

September 7, 2010

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse. The following members were present:

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

Attorneys Allen Johnson and Leslie Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

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

ITEM 1. Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Albert Beatty, the Board approved the following Consent Items:

- A. Minutes of August 16, 2010 Regular Meeting
- B. Agenda
- C. County Attorney Invoices:
 - i. \$975.00 Fitness Center
 - ii. \$525.00 A. Daniels vs BC Sheriff, Deputy J. Nichols & B. Martin
 - iii. \$450.00 Appeal of Christine Dozier to Property Tax Comm.
 - iv. \$ 30.00 Tax Foreclosure on Account 10-03088
 - v. \$425.00 Research on Color of Title –Tax Office Issue
 - vi. \$300.00 Retainer for the Month of September 2010
- D. Budget Amendments as follows:

Department and Account Number	Account Description	Increase	Decrease
<u>Administration</u>			
Expenditures:			
106900903	DSS	\$26,250.00	
Revenues:			
103190050	FBA	\$26,250.00	
(Additional funding required for reduction in Smart Start Admin.)			
<u>DSS</u>			
Revenues:			
143690.001	Smart Start Admin.		\$26,250.00
143550.08	FM-General Fund	\$26,250.00	
(Amendment is necessary due to a decreased funding authorization from the state vs what was budgeted from the 2010-2011 budget estimates.)			
Expenditures:			
146100.679	Subsidized Employment Prog.	\$259,972.70	
Revenues			
143591.16	Subsidized Employment Prog.	\$259,972.70	
(Amendment is necessary to rollover funds remaining from FY 2009-2010 for the TANF ARRA Funds for Subsidized Employment Program. Dear County Letter attached)			

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Department and Account Number	Account Description	Increase	Decrease
Expenditures:			
146100.689	Energy Neighbor Fund	\$2,315.69	
Revenues			
143591.16	Energy Neighbor Fund	\$2,315.69	
(Amendment required due to a decrease in funding from the state. Funding Authorization attached)			
Expenditures:			
146160.571	Caring for Kids	\$8.75	
Revenues			
143531.344	United Way - Caring for Kids (Employee donations from Fluor United Way.)	\$8.75	
Expenditures:			
146100.703	Family Violence Prevention & Services Act.	\$2,451.24	
Revenues			
143531.4	Family Violence Prevention & Services Act.	\$2,451.24	
Amendment necessary for all DSS that had expended any Temporary Assistance to Needy Families/Domestic Violence (TANF/DV) funds in SFY 2009-2010. 100% Federal Funds. Funding Authorization attached)			
Expenditures:			
146160.55	Smart Start-Vendor	\$117,366.00	
Revenues			
143690	Smart Start-Vendor	\$117,366.00	
(Amendment is necessary due to decreased funding authorization from the state vs what was budgeted from the 2010 - 2011 budget estimates.)			
Expenditures:			
146160.565	Child Day Care.	\$87,111.00	
Revenues			
143531.31	Child Day Care.	\$87,111.00	
(Amendment is necessary due to decreased funding authorization from the state vs what was budgeted from the 2010 - 2011 budget estimates.)			
Division on Aging			
Revenues			
103190.05	FBA	\$5,536.00	
103530.036	EDTAP		\$59.00
103530.04	Employment Trans	816.00	
103530.036	Rural Public		\$6,293.00
(Add'l funding necessary for BARTS based allocation.)		\$ 6,352.00	\$6,352.00

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Account Number	Account Description	Increase	Decrease
Extension Department			
106805.642	JCPC-Ext		
106805.200.009	TC Supplies & Materials		\$1,250.00
106805.720	TC Current Objectives		\$1,285.00
106805.721	TC Fixed Charges		\$100.00
106805.200.010	IS Supplies & Materials		\$2,730.00
106805.720.001	IS Current Objectives		\$3,181.00
106805.721.001	IS Fixed Charges		\$120.00
106805.200.011	Restitution Supp. & Materials		\$410.00
106805.720.002	Restitution Current Objectives		\$1,175.00
106805.721.002	Restitution Fixed Charges		\$1,575.00
106805.200.013	IS Computer Supplies		\$900.00
(Breakout of TC/IS/RS Program into separate line items)			
106805.645	JCPC - Admin		\$2,000.00
103230.023	JCPC - Admin		\$2,000.00
(Transfer of JCPC Admin money into line item 106805.645)			
Health Department			
105900.5970.200.005	Supplies-Indigent		\$412.96
103190.050	FBA		\$412.96
(Roll over funds from Home Health Indigent Account)			
105900.5941.200	Supplies		\$12,640.41
103190.050	FBA		\$12,640.41
(Roll over funds from Safe Kids Grant)			
105200.499.019	Rabies		\$8,766.00
105200.610	Contracted Services		\$1,600.00
105200.499.019	Supplies		\$1,657.00
103190.050	FBA		\$12,023.00
(Roll over funds from monies collected and moved into prior year budget for adoptions.)			

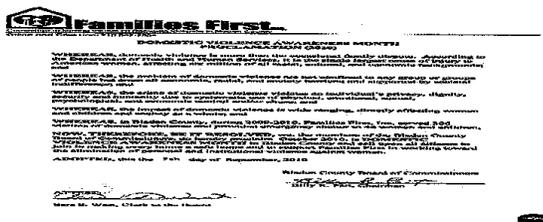
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Expenditures:			
10.5900.5920.200	Supplies	\$6,050.00	
Revenues:			
103530.090 (H090)	DHHS – Family Planning (Additional Grant received from State)	\$6,050.00	
Library:			
Expenditures:			
106700.61	Contractual Services	\$1,000.00	
Revenues:			
103190.01	NC Humanities Council (Additional Grant received from State)	\$1,000.00	
Motor Pool:			
Expenditures:			
105010-357	Vehicle Repair	\$3,351.32	
Revenues			
103190.011	Insurance Payment (Insurance payment for 1999 Ford Cr. Vic GMAC Payment)	\$3,351.32	
Expenditures:			
105010-357	M/R -Vehicle	\$10,000.00	
Revenues			
103190.05	FBA (Add'l funding necessary for ambulance repairs)	\$10,000.00	

- E. Proclamation designating October 2010 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- F. 2011 Holiday Schedule
- G. Schedule Public Hearing to be held September 20, 2010 at 6:30 PM Regarding Proposed School Improvements to be Funded by Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB)
- H. Schedule Public Hearing to be held September 20, 2010 at 6:30 PM Regarding Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)- Scattered Site Housing Program.

* Commissioner Larry Smith arrived

ITEM 2. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:
 County Manager Greg Martin read the following Proclamation Designating October 2010 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Chairman Pait the presented the Proclamation to Families First, Inc., Victims Advocate Marjorie Walker. Ms. Walker thanked the Commissioners and stated that a Candlelight Vigil is scheduled for October 5, 2010 on the Courthouse lawn.



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Commissioner David Gooden expressed concern regarding the amount paid in attorney fees. He stated that the Johnson Law Firm was paid an average of \$188,629.67 per year for the last three years. He further stated that he thought the job could be done cheaper and suggested that the County consider hiring a full-time attorney or accepting bids for the service.

Commissioner Blanks advised Board Members that an elderly disabled gentlemen had lost his home to a fire. Dr. Blanks requested that inspection fees required for setting up another mobile home be waived. Upon a motion by Larry Smith, Seconded by W. D. Neill, the Board Approved to waive inspection fees required for setting up another mobile home. The motion passed by a Vote of 7 AYES (W. D. Neill, Daniel Dowless, Albert Beatty, Billy R. Pat, Dettiah Blanks, Larry Smith and David Gooden) to 1 NO Vote (Charles Ray Peterson). Mr. Peterson stated that he would prefer to assist the gentleman in paying the inspection fees.

ITEM 3.

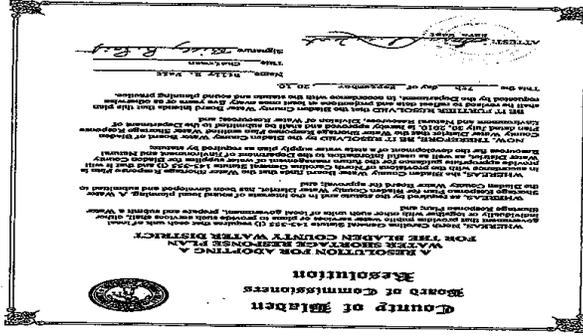
Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:
* No one addressed the commissioners

ITEM 4.

Bladen County Water District: (Randy Garner, Director)
A. Upon a motion by W. D. Neill, Seconded by Charles Ray Peterson, the Board entered Session as the Water District Board of Directors.
B. Chairman Pat opened a Public Hearing Regarding the proposed Phase IIB Project in the Northern part of Bladen County. He asked the public to offer comments.
David Butler, 729 Highway 210 W, Garland, N. C. 28344 appeared before the board and asked why his road was not included in the project. He reported that there were 8 houses and a fire station on the section of Highway 210 where his residence was located. Director Randy Garner advised Mr. Butler that he would check into the feasibility of adding his road in the project.
Commissioner Smith stated not to forget Sugar Loaf Road, Elizabethtown N. C.

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Pat closed the Public Hearing.

C. Upon a motion by Daniel Dowless, seconded by David Gooden, the Board adopted the following Resolution Enacting a Water Shortage Response Plan for Bladen County East Bladen and Bladen County West Bladen.



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D. Upon a motion by Larry Smith, seconded by W. D. Neill, the Board exited session as the Bladen County Water District Board of Directors.

ITEM 5. Sheriff Department: (Herman Dunn, Captain)
Upon a motion by Larry Smith, seconded by Daniel Dowless, the Board approved a Grant Award in the amount of \$18,000 with a required local match of \$6,000. Funds will be used to purchase security equipment for the Courthouse. Equipment to be purchased includes four Electronic Prisoner Controls, Walk-Through screening System and a Card Access/Badging System.

ITEM 6. Board of Elections: (Larry Hammond, Director)
 Director Larry Hammond appeared before the Board to update the Commissioners on several Elections related matters including Instant Run-Off Voting (IRV), Absentee Ballots, Grants Applications, and Alternate Voting Sites.

ITEM 7. Revenue Department: (Chris Ellis, Director)
 Director Chris Ellis presented the following Offers to Purchase Real Property owned by the County:

- A. Property identified as PIN 0005029 located on the corner of Elizabethtown Road and Lewis Street, Bladenboro. Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Albert Beatty, the Board unanimously approved the bid made by Mr. Oral Cheshsire in the amount of \$1,000.00 to begin the Upset Bid Process.
- B. Property identified as PIN 00003772 located at 20299 NC Hwy 410, Bladenboro, N. C. Upon a motion by David Gooden, seconded by W. D. Neill, the Board approved the bid submitted by Paul L. Brunson and wife, Chris Y. Brunson in the amount of \$6,100.00 to begin the Upset Bid Process. The motion passed by a Vote of 7 AYES (W.D. Neill, Daniel Dowless, Albert Beatty, Billy R. Pait, Delilah Blanks, Larry Smith and David Gooden) 1 NO (Charles Ray Peterson).
- C. Property identified as PIN 0005325 located at 1522 Butler Mill Rd., Bladenboro, Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by David Gooden, the Board unanimously approved the bid submitted by Ms. Regina Cromartie in the amount of \$3,500.00 to begin the Upset Bid Process.

ITEM 8. COUNTY MANAGER: (Greg Martin)
 A. Mr. Martin reviewed the calendar of upcoming events.
 B. Mr. Martin advised the Board that the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners has invited counties to submit their legislative proposals to the Association. Goals submission deadline is September 15, 2010.

Upon a Motion made by Daniel Dowless, Seconded by W. D. Neill, the Board entered Closed Session in accordance with N. C. G. S. 154-318 (a)(3) Personnel (a)(4) Attorney-Client privilege.

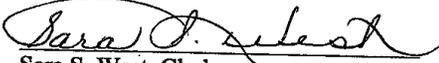
Upon a Motion made by W. D. Neill, Seconded by Larry Smith the Board exited Closed Session.

- C. Board members reviewed the Sales and Use Tax Referendum brochure to be used to educate the public regarding the referendum on the ballot for November 2, 2010.

Upon a Motion by Daniel Dowless, Seconded by W. D. Neill, the Board adjourned at 8:45 p.m.


 Billy R. Pait, Chairman
 Bladen County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


 Sara S. West, Clerk

