

May 16, 2011

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 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
- Mark Gillespie
- David Gooden
- Lewis Tatum
- Billy Ray Part
- Daniel Dowless

Attorney: Leslie Johnson Johnson Law Firm

Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order. Reverend Larry Hayes of Good News Baptist Church of Bladenboro provided the Invocation and County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Peterson stated that Agenda Item 6 was information only. The request will be considered at Board meeting on June 6, 2011.

ITEM 1.

Consent Items:

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

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes of May 2, 2011 (Regular Meeting)
- C. Minutes of May 10, 2011 (Special Meeting)
- D. County Attorney Invoice:
 - 4-19-2011 \$2,970.00 Gary Edwards File No. 068-11
 - 4-14-2011 \$ 525.00 Antwan Daniels Case
 - \$3,495.00

E. Budget Amendments as follows:

Department and Account Number	Account Description	Increase	Decrease
<u>DSS</u>			
<u>Expenditures</u>			
146100.689	Energy Neighbor Fund	\$ 444.00	
<u>Revenues</u>			
143531.031	Energy Neighbor Fund (Increase in Funding from State)	\$ 444.00	
<u>Expenditures</u>			
146100.689	Energy Neighbor Fund	\$ 428.00	
<u>Revenues</u>			
143531.031	Energy Neighbor Fund (Increase in Funding from State)	\$ 428.00	
<u>Expenditures</u>			
146160.571	Caring for Kids	\$ 375.00	
<u>Revenues</u>			
143531.344	United Way -Caring for Kids (1st Quarter Allocations)	\$ 375.00	

Jail

<u>Expenditures</u>			
1051005110.740	Capital Outlay	\$ 7,830.27	
<u>Revenues</u>			
103190.050	FBA	\$ 7,830.27	

(cost for phone visitation system, cameras & monitoring in kitchen & camera in the magistrate's office)

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<u>Central Services</u>			
<u>Extension</u>			
<u>Expenditures</u>			
<u>Department and</u>			
<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
105000.610	Contracted Services	\$ 7,500.00	
105000.350	Maintenance/Repair of Bldg. & Grounds	\$ 7,750.00	
105000.330	Utilities	\$ 44,000.00	
		\$ 59,250.00	
<u>Revenues</u>			
103190.050	FBA	\$ 59,250.00	
(Repairs to the roof of Finance Office and cost of utilities for the months of May and June 2011			

<u>Motor Pool</u>			
<u>Extension</u>			
<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Motor Vehicle Fuels</u>	\$ 84,000.00	
105010.251			
<u>Revenues</u>	FBA	\$ 84,000.00	
103190.050			
(Cost of fuel for the months of May & June, 2011)			

F. Tax Refunds and Release			
G. Memorandum of Understanding with North Carolina Division of Community Assistance (DCA)			
H. Public Hearing Scheduled for June 6, 2011 at 6:30 PM Regarding Proposed Budget			

ITEM 2.

Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

- Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Tatum, the Board approved to send a letter to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to request a special session of Superior Court be held in Bladen County to expedite cases of inmates held in the Bladen County Jail for an extended period.
- Commissioner Smith asked to add the following matter to the agenda for Board meeting on June 6, 2011: Consider Residency Requirement for Department Heads.

ITEM 3.

Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

Chairman Peterson acknowledged Carol Strickland for 25 years of service.

Will Cain, landowner and hunter in the County appeared before the Board to express concern regarding HB 762, Landowner Protection Act. Mr. Cain requested that the Board contact the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners to express opposition to this bill. A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Daniel Dowless to send a letter to the NCACC. The motion failed by a vote of 4 Ayes (Commissioners Peterson, Smith, Priest and Dowless) to 5 Noes (Commissioners Gooden, Gillespie, Blanks, Pait, and Tatum).

ITEM 4.

Computer Operations (Robin Hewett, Director)

Robin Hewett, presented a Toshiba Copier Proposal. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board approved for Mr. Hewett to proceed with obtaining an Agreement with Toshiba.

ITEM 5.

Requests to Fill Vacant Positions:

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board approved to fill a Medical Lab Assistant position at the Health Department as requested by Health Director Wayne Stewart.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the Board approved to fill a Processing Assistant III/Interpreter position at the front desk at DSS as requested by DSS Director June Koenig.

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C. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board approved to fill an EMT-Intermediate position in the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department as requested by EMS Director Jeanene Green.

ITEM 6. Emergency Medical Services (Jeanene Green, Director)

- EMS Director Jeanene Green appeared before the Board and asked the Board to consider approving the renewal of the EMS Medical Director contract with Dr. Douglas Nderostek. Chairman Peterson advised Ms. Green that the Board would consider this request at the Board meeting on June 6, 2011.
- Ms. Green advised the Board that May 15-21, 2011 was EMS Week. She stated that Emergency Medical Services (EMS) would be hosting a cook out at the EMS facility on May 18, 2011 for all Bladen County EMS (paid and volunteer) personnel. Ms. Green acknowledged the following EMS personnel: Bladenboro EMS, Inc., Chief Josh Parker, Elizabethtown Volunteer Rescue Squad members Sandra Rogers, Ethel Davis, Arthur Bullock, Tar Heel Rescue Squad Chief Gladwin (Bo) Priest, and Bladen County EMS personnel Ed Stone and Heather Flowers.

ITEM 7.

Sheriff's Office: (Prentis Benson, Sheriff)

- Sheriff Benston and Thomas Atkinson appeared before the Board to provide an update for the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Benston advised the Board that the Jail Committee had met on Monday, May 16, 2011. He stated that his greatest concern was the Pre-Trial Release Program and stated that if approved, Senate Bill 657 would end the Pre-Trial Release Program. The Pre-Trial Release program has saved the County in excess of \$100,000 over the past six (6) months. Sheriff Benston further stated that the department is doing its best to keep inmate costs down but it is very difficult with the increasing population of the jail. Upon a motion by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board approved to send a letter to Representative Brisson and Senator Meredith to express opposition to Senate Bill 657 which would eliminate the Pre-Trial Release.

ITEM 8.

JCPC Budget: (Ryan Harrelson, Cooperative Extension Director and Tim Benton, JCPC Chairman)

- Mr. Harrelson advised the Board that Bladen County Extension's JCPC grant programs would be responsible for the psychological assessment component, coordinated by Ms. Elizabeth Blanks starting July 1, 2011. He stated that Ms. Blanks' job duties will increase and asked the Board to approve a salary increase of \$2,200, which requires no County funds. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board approved the salary increase of \$2,200.

ITEM 9.

Advisory Board Appointments:

- A. **Keep Bladen Beautiful Committee:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board tabled the appointment held by Harry Lee Steele.
- Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board appointed Natasha Bullock to replace Gail Robinson and Norma Martin to replace Johnnie Martin with an expiration date of September 30, 2014.

B. **Dublin Fire District Committee:**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board waived the Appointment Policy and reappointed Dennis Troy, Jason Britt and Thomas Grimes with an expiration date of May 19, 2014.

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

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board reappointed Kristy Smith with an expiration date of May 20, 2014.

ITEM 10. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board approved to concede its interest to the Town of Bladenboro in the foreclosed property of Ronald Stanley Property. The Town will reimburse the County for attorney's fees in the amount of \$1,173.61.
- C. Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board approved to write off old accounts for special projects in the amount of \$587.59 and transfer funds to Charitable Contributions.
- D. Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board scheduled a Special Meeting on Monday, May 23, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. regarding the FY 2012 Budget.

ITEM 11. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

- No one addressed the commissioners

Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board entered Closed Session in accordance with N.C. G. S. 143-318.11(a) (3) Attorney-Client Privilege (a)(4) Economic Development.

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

- Upon a motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board approved a loan to Bladen's Bloomin Agri Industrial (BBAI) in the amount of \$560,000 at the rate of 5 percent for ten (10) years for the DMV Call-Center Expansion.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Dowless the Board adjourned at 8:00 pm.


Charles Ray Peterson, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioner

ATTEST:


Sara S. West, Clerk