

**April 4, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 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: Allen Johnson and Leslie Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order. Chairman Peterson 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 March 14, 2011 (Special Meeting)
- C. Minutes of March 21, 2011 (Regular Meeting)
- D. County Attorney Invoice:
  - 3-24-11 \$ 300.00 Smoking Ordinance
  - 3-25-11 \$ 250.00 Audit Certification
  - \$ 610.00
- E. Attorney Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein Invoice:
 

Invoice No.	Date	Amount
402777	12-15-10	\$ 1,976.00
406126	01-25-11	\$ 364.00
408417	02-14-11	\$ 2,054.00
410869	03-10-11	\$ 3,179.68
		<u>\$ 7,573.68</u>

F. Budget Amendments as follows:

Department and Account No.	Account Description	Increase	Decrease
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<b>Health Department</b>			
<u>Expenditures</u>			
10.5900.5905.200	Supplies	\$ 4,126.05	
Revenues			
10.3330.061 (EH61)	DENR – Environ. Health (Additional State Funds)	\$ 4,126.05	
<u>Expenditures</u>			
10.5900.5920.200	Supplies	\$ 10,000.00	
Contracted Services			
10.5900.58970.610	(Tablets not repairable per Robin)		\$ 10,000.00
<u>Expenditures</u>			
10.5900.5970.200	Supplies	\$ 1,450.00	
Revenues			
10.3530.090 (H090)	DHHS – Family Planning	\$ 1,450.00	
<u>Expenditures</u>			
10.5900.5955.120	Salaries	\$ 32,097.00	
10.5900.5955.181	FICA	2,456.00	
10.5900.5955.182	Retirement	2,244.00	
10.5900.5955.183	Group Insurance	3,744.00	
10.5900.5955.185	Retiree Health Insurance	1,573.00	
10.5900.5955.200	Supplies	10,000.00	
10.5900.5955.251	Vehicle Fuels	1,000.00	
10.5900.5955.252	Vehicle Usage	3,000.00	
10.5900.5955.270	Advertising	500.00	

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Department and Account No:	Account Description	Increase	Decrease
10.5900.5955.310	Travel	1,000.00	
10.5900.5955.321	Telephone	1,000.00	
10.5900.5955.325	Postage	700.00	
10.5900.5955.341	Printing	1,500.00	
10.5900.5955.353	Copier	1,500.00	
10.5900.5955.395	Schools/Meetings	5,000.00	
10.5900.5955.499	Training Expense	5,334.00	
10.5900.5955.499.033	Incentives	5,000.00	
Revenues			
103530.159	DHHS - Project Connect (Project Connect Grant)	\$ 77,648.00	

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<u>Economic Development</u>			
<u>Expenditures</u>			
307200.710	NC Rural Center Grant	\$ 1,000,000.00	
<u>Revenues</u>			
303190.010	NC Rural Center Grant	\$ 1,000,000.00	

<u>Motor Pool</u>			
<u>Expenditures</u>			
105010-253	Vehicle Parts	\$ 6,000.00	
105010-499-009	Vehicle Towing	\$ 2,000.00	
<u>Revenues</u>			
105010-357	Vehicle Repairs	\$ 8,000.00	

<u>Central Services</u>			
<u>Expenditures</u>			
105000.350	Maint./Repair Buildings	\$ 1,010.72	
<u>Revenues</u>			
10.3190.011	Insurance Acct.	\$ 1,010.72	

<u>Administration</u>			
<u>Expenditures</u>			
104100.191	Professional Services - Audit	\$ 5,770.00	
<u>Revenues</u>			
106930.990	Contingency (Additional funding associated with the 2009 audit)	\$ 5,770.00	

<u>Division on Aging</u>			
<u>Expenditures</u>			
10.6200.6225.286	Food-Home Delivered Meals	\$ 5,397.00	
<u>Revenues</u>			
10.035830.0226	DOA-N/SC BG Nutrition FBA	\$ 4,857.00	
103190.0580		540.00	

- G. Amended FY 2009 Audit Contract Extension until March 31, 2011
- H. FY 2010 Audit Contract Extension until June 30, 2011
- I. Audit Contract for Year Ending June 30, 2011

**ITEM 2.**

**Matters of Interest to Commissioners:**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board approved a request to send a letter to the Department of Transportation requesting to have road signs installed designating the following communities:

- A. Susie Sand Hill – located at intersection of Susie Sand Hill and Johnsontown Road;
- B. Wam Squam – located at intersection of Highway 701 North and Highway 53 East;
- C. Coble Cross Road – located at intersection of Old Fayetteville Road and Green Sea Road



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**ITEM 7.**

**Requests to Fill Vacant Positions:**

- A. On behalf of the Department of Social Services Director June Koenig, County Manager Greg Martin asked the Board to consider approval to fill (1) Income Maintenance Caseworker II (IMC II) vacant position in Family and Children's Medicaid. This position is 50% Federal and 50% County funded. Reimbursement to the County will be \$19,397.00. Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, the Board approved to fill the position.
- B. Sheriff Prentis Benston asked the Board to consider approval to fill two (2) full time deputy positions to serve as court bailiffs at step and grade 64A and base salary of \$29,658.20 and one part time deputy to work in the jail. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board approved to fill the positions.
- C. Health Director Wayne Stewart asked the Board to consider approval to fill two (2) Public Health Nurse (PHN II) positions in Home Health at grade 72, and salary range of \$39,679 to \$50,262 plus benefits. These are self-supporting positions with no County dollars being utilized. Chairman Peterson advised Mr. Stewart that the Board will consider request at the Board meeting on April 2011.

**ITEM 8.**

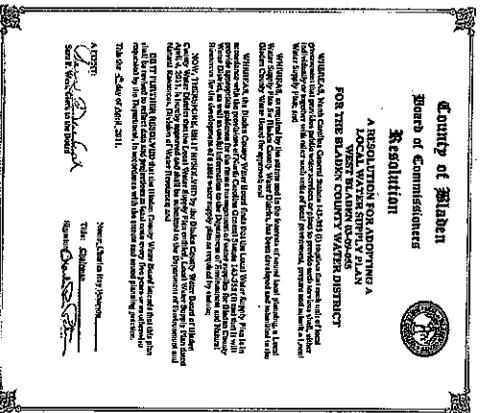
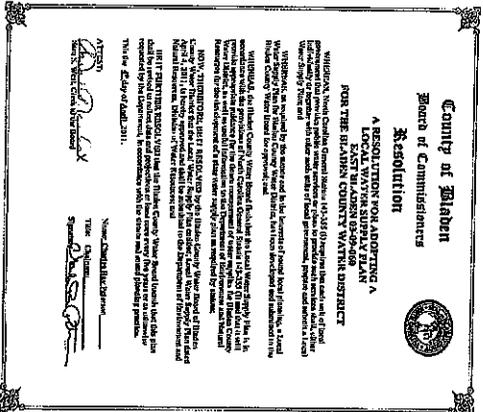
**Health Department (Wayne Stewart, Director)**

Health Director Wayne Stewart asked the Board to consider adopting an Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Tobacco Products on County Property. The Board requested staff to revise the proposed Ordinance to provide designated smoking areas. Chairman Peterson advised Mr. Stewart that the Board will consider the Ordinance at the Board meeting on April 4, 2011.

**ITEM 9.**

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

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board entered Session as the Water District Board of Directors.
- B. Director Randy Garner asked the Board to consider adopting Resolutions Regarding the 2007 Local Water Supply Plan for East Bladen and West Bladen. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board adopted the following



- C. Adam Kiker of Hobbs Upchurch Associates asked the Board to consider approving Amendment #1 to the Phase III-B Engineering Agreement. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Tatum, the Board approved the following Amendment # 1 to the Phase III-B Engineering Agreement:

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**AGREEMENT TO GOVERN SERVICE AGREEMENT**  
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1. Designated Area:
2. Effective Date of Contract Agreement: 02/28, 2010
3. City: BLENHEIM, MISSOURI
4. Position: BLENHEIM COUNTY WATER DISTRICT SOCIAL MGR.
5. Department of Assignment:
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**PERSONNEL INFORMATION**

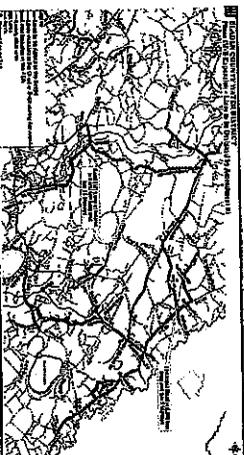
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The undersigned hereby certifies that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief. He is duly qualified to perform the duties of the position and is a resident of the State of Missouri.

JOHN W. BROWN  
WATER DISTRICT SOCIAL MGR.

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

#### ITEM 10.

##### Advisory Board Appointments:

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

Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, the Board approved the appointment of Jean Lloyd to replace Marie Faulk with an expiration date of February 28, 2013. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board approved the appointment of Clifton Kinlaw to replace Cleveland A. Brown with an expiration date of February 28, 2013.

##### B. Bladen County Highway Safety Committee:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board approved the appointment of Linda Miller to replace Kenneth Daniels with an expiration date of August 31, 2015.

##### C. Fire Chiefs Association:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, the Board appointed Commissioner Smith as the Board Representative to the Bladen County Fire Chiefs Association monthly meetings.

##### D. Board Appointments to be considered at meeting of April 18, 2011:

- Keep Bladen Beautiful Committee (8)
- Carvers Creek Fire District Committee (4)
- Bladenboro Rural Fire District Committee (3)
- BARTS Advisory Board (Proposed Membership List)
- Board of Health (1)

#### ITEM 11.

##### County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- Mr. Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.
- Mr. Martin advised the Board that the Budget Committees of Bladen County and the School System met on Wednesday March 30, 2011 at the Board of Education. Finance Officer Sharon Penny reviewed potential State funding reductions. The next Budget Committee meeting will be scheduled when the School System has further information regarding the FY 12 budget.

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C. Mr. Martin provided an update regarding the Mediation Assistance Program (MAP) services. He advised the Board that staff is moving forward with a plan to move MAP services from the Health Department to the Division on Aging. There was a delay in filling the vacant positions at the Division on Aging due to the hiring freeze. Mr. Martin further stated that if the Board had no objection, staff will continue the MAP position through April, which will provide the time to complete the hiring process and train the new employees.

Commissioner Banks stated a desire for the Bladen County Senior Center to become accredited.

D. Mr. Martin asked the Board to Schedule an Equalization and Review Board Meeting for April 18, 2011 at 5:15 p.m. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board scheduled an Equalization and Review meeting for April 18, 2011 at 5:15 p.m.

**ITEM 12. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:**

- No one addressed the commissioners.

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

Chairman Peterson read the following statement:

I am pleased to be able to share very positive news regarding the direction of Bladen County Hospital and the affiliation between the County of Bladen and Cape Fear Valley Health System. I would like to begin by giving you a brief summary of the events that have brought us to this point.

In 2006, Bladen County Hospital had been experiencing several years of significant financial difficulty and there was great concern regarding its future viability. A committee of County and Hospital officials was appointed to explore affiliation with a larger health system.

A formal Request for Proposals was issued in 2007, and upon review of the proposals, Bladen County entered negotiations with Cape Fear Valley Health System.

Effective June 1, 2008, the County and Cape Fear Valley entered into a Lease and Operating Agreement pursuant to which Bladen County Hospital was leased to Cape Fear Valley for a period of five (5) years, with the option to extend the Lease for four (4) additional successive terms of five (5) years each. The Lease also provided an option for Cape Fear Valley to purchase the Hospital at any time after the end of the third year of the initial five (5) year term of the Lease.

Several months ago, Cape Fear Valley officials notified the County that they wanted to exercise the option to purchase. The County agreed to enter into discussions with Cape Fear Valley. As a result of these discussions, we have reached a tentative agreement, referred to as an Asset Purchase Agreement. The terms specify that ownership of Bladen County Hospital will transfer to Cape Fear Valley and, within four (4) years, Cape Fear Valley will make an effort to obtain funding to build a new hospital facility.

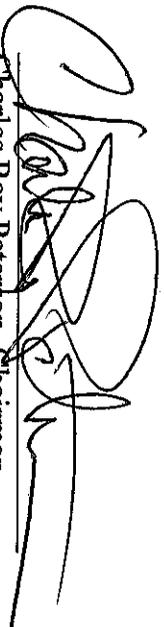
The Board of Commissioners will consider approving the proposed agreement during the Board meeting on April 18, 2011. A public notice will be placed in the newspaper to inform citizens of the Board's intent to consider approving this agreement. A copy of the Asset Purchase Agreement will be available for review in the County Manager's Office, the Bladen County Library and at [www.bladeninfo.org](http://www.bladeninfo.org).

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We feel like this agreement is in the best interest of the citizens of Bladen County. It not only maintains the operation of Bladen County Hospital, which is critical to the physical health of our citizens and to the economic health of our community, it also provides hope that a new hospital facility will be built in our community in the foreseeable future.

We are pleased that Cape Fear Valley is ready to move forward with this agreement and to secure its presence in Bladen County as the provider of quality healthcare for our citizens.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, 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