

**March 15, 2010**

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, March 15, 2010 in 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  
Larry Smith  
Charles Ray Peterson  
Daniel Dowless  
David Gooden

Attorney: Leslie Johnson, Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

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

Chairman Pait requested that the following item be added to the proposed agenda:  
*Item 3A Board Vacancy, Elections Director Larry Hammond*

Upon a motion by Lewis Tatum, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr., the Board approved the following consent items:

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

	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
<u>Health Department</u>		
Exp: 105900.5200.499.019	\$3,927.00	
<i>Rabies</i>		
Rev: 103260.040	\$3,927.00	
<i>Fees-Animal Control</i>		
<u>Health Department</u>		
Exp: 10.5900.5920.200	\$10,457.96	
<i>Supplies</i>		
Rev: 103560.082	\$10,457.96	
<i>Fees-Hep B/Flu</i>		
<u>Health Department</u>		
Exp: 10.5900.5905.200	\$3,734.08	
<i>Supplies</i>		
Rev: 103330.061	\$3,734.08	
<i>DENR-Environmental</i>		
<i>Health</i>		
<u>Health Department</u>		
Exp: 10.5900.5920.200	\$5,080.00	
<i>Supplies</i>		
Rev: 103530.090	\$5,080.00	
<i>DHHS-Family Planning</i>		
<u>Health Department</u>		
Exp: 10.5900.5980.120	\$25,682.00	
<i>Salaries</i>		
Exp: 10.5900.5980.181	\$1,940.00	
<i>FICA</i>		
Exp: 10.5900.5980.182	\$1,240.00	
<i>Retirement</i>		
Exp: 10.5900.5980.183	\$3,048.00	
<i>Group Insurance</i>		

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Exp: 10.5900.5980.185	\$1,066.00
<i>Retiree Health Insurance</i>	
Exp: 105900.5980.200	\$3,624.00
<i>Supplies</i>	
Exp: 105900.5980.321	\$820.00
<i>Telephone</i>	
Exp: 105900.5980.325	\$180.00
<i>Postage</i>	
Exp: 105900.5980.270	\$2,400.00
<i>Advertising</i>	
Rev: 103530.160	\$40,000.00
<i>Health &amp; Wellness Grant</i>	
<u>Revenue Department</u>	
Exp: 104500.610	\$5,000.00
<i>Contracted Services</i>	
Rev: 10319.50	\$5,000.00
<i>Fund Balance</i>	
<u>Parks and Recreation</u>	
Exp: 106600.350	\$400.00
<i>Maint/Repair Grounds</i>	
Exp: 106600.499	\$1000.00
<i>Misc Recreation</i>	
Exp: 106600.200	\$100.00
<i>Supplies</i>	
Rev: 103190.010	\$1,500.00
<i>Misc. Revenue</i>	

**D. County Attorney Invoices**

- **\$300.00, Conference**
- **\$300.00, Retainer for March**
- **\$475.00, 24/7 Prayer Vigil**
- **\$150.00, Review of Case**

**E. Approve Tax Refunds and Releases for the Month of February, 2010**

**F. Approve Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation**

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH  
PROCLAMATION 2010**

**WHEREAS**, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community;

**WHEREAS**, child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and do not know how to cope;

**WHEREAS**, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community;

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect can be prevented by making sure each family has the support the need to raise their children in a healthy environment;

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect not only cause immediate harm to children, but are also proven to increase the likelihood of criminal behavior, substance abuse, health problems such as heart disease and obesity, and risky behavior such as smoking;

**WHEREAS**, all citizens should become involved in supporting families to provide safe, nurturing environments for their children giving them the opportunity to grow up to be caring, contributing members of the community;

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the Bladen County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April as **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** in Bladen County and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

Billy Ray Fuit, Chairman  
Bladen County Board of Commissioners

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## G. Approve Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation

### SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION APRIL 2010

WHEREAS, Families First, Inc. responded to 47 sexual assault calls from July 1, 2008 – July 31, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Of the 47 sexual assault calls Families First, Inc. received, 13 were children under the age of 17; and

WHEREAS, according to the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, one in five North Carolina women have been sexually assaulted at some point in their lives; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Justice, in the United States, rape is the most costly crime to its survivors totaling \$127 billion a year considering factors such as medical cost, lost earnings, pain, suffering and lost quality of life; and

WHEREAS, according to the North Carolina Council for Women, in 2009, North Carolina Rape Crisis Centers served 8,494 individuals, including 3,022 children under the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, 20,984 hotline calls were received by North Carolina rape crisis centers in 2009, according to the NC Council for Women; and

WHEREAS, 5,396 educational presentations and professional trainings were provided by North Carolina rape crisis centers in 2009, according to North Carolina Council for Women.

I do hereby proclaim the month of April 2010 as "SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH" in Bladen County. I encourage all citizens to speak out against sexual assault and support their local community's efforts to provide services to victims of this heinous crime.

Billy Ray Pait, Chairman  
Bladen County Board of Commissioners

## ITEM 2. INDIVIDUALS/DELEGATIONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COMMISSIONERS:

- A. At the request of Chairman Pait, County Attorney Leslie Johnson provided a history of the hospital affiliation process between Cape Fear Valley Health System and Bladen County. He explained that Bladen Fitness Center was included in the Lease Agreement.
- B. Cape Fear Valley Health System CEO Mike Nagowskie explained that Cape Fear Valley is committed to healthcare in Bladen County and has invested millions of dollars in the hospital. He explained that the hospital had recruited 6 new physicians to Bladen County. He also explained that the Fitness Center is losing money and needs capital improvements. Therefore, the pool at Bladen Fitness Center will close on March 31, 2010 and the Fitness Center will close on April 30, 2010.
- C. Darrell Page, a Fitness Center member, requested that the Board meet with Cape Fear Valley to look at creative ways to keep the Fitness Center open, or to at least postpone the closing of the Fitness Center. He added that postponing the closing of the Fitness Center would give the County time to explore opportunities of keeping the Fitness Center open.
- D. Shirley Clark, a member of the Fitness Center, expressed her concern with the scheduled pool closing. She stated that water aerobics has improved her quality of life.
- E. Harold Taylor, a member of the Fitness Center, expressed his concern with the Fitness Center closing. He stated that due to a health condition, water aerobics is the only form of exercise in which he is able to participate.
- F. Chairman Pait stated that, while he can't speak for the Board of Commissioners, he personally supports the Fitness Center. He stated that the County will explore options regarding the continued operation of the Fitness Center.

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**ITEM 3. MATTERS OF INTEREST TO COMMISSIONERS:**

- A. Elections Director Larry Hammond informed the Board that the vacancy on the Board of Commissioners must be filled by April 7, 2010. Furthermore, he explained that the Board may consult with the Democratic Party through various forms of communication, including a letter. Based on the following recommendation of the Democratic Party, a motion was made by Delilah Blanks, seconded by Charles Ray Peterson, to appoint Albert Beatty to fill the vacancy on the Board of Commissioners. The motion was unanimously approved. Mr. Beatty will attend the April 6, 2010 meeting.
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BLADEN COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY  
P.O. Box 293  
Elizabethtown, NC 28337

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To: The County Commissioners

We the Executive Committee met today and voted to pass the name of Mr. Albert Beatty on to for your consideration as the person to fill the unexpired position of Mrs. Margaret Lewis-Moore, since the passing of Dr. Stanley A. Richardson whose name was first given to you. Mr. Beatty had the second highest votes when we had the county forum on February 20, 2010.

If any question please do not hesitate to call me.

Best Regards

  
Charles G. Corbett  
Chairman

- B. Chairman Pait presented a *Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation* and a *Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation* to Marjorie Walker with Families First, Inc.
- C. Chairman Pait presented plaques and lapel pins to following employees in recognition of their years of service to Bladen County:
- Mary McLaurin, Social Services, 15 years
  - Wayne Stewart, Health Department, 5 years
- D. Chairman Pait presented a plaque to the family of Libby Priest in memory of her 20 years of service to the Bladen County Social Services.
- E. Chairman Pait presented a plaque to the family of Margaret Lewis-Moore, in memory of her service as County Commissioner.
- F. Chairman Pait presented a plaque in memory of former Commissioner Margaret Lewis-Moore. This plaque will remain in the Commissioners Meeting Room.
- G. Commissioner Peterson requested that County Manger Greg Martin send a letter to NCDOT regarding a water issue.
- H. Commissioner Neill requested an attendance record of the Juvenile Justice Board.
- I. Commissioner Gooden requested that, at an upcoming meeting, the East Bladen Girls Basketball Team be honored for a successful season.

**ITEM 4. BLADEN AREA RURAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM:**

- A. Public Hearing Regarding FY 2011 Community Transportation Program Application – Mr. Pait declared the Public Hearing Open and asked the public to offer comments. No public comments were received and Mr. Pait declared the public hearing closed.

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- B. Upon a motion by David Gooden, seconded by Delilah Blanks, the Board approved the FY 2011 Community Transportation Program Resolution and the FY 2011 Human Service Agency Transportation Resolution.

**ITEM 5. HEALTH DEPARTMENT: (Wayne Stewart, Director)**

- Animal Control Supervisor Ted Carter provided an update regarding Animal Control Services and an update regarding the recent improvements in the Animal Shelter operations.

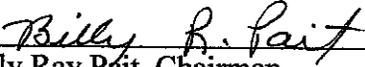
**ITEM 6. BLADEN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT: (Randy Garner, Director)**

- A. Upon a motion by W.D. Neill, Jr., seconded by Larry Smith, the Board entered session as the Bladen County Water District Board of Directors.
- B. Water District Director Randy Garner provided an update regarding the Proposed Phase IIIB Project. Mr. Garner informed the Board that currently the project has a 50% participation rate.
- C. Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Larry Smith, the Board approved to exit session as the Bladen County Water District Board of Directors.

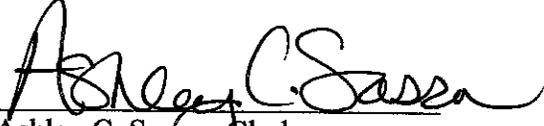
**ITEM 7. COUNTY MANAGER: (Greg Martin)**

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.
- B. Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Larry Smith, 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 Larry Smith, the Board adjourned at 8:50 pm.

  
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Billy Ray Pait, Chairman  
Bladen County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
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Ashley C. Sasser, Clerk