

July 12, 2010

- E. Chairman Pait as the voting delegate for the annual North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Conference in Pitt County, August 26th through August 29th, 2010.

ITEM 2. MATTERS OF INTEREST TO COMMISSIONERS:

Chairman Pait presented retiring Sheriff Steve Bunn with a plaque for thirty-One years of service with Bladen County.

- ITEM 3.** A Reception was given in honor of retiring Sheriff Steve Bunn.

ITEM 4. INDIVIDUALS/DELEGATIONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COMMISSIONERS:

Dan Ward appeared before the Commissioners to request a contribution to help defray the cost of four Bladen County Girls Softball teams that qualified for state tournaments. Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Lewis Tatum, the Board approved to give each team \$400.00.

ITEM 5. ADVISORY BOARDS:

- A. Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee –** Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by David Gooden, the Board waived the appointment policy and reappointed Annie Lacy with an expiration date of June 30, 2013.
- B. Bladen County Planning Board and Bladen County Zoning Board of Adjustment –** After some discussion as to which commissioner appointed a particular member, the Board determined that each commissioner would nominate a member of the planning board as follows and the member would follow with the Commissioners successors:

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Board Member</u>
David Gooden	Ed Tatum
Billy R. Pait	Berry Lewis
Albert Beatty	Mike Cogdell
Daniel Dowless	David Hursey
Charles Ray Peterson	Aaron Cox
Lewis Tatum	Roger Wright
Delilah Blanks	Margaret Lawrence
Larry Smith	Pat Melvin
W. D. Neill, Jr.	Dan Ward

Upon a motion by Lewis Tatum, seconded by W. D. Neill, Jr., the Board waived the appointment policy and reappointed Berry Lewis, Aaron Cox, Margaret Lawrence and Dan Ward with an expiration date of June 30, 2012 by a vote of 7 AYES (Charles Ray Peterson, Delilah Blanks, Billy R. Pait, Albert Beatty, Daniel Dowless, W. D. Neill, Jr., and Lewis Tatum) to 1 NO (David Gooden).

- C. Bladen County Recreation Committee:** Upon a motion by David Gooden, seconded by Charles Ray Peterson, the Board tabled the appointments to the Bladen County Recreation Committee.
- D. Bladen County Zoning Board of Adjustment -** Members are the same as the Bladen County Planning Board. See item 5-B above.
- E. Animal Control Board -** Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Lewis Tatum, the Board tabled the appointments to the Animal Control Board.
- F. Lumber River Workforce Development Board –** Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Billy R. Pait, the Board approved the appointment of Cindy Batten with an expiration date of June 30, 2012.

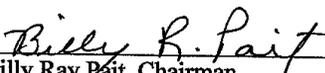
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Health Director Wayne Stewart and Animal Control Officer Ted Carter appeared before the Board and gave an update on the status of the Bladen County Animal Shelter regarding a Distemper outbreak. Mr. Carter stated that he had never seen anything to this extent in his fifteen years with the County. The animal shelter had 51 animals and as of July 12, 2010 there were only 12 animals and the shelter would be empty by July 13, 2010. Once all the animals have been removed, the shelter will be thoroughly cleaned and special precautions will be taken on incoming animals.

Commissioner Neill asked if animals are quarantined if suspected of being contagious. Mr. Carter stated that the Distemper is airborne and is very contagious. Therefore, if an animal has passed through the shelter and is sick, it is too late to quarantine.

Mr. Carter also stated that new procedures will be established to prevent future outbreaks.

Upon a motion by Lewis Tatum, seconded by Daniel Dowless, the Board approved to adjourn at 7:25 pm.


Billy Ray Pait, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Sara S. West, Clerk