

**March 21, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 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
- Deliah 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 Smith provided the Invocation and County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM 1. Consent Items:**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board approved the following consent items:

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes of February 21, 2011 (Revised)
- C. Minutes of March 7, 2010 (Regular Meeting)
- D. County Attorney Invoice(s):
  - 3-08-11 \$5,610.00 Asset Purchase Agreement
  - 3-10-11 \$ 360.00 BARTS Transportation Grant
  - 3-15-11 \$1,575.00 Anthony Lynn Robinson vs Bladen County
  - \$7,545.00
- E. Budget Amendments as follows:

Department and Account Number	Account Description	Increase	Decrease
<b>DSS</b>			
<u>Expenditures</u>			
146100.693	Medicaid Transportation	\$ 25,000.00	
Revenues			
143531.32	Medicaid Transportation	\$ 25,000.00	
Expenditures			
146100.689	Energy Neighbor Fund	\$ 3,000.00	
Revenues			
143531.031	Energy Neighbor Fund	\$ 3,000.00	
<u>Expenditures</u>			
146100.689	Energy Neighbor Fund	\$ 1,000.00	
Revenues			
143531.031	Energy Neighbor Fund	\$ 1,000.00	
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<u>Motor Pool</u>			
Expenditures			
105010-499.004	Misc. Wrecker	\$ 2,500.00	
Revenues			
105010-357	Vehicle Repairs		\$ 2,500.00
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<b>Parks and Recreation</b>			
<u>Expenditures</u>			
106600.200	Supplies	\$ 200.00	
106600.353	Copier Maint.	\$ 400.00	
106600.499	Rec/Misc.	\$ 594.00	
Revenues			
10.3190.010	Misc. Revenue	\$ 1,194.00	
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**ITEM 4.**

**Revenue Department: (Chris Ellis, Tax Assessor)**

A. Tax Assessor Chris Ellis submitted bids from citizens interested in purchasing the following Surplus County Properties:

- PIN 0002944
- PIN 0021707
- PIN 0046518
- PIN 0022130

Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board rejected all bids.

B. Mr. Ellis asked the Board to Schedule an Equalization and Review Meeting for April 4<sup>th</sup> or April 18, 2011 at 5:15 p.m. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board scheduled an Equalization and Review meeting for April 4, 2011 at 5:15 p.m.

**ITEM 5.**

**Department of Social Services (June Koenig, Director)**

A. On behalf of Department of Social Services Director June Koenig, County Manager Greg Martin asked the Board to consider approving the purchase of a Document Management System from Northwoods Professional Services. Ms. Koenig and Michael Drabek of Northwoods Professional Services provided information to the Board on January 24, 2011 regarding the Document Management System. Ms. Koenig provided additional information to the Board on March 7, 2011 for consideration at the Board meeting on March 21, 2011. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board approved the purchase of the Document Management System. Mr. Martin stated that formal financing quotes will be submitted to the Board for approval.

B. The Board received a request to to fill one (1) Income Maintenance Caseworker II (IMC II) vacant position in Family and Children's Medicaid. Chairman Peterson stated that the Board will take action on this request on April 4, 2011.

**ITEM 6.**

**Health Department (Wayne Stewart, Director)**

A. Health Director Wayne Stewart reviewed a Proposed Ordinance to Prohibit Smoking and the Use of Other Tobacco Products in County Buildings and Vehicles and On All County Grounds. Mr. Stewart asked the Board to consider adopting the Ordinance at the Board meeting on April 4, 2011.

In April 2007, Bladen County Board of Health approved a rule to eliminate second-hand smoke at Bladen County Health Department. The agency became a smoke free facility (also Environmental Health housed in the Powell-Melvin Building and Animal Control) to include grounds, which refers to the area located within 50 feet of the building. Mr. Stewart requested permission to post No Smoking signs on Health Department building, Powell-Melvin (EH) and Animal Control buildings. The Board will consider request at the meeting on April 4, 2011.

B. Mr. Stewart asked the Board to fill the WIC (Women, Infants, Children) Program Director Position. The position title, salary, and grade may be a Nutritionist II, \$32,168 to \$40,746, Grade 66 or preferably a Public Health Dietician, \$42,185 to \$53,434, Grade 74. The WIC Program's purpose is to provide special supplemental foods for pregnant, postpartum, and lactating women, infant, and children up to age 5. This is an essential position, funded entirely by state and federal funds with no county dollars required. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board approved to fill the position.

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**ITEM 7.**

**Sheriff's Office: (Prentis Benston, Sheriff)**

- A. Sheriff Benston asked the Board to consider approving a request to establish a Bladen County Courthouse Security Committee. Sheriff Benston stated the purpose of the Committee is to develop and maintain local courthouse security policies and procedures. The committee would include at a minimum, the following persons: Sheriff or appointed representative, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge or judicial designee, Chief District Court Judge or judicial designee, Clerk of Superior Court or designee, County Manager or County Commissioner representative, District Attorney, Local Police Chief, President of the Bladen County Bar Association and other elected officials or appointed officials with an office in the courthouse, such as the Register of Deeds, Probation, and Trial Court Administration. Meetings would be held on a quarterly basis to review any security needs. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board approved the request to establish a Courthouse Security Committee. Chairman Peterson was appointed as the Board of Commissioners representative to serve on the Committee.
- B. Sheriff Benston asked the Board to consider filling three (3) vacant positions in the Sheriff's Office at the Board meeting on April 4, 2011.

**ITEM 8.**

**Emergency Services (Bradley Kinlaw, Director)**

- A. Emergency Services Director Bradley Kinlaw appeared before the Board to update the Board regarding the Atkinson Fire District Map. The Atkinson Fire District would like the Board to consider reconciling the tax map with the Atkinson Fire District map approved by the North Carolina Department of Insurance. The Board approved the 5 mile Fire District map on December 17, 1990 and the 6 mile fire district map on October 15, 2007. If approved, the parcel owners in the Atkinson Fire District would receive a tax increase from 2.5 cent to 7 cent and would decrease their insurance rating from 10 to 9E. The current County appropriation is \$850 and projected revenue at 7 cents is \$2,063. The Board will consider request during the FY 2011-2012 Budget.
- B. Mr. Kinlaw provided an update on the issue of Emergency Shelters not having backup generator power. He advised the Board that he and Mr. Alvin Walters with the Bladen County Schools have taken floor plans and have highlighted the areas that need backup power of the schools currently used as shelters during a disaster/emergency. A meeting is scheduled with an Electrical Engineer on Friday, March 25, 2011 to discuss what is would take to wire these schools for backup power. Bladen Lakes Primary was recently brought online with backup generator power.

**ITEM 9.**

**Bladen County Water District (Randy Garner, Director)**

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

- A. Director Randy Garner and Adam Kiker, of Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates appeared before the Board to provide an update regarding Phase III-B bidding process. Upon a motion by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board approved to begin the bidding process for this project to include the following roads:
- Old Fayetteville Road from Bull Street to NC 210
  - NC 210 from US 701 to David Road
  - Davis Road from NC 210 to Townsend Road
  - Townsend Road off of Davis Road

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- B. Mr. Garner asked the Board to consider approving a Debit/Credit Card payment option for customers to pay their account with debit/credit cards and on-line payments through Bladen County website. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board approved Agreement with Voice Data Solutions for Debit/Credit Card and on line payments.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board exited Session as the Water District Board of Directors.

**ITEM 10.**

**Advisory Board Appointments:**

**A. Bladen County Nursing Home Advisory Committee:**

Commissioner Gillespie nominated Judy Bowen to fill the vacant seat on the Bladen County Nursing Home Advisory Committee. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board approved the appointment of Judy Bowen with an expiration date of February 28, 2013. Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board tabled appointments held by Marie Faulk and Cleveland A. Brown.

**B. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council:**

Commissioner Jimmy Smith accepted the appointment to replace Commissioner W. D. Neill, Jr. Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board approved to waive the term limits and reappoint Johnice Autry, Grace Thompson and Aaron Cox with an expiration date of March 21, 2011. Appoint Elizabeth Blanks and Joey Todd with an expiration date of March 21, 2012; Warren Holder and Tim Benton with an expiration date of March 21, 2013. Term limits were staggered to eliminate all appointments expiring on the same date.

**C. Bladen County Highway Safety Committee:**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board approved the appointments as follows: Johnnie Parks to replace Wendell Brown and Marion Bracy to replace Richard V. Smith with an expiration date of August 31, 2013; Larry Hayes to replace Gary Roberts and Jimmy Pait to replace Thomas Faulk with an expiration date of August 31, 2012; and table the appointment to replace Kenneth Daniels.

**D. Keep Bladen Beautiful:**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board approved to appoint Gary Pait to fill the unexpired term of Wayne Thompson, who resigned, with an expiration date of September 30, 2012.

**E. Elizabethtown Planning & Zoning Commission:**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Priest seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board approved to waive the term limits and reappoint Charles Cain with an expiration of March 21, 2015.

**F. Board of Adjustments (E.T.J):**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Priest seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board approved to waive the term limits and reappoint Charles Cain with an expiration of March 21, 2015.

**G. Southeastern Economic Development Commission:**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Priest, seconded by Commissioner Tatum, the Board approved the appointments of Mark Gillespie to replace Delilah B. Blanks; Barbara Knight to replace Robert Henry Jessup and Chris Tatum to replace Ophelia Munn Goins with expiration date of March 31, 2012.

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**H. White Lake Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustments (ETJ):**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith seconded by Commissioner Tatum, the Board approved to waive the term limits and reappoint David Myers with an expiration date of March 20, 2014.

**I. Fire Chiefs Association:**

The Bladen County Fire Association has requested that the Board of Commissioners appoint a Board Representative to attend the Bladen County Fire Chiefs Association monthly meetings. The Board will consider an appointment at the meeting on April 4, 2011.

**ITEM 11.**

**County Manager: (Greg Martin)**

A. Mr. Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.

B. Mr. Martin asked the Board to consider scheduling a Special Meeting on April 4, 2011 at 5:45 pm for the Sheriff to provide an update regarding the operation of the Sheriff's Office, Jail, and Communication Departments. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board approved to schedule the Special Meeting for April 4, 2011 at 5:45 p.m.

**ITEM 12.**

**Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:**

- No one addressed the commissioners.

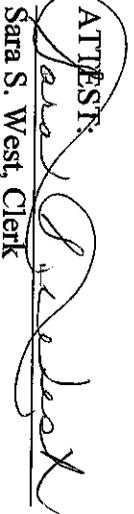
Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board entered Closed Session in accordance with N.C. G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) Attorney-Client Privilege.

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 Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Dowless the Board adjourned at 8:05 pm.



Charles Ray Peterson, Chairman  
Bladen County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:  
  
Sara S. West, Clerk