

June 14, 2010

A Special Meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, June 14, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in Room G8 of the Bladen County Courthouse, Elizabethtown, North Carolina. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the FY 2011 Proposed Budget.

The following members were present:

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

Other Attendees: Greg Martin and Sara West

Chairman Billy R. Pait called the meeting to order.

County Manager Greg Martin advised the Board that the County did not receive an upset bid for the Fitness Center property a resolution will be prepared for the next board meeting to finalize the sale.

Mr. Martin reviewed the Staff Revisions to the Proposed Budget.

Chairman Pait asked Health Department Director Wayne Stewart if the part time animal shelter employee could be transferred to the full time position he was requesting.

Mr. Stewart advised the Board that the full time position request was in addition to the part time employee that is currently working in the animal shelter.

Mr. Stewart further stated that the department was generating some funds as the fees currently being collected are on schedule to provide approximately \$12,000 for the current year.

Part time personnel are working 15 to 18 hours per week.

Commissioner Tatum suggested that the Animal Shelter close every other day in an effort to contain costs.

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Commissioner Blanks stated that she tentatively agreed with allowing the full time position request but needed to wait until all requests have been reviewed.

Commissioner Pait questioned the starting salary for the animal shelter manager.

County Manager Greg Martin advised the Board that as fees are collected for the Animal Shelter, they are allocated back to shelter Operations.

Chairman Pait stated that he would like to get a consensus of the Board on the unresolved matters of the proposed budget for FY 2010-2011:

Department of Social Services request of seven (7) positions:

The consensus of the Board was to allow the seven (7) new positions for one (1) year with Commissioner Tatum and Pait not in favor of funding more than two (2) positions.

Bladen County Schools request for additional \$500,000 appropriation and permission to transfer \$1,000,000 from Capital Outlay fund balance to the Current Expense Fund:

The consensus of the Board was to provide \$350,000 additional appropriation with Commissioners Tatum , Dowless and Pait not in favor of additional funding of more than \$200,000.

Charitable Contributions:

The consensus of the Board was to roll over appropriations from FY 2009-2010.

Health Department Request for a full time Shelter Manger:

The consensus of the Board was to grant a full time employee with Commissioner Tatum not in favor of funding the position.

Reconfirm Vote of May 31, 2010 on proposal of additional day off for employees: Upon a Motion by Delilah Blanks and seconded by David Gooden the Board approved an additional day off for County employees with 7 Ayes (Gooden, Peterson, Blanks, Pait, Beatty, Dowless and Neill) to 1 No (Lewis Tatum) (Larry Smith absent).

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Other Matters: The Board addressed the concern of an increase in salary of Board of Elections Director Larry Hammond:

The consensus of the Board was to increase salary to \$70,000 with Commissioner Tatum not in favor of additional increase.

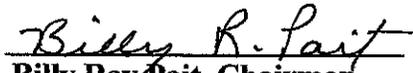
The Board addressed the salary of Building Inspector Dennis Bullard:

The consensus of the Board was to adjust salary two pay steps to a grade 76N with Commissioner Tatum not in favor of adjustment.

Commissioner Peterson stated that he felt the Bladen County Schools Requests of the additional \$500,000 should be approved. After further discussion the consensus of the Board was to approve \$400,000.00 with Commissioner Tatum not in favor.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by W. D. Neill, the Board approved to continue to make Health Insurance available to Commissioners but Commissioners must personally pay all expenses effective, July 1, 2010.

Upon a motion by Lewis Tatum, seconded by W. D. Neill, Jr., the Board approved to adjourn at 6:48 p.m.


Billy Ray Pait, Chairman

ATTEST:


Sara S. West, Clerk to the Board