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A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2011 in the Superior Court 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
 Mark Gillespie
 David Gooden
 Lewis Tatum
 Billy Ray Pait
 Daniel Dowless – Excused Absence

Attorney: Allen Johnson and Leslie Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order and read the following statement regarding the severe weather outbreak that occurred on Saturday, April 16, 2011:

As you know, an historic severe weather outbreak occurred in central and eastern North Carolina on Saturday, April 16, 2011. Two EF2 tornadoes were confirmed in Bladen County. As a result, four lives were lost, several citizens were injured, and there was extensive property damage in the County, with the most damage located in Ammon, Bladenboro, and Elizabethtown.

Numerous emergency response agencies, including Volunteer Fire and Rescue Departments, EMS and County and Municipal Law Enforcement provided initial assistance and continue to provide valuable assistance to our citizens.

In addition, the Counties of Robeson, Columbus, Brunswick, Cumberland, New Hanover and Pender as well as N. C. Emergency Management and the Department of Transportation have been generous in providing additional support.

The outpouring of compassion and assistance that has been offered by individuals, churches, organizations, and businesses has been remarkable. This spirit of cooperation and teamwork is one of the many reasons that Bladen County is such a wonderful place in which to live.

We have started on the path to recovery but there are still many challenges to address.

As we face these challenges together, let us remember those who have lost loved ones and those who are in need.

Also, since our last Board of Commissioners meeting, we have experienced the loss of a volunteer fireman. David Hunsinger, Jr., of the Tar Heel Volunteer Fire Department died in the line of duty on April 7, 2011. Let us remember his family in our thoughts and prayers.

At this time, we will observe a moment of silence followed by a prayer by Reverend Larry Hayes of Good News Baptist Church of Bladenboro.

County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Peterson requested to move agenda items as follows:

- Move Agenda Item 8, Emergency Services to follow Item 1
- Move Agenda Item 7, Requests to Fill Vacant Positions to follow Item 3
- Move Item 4 to follow Closed Session

ITEM 1.**Consent Items:**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board approved the following Consent Items:

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes of April 4, 2011

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C. County Attorney Invoice:

4-01-2011	\$ 300.00	Retainer for the month of April
4-04-2011	\$4,950.00	Asset Purchase Agreement
4-07-2011	\$ 450.00	Cumberland Co. Interlocal Agreement
	<u>\$5,700.00</u>	

D. Budget Amendments as follows:

Department and Account Number	Account Description	Increase	Decrease
DSS			
<u>Expenditures</u>			
146100.688	Crisis Intervention	\$ 14,306.00	
Revenues			
143531.220	Crisis Intervention		\$ 14,306.00
	(Increase in the Crisis Inter. Program – 100% Federal Funds)		
<u>Expenditures</u>			
146100.740	Capital Outlay	\$ 351,078.00	
Revenues			
143190.014	Loan Proceeds		\$ 351,078.00
	(Northwoods Management Document System)		

Motor Pool			
<u>Expenditures</u>			
105010.251	Vehicle Fuel	\$ 13,275.67	
Revenues			
103320.007	Water Fuel	\$ 13,275.67	
	(Fuel Reimbursement for Water Department)		

Solid Waste			
<u>Expenditures</u>			
205805.990	Contingency		\$ 16,000.00
205805.251	Vehicle Fuels	\$ 16,000.00	
	(Cover fuel costs for remaining fiscal year)		

Water Department			
<u>Expenditures</u>			
254702.200.007	Supplies	\$ 729.60	
Revenues			
253190.010	Misc. Revenue	\$ 729.60	
	(Recycled metal pipe and meters)		

- E. Tax Refunds and Releases
- F. Option for Employees to Participate in the NC Deferred Compensation Plan (457)
- G. Acceptance of Donated Equipment from Dupont
- H. To schedule an Auction of Surplus Items for June 4, 2011 at Bladen County Operations Building
- I. Resolution Authorizing Sale of Certain County and Seized Property at Public Auction.

ITEM 8.

Emergency Services: (Bradley Kinlaw, Director)

Director Kinlaw gave the Board an update on the EF2 tornadoes. Director Kinlaw stated that 25 homes were destroyed, 70 homes had major damage and 100 plus homes were reported with minor damage. There were four fatalities. FEMA and State officials were in the County on April 18, 2011 and will respond within 96 hours with a dollar value of the damage to determine if the County will qualify for Federal assistance. Chairman Peterson acknowledged Director Kinlaw and staff, EMS, Law Enforcement and all County employees that responded for doing a good job in handling the emergency disaster.

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board approved to reconcile the Bladen County tax map with the Atkinson Fire District map approved by the NC Department of Insurance by including these properties in the Atkinson Fire Tax District effective July 1, 2011, as requested by Director Kinlaw.

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- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board approved to relocate the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to the unoccupied space in the Emergency Services Department as requested by Director Kinlaw.

ITEM 2.

Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Pat, the Board approved to waive inspection fees for residents in the storm related areas.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pat, the Board approved to send a letter to the North Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention regarding the Bladen County Fire Fighters Association's interest pursuing Camp E-Tik-Etu property for a training facility.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board approved to send a letter to the Governor requesting her forgive Bladen County Schools of the requirement to make up the missed school day on April 18, 2011 due to the severe weather event of April 16, 2011.

- A. Chairman Peterson acknowledged the following employees for years of service:

Wanda Wilson	Health	20 years
Deborah Edwards	DOA	15 years
Kim Wilson	Library	5 years
Mary Beth Guyton	EMS	5 years
Terry Capps	EMS	5 years
Cynthia Jones	GIS	5 years
Thomas W. Lindsay, Jr.	Sheriff	5 years

- B. Chairman Peterson asked the Board to consider financial support for West Bladen student Haley Hall to attend the 2011 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, the Board approved a \$500.00 contribution to assist Ms. Hall with expenses to the 2011 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference.

C. Upon a motion by Commissioner Pat, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board approved to send a letter to Representative William Brisson and Senator Wesley Meredith to request assistance in having the deadline extended until December 31, 2011 for submitting Request for Applications, RFA2011-261 as requested by Kathy Baker of Southeastern Regional Mental Health.

ITEM 3.

Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

Mr. Vernon Richardson appeared before the Board and expressed concern about the increase in crime in Hollow Township. Mr. Richardson asked the Board to provide more funding for the Sheriff Department for additional personnel in order to provide better protection for the Hollow Township area.

ITEM 7.

Requests to Fill Vacant Positions:

A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Tatum, the Board approved to fill two (2) Public Health Nurse positions (PHN ID) in the Home Health division of the Health Department as requested by Health Director Wayne Stewart.

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- Director Stewart asked the Board to consider giving approval on May 2, 2011 to a request to fill a Social Worker II position in Community Alternatives Program (CAP) of the Health Department.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Priest, the Board approved to fill one (1) Drug Officer Position and two (2) Road Deputies in the Sheriff's Office as requested by Sheriff Prentiss Benston.
- C. Department of Aging Director, Joan Allen asked the Board to consider a request at the meeting on May 2, 2011 to fill a vacant full time Transportation Specialist (driver) position at Step grade 58-A. The State provides approximately 85% of this salary.

ITEM 5.

Planning Department: (Greg Elkins, Director)

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board approved to change the Zoning Text of Section 3.3.1.D Residential Agriculture District Special Uses of the Bladen County Zoning Ordinance to add mining operation in RA zoning district as a special use.

ITEM 6.

Finance Department: (Lisa Coleman, Director)

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board approved the following documents regarding the Qualified School Construction Bonds:
- i. Resolution Approving Financing Terms
 - ii. Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse
 - iii. Project Ordinance
 - iv. Budget Amendment
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board approved the following documents regarding the the Northwoods Document Management System for DSS:
- i. Resolution Approving Financing Terms
 - ii. Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse
- C. Finance Director Coleman reviewed the Monthly Financial Dashboard with the Board.

ITEM 9.

Health Department: (Wayne Stewart, Director)

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board approved the first reading of an *Ordinance to Prohibit Smoking and the Use of Other Tobacco Products in County Buildings, Vehicles and on County Grounds. Except in Designated Areas*, by a vote of 7 Ayes (Tatum, Pait, Peterson, Blanks, Priest, Gillespie, Gooden) to 1 No (Commissioner Smith).

ITEM 10.

Advisory Board Appointments:

- A. **Keep Bladen Beautiful:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board appointed Leon Dowless to replace Jeff Musselwhite with an expiration date of 3/31/2014 and Tommy Thompson to replace Mike Jones with an expiration date of 9/30/14.
- B. **Carvers Creek Fire District Committee:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board appointed Mike Jacobs to replace Howard Coleman and Norris Lloyd to replace Dean Clark with an expiration date of 6/30/2014.
- C. **Bladenboro Rural Fire District Committee:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board appointed Pete Freeman to replace Leon Davis with an expiration date of 4/4/14.

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D. **BARTS Advisory Board:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board approved the following proposed Advisory Board List: Wendell Brown, Jimmy Hudson, Amanda Sykes, Gayle Robinson with expiration date of 12/31/12; Sharon Anderson; Mark Gillespie and Allen Singleton with expiration date of 12/31/13; Jeanene Green, John White Judy Bowen and Jim Oregel with expiration date of 12/31/14.
 E. **Board of Health:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pat, the Board appointed Dr. Ray Cross, DDS to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Tracie Vestal, DSS, who resigned, with an expiration date of 12/31/2012.

ITEM 11. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

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

ITEM 12. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

- No one addressed the commissioners.

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

ITEM 4. Cape Fear Valley – Bladen County Hospital: Upon a motion by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the board

approved to tabled item 4.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Dowless the Board adjourned at 8:15 pm.


 Charles Ray Peterson, Chairman
 Bladen County Board of Commissioners

ATTN: 
 Sara S. West, Clerk