

**April 6, 2010**

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, April 6, 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  
Larry Smith  
Charles Ray Peterson  
Daniel Dowless  
David Gooden  
Albert Beatty

Attorney: Leslie Johnson, Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

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

**ITEM 1.** Clerk of Superior Court Niki Dennis administered the Oath of Office for County Commissioner Albert Beatty.

**ITEM 2.** Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Delilah Blanks, the Board approved the following Consent Items:

- A. Minutes of the March 15, 2010 Regular Meeting**
- B. Approve Agenda**
- C. Approve Budget Amendments**

	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
<u>Social Services</u>		
Exp: 146100.689	\$426.00	
<i>Energy Neighbor Fund</i>		
Rev: 143531.031	\$426.00	
<u>Social Services</u>		
Exp: 146100.679	\$135,589.00	
<i>Subsidized Employment Program</i>		
Rev: 143591.160	\$135,589.00	
<u>Elections</u>		
Exp: 104300.610	\$5780.66	
<i>Contracted Services</i>		
Exp: 104300.740	\$4655.07	
<i>Capital Outlay</i>		
Rev: 103170.051	\$2334.73	
<i>Election Reimbursements</i>		
Rev: 103170.051	\$8101.00	
<i>Filing Fees and Print Outs</i>		
<u>Water Construction-Phase IIIA</u>		
Exp: 236803.990		\$32,054.00
<i>Contingency</i>		
Exp: 236803.570.002	\$32,054.00	
<i>Water Meters</i>		



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pounds before he could be considered for a transplant. He described how the Fitness Center has helped him to lose 30 pounds and how the relationships he has formed with the employees and other members have given him inspiration and encouragement.

- G. Leroy Pearson, who is 88 years old, expressed his concern for the proposed closing of the Fitness Center. He stated that he wouldn't be in the good health he is today without regular visits to the Fitness Center.

Attorney Leslie Johnson explained that the Board of County Commissioners and County Manager have been diligently working to explore options to keep the Fitness Center in operation.

Chairman Pait thanked the speakers and others in attendance for their comments and concerns regarding the proposed closing of the Fitness Center. He explained that there is a possibility that Cape Fear Valley may extend the closing date until June 30, 2010.

Chairman Pait recessed the meeting for a reception honoring new County Commissioner Albert Beatty.

#### *RECEPTION*

#### **ITEM 5. REVENUE DEPARTMENT: (Chris Ellis, Director)**

- Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by David Gooden, the Board scheduled Monday, May 3, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. as the time to convene a meeting of the Board of Equalization and Review, and Monday, May 17, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. as the time to adjourn the Board of Equalization and Review.

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

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.
- B. Upon a motion by Larry Smith, seconded by Daniel Dowless, the Board entered Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) Attorney-Client Privilege, (a)(5) Economic Development, (a)(6) Personnel Matter.

Upon a motion by Delilah Blanks, seconded by Daniel Dowless, the Board denied the request for Leave Without Pay Status for Deputy Eric Bryan and established Monday, April 12, 2010 as the date for his return to work. The motion passed by a vote of 7 AYES (David Gooden, Delilah Blanks, Billy Ray Pait, Albert Beatty, Daniel Dowless, W.D. Neill, Jr., and Lewis Tatum) to 2 NOES (Charles Ray Peterson and Larry Smith).

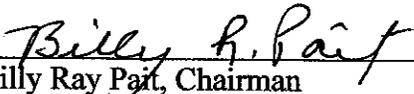
Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Daniel Dowless, the Board appointed Cheryl White-Smith to the Bladen Community College Board of Trustees, with an expiration date of June 30, 2011. This appointment will fill the unexpired term of Dan McLaurin.

Upon a motion by Delilah Blanks, seconded by Daniel Dowless, the Board appointed Albert Beatty to the Lumber River Workforce Development Board, with an expiration date of June 30, 2012. This appointment will fill the unexpired term of Dr. Stanley Richardson.

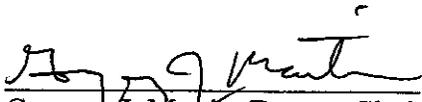
Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by David Gooden, the Board approved a request for Leave Without Pay for Health Department employee Tiffany Shaw.

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Upon a motion by Lewis Tatum, seconded by David Gooden, the Board adjourned its meeting at 9:25 p.m.

  
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Billy Ray Pait, Chairman  
Bladen County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
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Gregory J. Martin, Deputy Clerk