" fence be erected if the Rezoning Request was approved.



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**ITEM 8.**

**Health Department (Carol Strickland and Marianne Valentinier, Health Educators)**  
 Carol Strickland and Marianne Valentinier presented the following 2010 State of the County Health Report:

\* Bladen County Health Department, Health Educators, Carol Strickland and Marianne Valentinier presented the Board of Commissioners, the 2010 State of the County Health Report(SOTCH) by power point presentation and copies of the 2010 SOTCH. Bladen County Health Department is required to complete a (SOTCH) in the interim years after the completion of the Community Health Assessment (CHA). The CHA was completed in 2009, the interim years for the SOTCH are 2010, 2011, 2012, the next CHA will be completed December 2013. The CHA is used as an indicator or snap-shot of the county's health concerns and health priorities that need to be addressed. The 2009 CHA surveyed 508 individuals in the County and identified needs to be addressed were: diabetes, heart disease, chronic diseases, teen pregnancy, and chronic respiratory diseases. Indicators were also taken from the NC Center for State Health statistics and the Centers for Disease Control. Identified health issues are recognized and are addressed by collaborative partners in action plans and based on the Governors 2020 health objectives from the State Healthy Carolinians office. Action Plans are completed based on the results of the 2009 CHA. The action plans guide the collaborative in projects that will be conducted throughout the County to combat and address the health concerns identified. The SOTCH is a follow-up to the CHA. The SOTCH in the interim of the CHA is a review of the data yearly that was indicated as health concerns from the CHA. The SOTCH is a summary of the programs and keeps an update on changes in the health concerns identified in the CHA or new and emerging issues. The CHA and the SOTCH address 1.1 and 1.2 of the Accreditation standards and are vital components to the Accreditation of the Health department. The CHA and The SOTCH are both due December 1 of each year and a copy of each are sent to the Healthy Carolinians State Office and the Healthy Carolinians Regional Consultants for review. Once the CHA or SOTCH are reviewed (based on accreditation standards) approval letters are sent to the health director. If there are areas that require further information, the health department is required to submit a corrective action plan. Once the required information is completed the CHA or SOTCH is sent to the Healthy Carolinians State office for approval. Once approved the documents are presented to the Board of Health and Bladen County Commissioners. The CHA and the SOTCH are also made available to the public. Hard copies of the CHA and the SOTCH are available at the local libraries, Clarkton, Bladenboro and Elizabethtown, Health Department, Healthy Bladen Office, Bladen Community College Library, NC Cooperative Extension Office, Bladen County/ Cape Fear Valley Hospital and on the Bladen County Health Department Web page at [bladeninfo.org/department/health](http://bladeninfo.org/department/health) or contact the health education department at the Bladen County Health Department.

**ITEM 9.**

**Consider Approving Requests to Fill Vacant Positions**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board approved the reclassification of a Child Support Agent II (CSA II) position to a Child Support Agent I (CSA I) position by a vote of 5 Ayes (Commissioners Priest, Gillespie, Smith, Blanks and Peterson) to 4 Noes (Commissioners Gooden Pat, Dowless, Tatum,).

1. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board approved to fill one (1) tax clerk position in the Revenue Department by a vote of 8 Ayes (Commissioners Priest, Gillespie, Smith, Pat, Dowless, Tatum, Blanks and Peterson) to 1 No (Commissioner Gooden).
2. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board approved to fill a part time debt setoff Technician

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- position in the Finance Department by a vote of 7 Ayes (Commissioners Priest, Gillespie, Smith, Pait, Tatum, Blanks and Peterson) to 2 Noes (Commissioners Gooden and Dowless).
3. Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board approved to fill the following positions in the Sheriff Department: one (1) Dispatcher I; one (1) Dispatcher II and one (1) School Resource Officer by a vote of 6 Ayes (Commissioners Gooden, Priest, Gillespie, Smith, Blanks and Peterson) to 3 Noes (Commissioners Pait, Tatum and Dowless).
  4. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, the Board approved to fill the following positions in the Division on Aging Department: one (1) Senior Center Director and one (1) Adult Day Care Director by a vote of 6 Ayes (Commissioners Priest, Gillespie, Smith, Pait, Blanks and Peterson) to 3 Noes (Commissioners Tatum, Gooden and Dowless).
  5. Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board approved to fill the following positions in the Social Services Department: one (1) Income Maintenance Case Worker; one (1) Food Nutrition Services Supervisor; one (1) Child Support Agent II and one (1) Investigative Assessment & Treatment worker by a vote of 6 Ayes (Commissioners Priest, Gillespie, Smith, Pait, Blanks and Peterson) to 3 Noes (Commissioners Tatum, Gooden and Dowless).

**ITEM 10.****Tax Office: (Chris Ellis, Tax Administrator)**

- A. Tax Administrator Chris Ellis presented the report of Unpaid 2010 Taxes that are Liens on Real Property in the amount of \$3,361,950.32.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Tatum, the Board approved to advertise uncollected taxes. All unpaid taxes must be paid by Friday, April 1, 2011 at 5:00 pm.

**Bladen County Water District**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board entered Session as the Water District Board of Directors.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board approved the following: Owners that signed a Water User Agreement but never connected to the water system and owe the Water District a balance, will be allowed to connect to the water system and pay an additional \$10.00 per month to their water bill until the outstanding balance is paid in full. A new Agreement will be prepared for Customer's signature.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board exited session as the Bladen County Water District Board of Directors.

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**ITEM 12.****County Manager: (Greg Martin)**

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.
- B. The Board received a letter from the Battle of Elizabethtown Chapter - National Society Daughters of the American Revolution regarding the relocation of the Salter Family Memorial Stone. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Tatum, the Board approved the Relocation of the monument. The Town of Elizabethtown will assume responsibility for the monument relocation.

C. Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Tatum, the Board approved to schedule a Board Planning Session for Monday, March 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

**ITEM 13. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:**

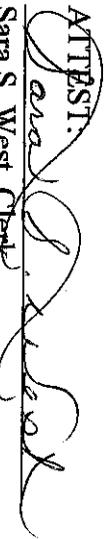
- No one addressed the commissioners

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board entered Closed Session in accordance with N.C. G. S. 143-318.11(a)(3) Attorney-Client Privilege (6) Personnel.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board exited Closed Session and re-entered Open Session.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Dowless the Board adjourned at 8:08 pm.

  
 Charles Ray Peterson, Chairman  
 Bladen County Board of Commissioners

ATTYST.  
  
 Sara S. West, Clerk