

September 20, 2010

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 20, 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
- Larry Smith

Attorneys Allen Johnson and Leslie Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

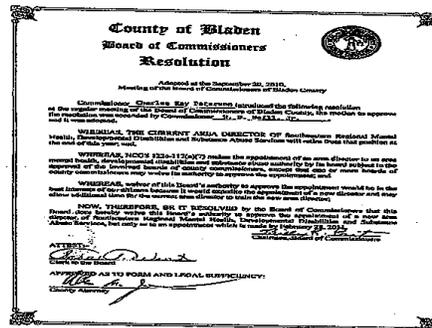
Chairman Pait called the meeting to order. Commissioner Larry Smith provided the Invocation and County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 1. Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by W. D. Neill, Jr., the Board approved the following Consent Items:

- A. Minutes of September 7, 2010 Regular Meeting
- B. Agenda
- C. County Attorney Invoices:
 - i. \$410.00 Ezzell Electrical Components
 - ii. \$460.00 Grant Award-Courthouse Security
 - iii. \$675.00 QSCB Financing of Renovation and Repairs to Schools
- D. Budget Amendments as follows:

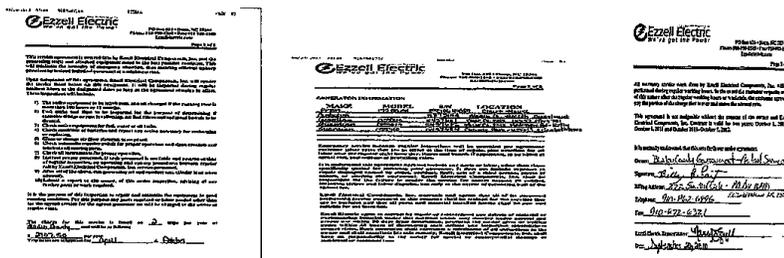
Department and Account Number	Account Description	Increase	Decrease
Revenue Department Expenditures			
104500.61	Contracted Services	\$7,750.00	
Revenues			
103190.5	Fund Balance	\$7,750.00	

- E. Tax Refunds and Releases for the period of 8-01-2010 to 8-31-2010.
- F. Resolution to Waive the Board's Authority to Approve the Appointment of a New Area Director of Southeastern Regional Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services.



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G. Updated Service Agreement with Ezzell Electrical Components, Inc.



ITEM 2. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

Commissioner Peterson discussed the upcoming Sales Tax Referendum. He wanted to clarify that the Commissioners did not have any plans to increase property taxes if the Referendum did not pass. He further stated that he felt the Tax is the fairest tax.

Commissioner Pait read the following statement: This Board has previously looked into the best and most cost-efficient way to secure legal services for our Bladen County Citizens. We have, and still conclude, that the attorneys at Johnson Law Firm provide these legal services in a qualified and professional manner. We appreciate their efforts on behalf of the Citizens of Bladen County.

- A. Chairman Pait presented the family of deceased Commissioner Margaret Lewis-Moore a Resolution from the North Carolina Association of Black County Officials in Memory of Commissioner Margaret Lewis-Moore.
- B. Chairman Pait recognized the following Employee for Years of Service:

Name	Department	Years of Service
Gloria "Jean" Cross	Library	30

The following employees were unable to attend:

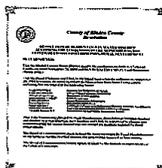
Name	Department	Years of Service
Johnice Autry	Extension Grants	20
Kenneth Thompson	Building Inspections	10
Beverly Bethea	Sheriff Department	20

ITEM 3. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

- A. Brenda Brisson, Chairperson, Bladen County Farm Bureau Women's Committee invited the Board to attend Ag-Em Up Day on October 6th and 7th at the Bladen County Park.

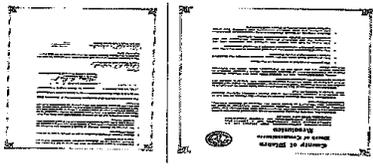
ITEM 4. Bladen County Water District: (Randy Garner, Director)

- A. Upon a motion by W. D. Neill, Jr., seconded by Daniel Dowless, the Board entered Session as the Water District Board of Directors
- B. Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by W. D. Neill, Jr., the Board approved the following Resolution Accepting Letter of Conditions from USDA, Rural Development regarding the Phase III-B project.



C. Upon a motion by W. D. Neill, Jr., seconded by Daniel Dowless, the Board exited Session as the Water District Board of Directors.

A. Chairman Pait opened a Public Hearing Regarding Local Government Commission (LGC) Application for Proposed Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB) Project. He asked the public to offer comments. Hearing no comments from the public Chairman Pait closed the Public Hearing.
B. Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by W. D. Neill, Jr., the Board approved the following Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application for Approval of a Financing Agreement Authorized by NCGS 160A-20:



C. Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by W. D. Neill, Jr., the Board approved the following Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Under United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2:



Community Development Block Grant: (Adrian Lowery, Lumber River COG Housing Coordinator)
A. Chairman Pait opened a Public Hearing Regarding Program Amendment to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - Scattered Site Housing Program. He asked the public to offer comments. Hearing no comments from the public Chairman Pait closed the Public Hearing.
B. Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by David Gooden, the Board approved the following Amendment to the FY 08 CDBG Selection List:

Table with columns for Project Name, Amount, and other details. Includes entries like '100 Mobile Home' and '100 Mobile Home'.

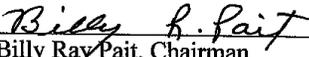
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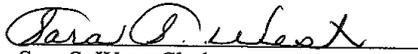
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- ITEM 7. Health Department: (Wayne Stewart, Director)**
New Animal Shelter Manager Karen Suggs advised the Board that the Animal Shelter was taking measures to increase adoptions. Since re-opening the shelter, there have not been any signs of distemper. The Shelter is open to the public on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon. Rescue Operations may visit the animal shelter on Thursdays.
- ITEM 8. Advisory Boards:**
A. Bladen County Watershed Review Board - Upon a motion by Delilah Blanks, seconded by David Gooden, the Board tabled the appointments to the Bladen County Watershed Review Board.
B. Voluntary Agricultural Districts Committee: Upon a motion by Lewis Tatum, seconded by W. D. Neill, Jr., the Board waived the appointment policy and reappointed Dorothy McKoy and Dan Ward with an expiration date of September 30, 2013.
- ITEM 9. COUNTY MANAGER: (Greg Martin)**
A. Mr. Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.
B. Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Daniel Dowless, the Board entered Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (3) Attorney-Client Privilege (a) (6) Personnel.
C. Upon a motion by Lewis Tatum, seconded by David Gooden, the Board exited Closed Session and re-entered Open Session.

Upon a motion by Lewis Tatum, seconded by Daniel Dowless, the Board adjourned at 8:10 pm.


Billy Ray Pait, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Sara S. West, Clerk

