

August 1, 2011

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 1, 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
- DeHilah Blanks
- Mark Gillespie
- David Gooden
- Lewis Tatum
- Billy Ray Pair
- Daniel Dowless
- Russell Priest

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order. Reverend Danny Lewis, Pastor, White Oak Baptist Church, White Oak, N. provided the Invocation and County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 1.

Consent Items:

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

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes of July 11, 2011 (Regular Meeting)
- C. County Attorney Invoices:
 - 7-11-2011 \$ 360.00 Bladen County Audit
 - 7-21-2011 \$ 690.00 Health Dept. Service Agreements
 - 7-22-2011 \$ 360.00 Lumber River COG Agreement
 - \$ 1,410.00

D. Budget Amendments as follows:

Department and Account Number	Account Description	Increase	Decrease
Clarkton Fire Department			
<u>Expenditures</u>			
355335.610	Contract Services	\$ 23,576.00	
355335.499	Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 5,456.00	
355335.990	Contingency	\$29,032.00	\$ 29,032.00

(Correct Clarkton Budget - Received 07-01-11)

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Expenditures			
146100.705	Job Boost Subsidized Employment	\$ 99,000.00	
Revenues			
143591.161	Job Boost Subsidized Employment	\$ 99,000.00	
(Increase in the Job Boost Subsidized Employment Program. This funding authorization is for 50% of our award, the remaining 50% will be issued in a separate funding authorization. 100% Federal Funds.)			

Expenditures			
355335.990	Crisis Intervention	\$ 78,466.00	
Revenues			
143531.220	Crisis Intervention	\$ 78,466.00	

Library			
<u>Expenditures</u>			
106700.231	Library Books	\$ 2,316.00	
Revenue			
103190.010	State Aid	\$ 2,316.00	

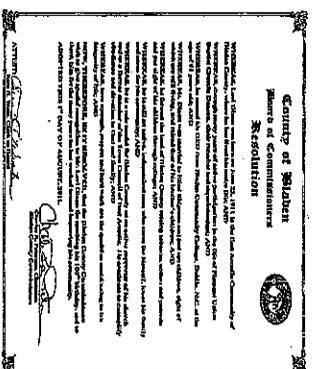
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- E. To schedule Board of Equalization and Review Meeting on Monday, August 15, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
- F. Application for State Aid Grant from the North Carolina State Library
- G. Appropriation to Girls Softball Teams (2)
- H. Resolution Declaring August as 2011 Lyme Disease Awareness Month
- I. White Lake/Bladen County Water Rescue Contract

ITEM 2.

Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board approved to Adopt the following Resolution in Honor of Levi Dixon Reaching His 100th Birthday:



- B. i. Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board approved to Schedule Recognition of Former Commissioners at the Board of Commissioner Meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2011.
 - ii. Upon a motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board approved to Schedule Recognition of Former Board of Elections Member Murray Santee at the Board of Commissioner Meeting on Monday, August 15, 2011.
- C. Bradley Kinlaw, Fire Marshal reported that personnel have been reduced on the Simmons Road Fire and the North Carolina Forestry Services have turned the responsibility of the fire over to the Local Management. Mr. Kinlaw also reported that the cost of the fire to date was \$4.2 million.

ITEM 3.

Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

- Bladen County Schools Superintendent Dr. Robert P. Taylor appeared before the Board and stated that educating children in Bladen County was paramount in his role as Superintendent of Public Education. He stated that he plans to continue to improve student achievement and work to find quality teachers and administrative personnel. Requested Commissioners to provide feedback, good and bad, as to what the Board of Education can do to improve education in Bladen County. Dr. Taylor also welcomed the Board to volunteer in the schools.

- Commissioner Priest asked that Deputy Sheriff's compensation be reviewed as it appears that their salary is below that of the Town of Elizabethtown and surrounding counties. Chairman Peterson appointed Commissioners Priest and County Manager Greg Martin to meet with him to review.

ITEM 4.

Public Hearing to Receive Public Comments Regarding Community Development Block Grant Application to the NC Department of Commerce (1 of 2)

Chairman Peterson declared the Public Hearing opened and asked the public to offer comments.

Hearing no comments from the public, Chairman Peterson declared the Public Hearing closed.

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ITEM 5.

Public Hearing to Receive Public Comments Regarding Close-Out of the 2008 Community Development Block Grant-Scattered Site Program.

Chairman Peterson declared the Public Hearing opened and asked the public to offer comments.

Lumber River Council of Governments Housing Coordinator Adrian Lowery presented a Power Point Presentation on the following participants' properties (before and after) that were selected for the Bladen County Program: Ms. Annette McKiever, Ms. Louise Stringfield, Cedric Bowen, Raymond Monroe and Raymond Batten.

Mr. Raymond Batten stated that he was very thankful to be selected and was very proud of his new home.

Ms. Janet Miller with the Department of Social Services spoke regarding the need in the County. Ms. Miller stated that she appreciated that the County participated in the Community Development Block Grant-Scattered Site Program and encouraged the Commissioners to continue to participate in the Program.

Hearing no further comments from the public, Chairman Peterson declared the Public Hearing closed.

ITEM 6.

Finance Department: (Lisa Coleman, Director)

A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board Adopted the following Resolution Approving Financing Terms for ten (10) vehicles for the Sheriff's Office:

Bladen County, North Carolina
 Resolution Approving Financing Terms
 of Ten (10) Ford Crown Victoria Police Vehicles with Related Equipment for "Bladen" and the Finance Office for use in the Sheriff's Office Project.

RESOLUTION APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The County hereby demonstrates its ability to finance through bonds, levies and other means the purchase of ten (10) Ford Crown Victoria Police Vehicles with related equipment for the Sheriff's Office for use in the Sheriff's Office Project.

2. All expenditures for the purchase of ten (10) Ford Crown Victoria Police Vehicles with related equipment for the Sheriff's Office for use in the Sheriff's Office Project shall be made from the Sheriff's Office Project Fund.

3. The Finance Office is hereby authorized and directed to bid, receive copies of the financing documents for the purchase of ten (10) Ford Crown Victoria Police Vehicles with related equipment for the Sheriff's Office for use in the Sheriff's Office Project and to execute all such financing documents as they may be required to do so, in order to complete the purchase of ten (10) Ford Crown Victoria Police Vehicles with related equipment for the Sheriff's Office for use in the Sheriff's Office Project.

4. The County shall set aside the amount of the purchase price of the ten (10) Ford Crown Victoria Police Vehicles with related equipment for the Sheriff's Office for use in the Sheriff's Office Project and shall set aside the amount of the purchase price of the ten (10) Ford Crown Victoria Police Vehicles with related equipment for the Sheriff's Office for use in the Sheriff's Office Project.

5. All other resolutions of the County which are necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution are hereby adopted.

Approved this 1st day of August, 2011.

 THE SHERIFF

 THE COUNTY CLERK

B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board Approved the following Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse for the purchase of ten (10) vehicles for the Sheriff's Office:

Bladen County, North Carolina
 DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE

This declaration (the "Declaration") is made pursuant to the requirements of the United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.1302-2 and is intended to constitute a Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse under such Treasury Regulations Section.

The undersigned is authorized to declare the official intent of Bladen County, North Carolina (the "Issuer") with respect to the matters contained herein.

1. Expenditures to be incurred. The Issuer anticipates incurring expenditures (the "Expenditures") for the purchase of Ten (10) Ford Crown Victoria Vehicles with related equipment (the "Project").

2. Plans of Finance. The Issuer intends to finance the costs of the Project with the proceeds of debt to be issued by the Issuer (the "Borrowing"), the interest on which is to be excluded from gross income for Federal income tax purposes.

3. Maximum Principal Amount of Debt to be Issued. The maximum principal amount of the Borrowing to be incurred by the Issuer to finance the Project is \$ 227,815.00.

4. Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse. The Issuer hereby declares its official intent to reimburse itself with the proceeds of the Borrowing for any of the Expenditures incurred by it prior to the issuance of the Borrowing.

Adopted this 1st day of August 2011.

SEAL

By: _____
 Sheriff

 Clerk of the Board of Commissioners
 Bladen County, North Carolina

By: _____
 Charles R. Peterson
 Commissioner
 Bladen County, North Carolina



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ITEM 7. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.
- B. Mr. Martin reported that Town Manager Eddie Madden advised that the Town of Elizabethtown is willing to relocate the Battle of Elizabethtown Monument if Wells Fargo approves the request to place the monument on Wells Fargo property.
- C. Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board Approved FEMA's Permit Extension Request for a term not to exceed eighteen months or October 19, 2012, whichever comes first.

ITEM 8. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

- No one addressed the commissioners

Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board entered Closed Session in accordance with N.C. G. S. 143-318.11(a) (5) Real Property Purchase and (a) (6) Personnel.

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

Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board approved Leave without Pay for Paula Warwick for the weeks of August 1-5, 2011 and August 15-19, 2011 as requested by Division on Aging Director, Joan Allen.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Priest the Board adjourned at 7:34 pm.


Charles Ray Peterson, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioner

ATTEST:

Sara S. West, Clerk