

May 24, 2010

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The following members were present:

Billy Ray Pait, Chairman
Delilah Blanks, Vice-Chairperson
W. D. Neill, Jr.
Daniel Dowless
David Gooden
Albert Beatty
Larry Smith*
Charles Ray Peterson
Lewis Tatum

Chairman Pait called the meeting to order. Commissioner Tatum provided an Invocation and County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Department of Social Services Director June Koenig presented information to the Board regarding the department's request for six additional positions and a position reclassification.

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Bladen Community College President Dr. William Findt and Board of Trustees Chairman Dennis Troy expressed appreciation to the Board for maintaining the current expense funding. With the addition of the new Student Resource Center, Dr. Findt stated that he would like to reserve the right to request additional funding in January 2011, if utility expenses have increased substantially. Dr. Findt stated that BCC officials would be good stewards of the funding received from Bladen County.

Bladen County Schools Superintendent Greg Killingsworth thanked the Board of Commissioners for its support of education. He stated that State budget reductions of approximately \$1,500,000.00 will require difficult decisions to be made. Mr. Killingsworth reviewed several options being considered to address the reduction of State funding for the School System.

Health Director Wayne Stewart and Health Board Vice-Chairperson/Finance Committee Chairperson Rachel Mitchell addressed the Board regarding the Health Department's budget request. Mr. Stewart reviewed information related to requests for an Animal Shelter Attendant position, reclassification of three positions, and additional funding for the Medicaid Assistance Program.

Tax Administrator Chris Ellis addressed the Board regarding requested funding for a replacement vehicle for the Appraiser.

Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by David Gooden, the Board scheduled a Special Meeting regarding the Budget for Monday, May 31, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

Upon a motion by Lewis Tatum, seconded by Daniel Dowless, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.


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Gregory J. Martin, Deputy Clerk

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