

**November 15, 2010**

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 15, 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 \*

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

Chairman Pait called the meeting to order. Commissioner W. D. Neill, Jr., 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. Agenda
- B. Corrected Minutes of October 18, 2010 Regular Meeting  
November 1, 2010 Regular Meeting
- C. County Attorney Invoice:
  - 10-29-2010 \$ 150.00 Re: Bladen County Water Tap On
  - 11-01-2010 \$ 300.00 Re: Retainer for the Month of  
November
  - 11-08-2010 \$ 650.00 Re: Dupont-Piedmont Natural Gas  
Project
  - 11-09-2010 \$ 400.00 Re: Non-Urbanized Area Public  
Transportation
  - \$ 1,500.00
- D. Budget Amendments as follows:

Department and Account Number	Account Description	Increase	Decrease
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<b><u>Health Department</u></b>			
Expenditures			
10.5200.200	Supplies	\$ 1,461.00	
Revenues			
103260.040 (AMCO)	Animal Control Fees	\$ 1,461.00	
	(Budgeting funds collected from adoptions. See attached))		
Expenditures			
10.5900.5985.200	Supplies	\$ 1,322.00	
Revenues			
103530.103 (H103)	DHHS – IAP	\$ 1,322.00	
	(Additional grant received from State.)		
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<b><u>Animal Control</u></b>			
Expenditures			
105200 499.028	Spay/Neuter Grant	\$ 904.23	
Revenues			
103260 041	Spay/Neuter Grant	\$ 904.23	
	(Spay/Neuter Grant – April-June 509.27; July-Sept. 394.96)		
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**DSS**

Expenditures  
146160.535 Medicaid \$ 715.16

Revenues  
143591.01 Client Ref. \$ 715.16  
(EPICS draft from the Medicaid Cost Calculation Report)

Expenditures  
146160.555 Refunds/Client Repay \$ 31.00

Revenues  
143591.010 Client Ref \$ 31.00  
(Reimburse a client that overpaid a claim)

Expenditures  
146100.689 Energy Neighbor Fund \$ 430.00

Revenues  
143531.031 Energy Neighbor Fund \$ 430.00  
(Increase in funding from the State)

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**Water District**

Expenditures  
254702.200.007 Supplies \$ 287.47

Revenues  
253190.010 Misc. Rev. \$ 287.47  
(Reimbursement for damaged fire hydrant)

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**Library**

Expenditures  
106700.231 Library Books \$ 174.57

Revenues  
103190.010 Donation \$ 174.57  
(To Cover expense in the above account)

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**DOA/BARTS**

Expenditures  
10.6200.499.029 ROAP Employment Funds \$13,535.00

Revenues  
103530.04 ROAP Employment Funds Rev. \$13,535.00  
(Additional ROAP Funding available for Bladen County)

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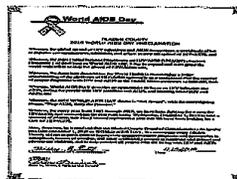
**Tobermory FD**

Expenditures  
335333 711 Truck Payment \$32,468.52

Revenues  
333190 050 FBA \$32,468.52

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- E. Community Transportation Grant Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation:
- F. The following Resolution Proclaiming December 1, 2010 as *World AIDS Day*:



- G. The following Resolution Supporting the Addition of Sholar Road – Lakewood Acres Subdivision to the State Highway System.



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- H. North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety – Division of Emergency Management Grant Award in the amount of \$5,940.50 to conduct local exercises. The Board approved for the funds to be signed backed to the North Carolina Emergency Management Training & Exercise Branch to conduct training for the County. The total Grant received by the North Carolina Emergency Field Branch was \$233,333.33.
- I. Rabies Vaccination Fee of \$10.00.

**ITEM 2. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:**

- A. Chairman Pait presented Romall Watson, Health Educator with the Bladen County Health Department, a Proclamation proclaiming December 1, 2010 as *World AIDS Day*:
- B. Chairman Pait presented the following Certificate of Appreciation to the Board of Elections, Director and Staff for Exemplary Service provided during the 2010 Elections.



- Ray Britt, Chairman of the Board of Elections accepted the Certificate on behalf of the Board of Elections, Director and Staff.
- C. Chairman Pait presented the following outgoing Commissioners with plaques for their dedicated service as members of the Board of Commissioners:
 

Larry Smith	1990 - 2010
W. D. Neill, Jr.	1994 - 2010
Albert Beatty	April - December 2010

The Board recessed for a reception

\* Larry Smith not in attendance for remainder of meeting.

**ITEM 3. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:**

- o No one addressed the commissioners

**ITEM 4. Planning: (Greg Elkins, Director)**

- A. Public Hearing Regarding a Request to Rezone Property Identified as PIN 1322-00-26-6074. Chairman Pait declared the Public Hearing Opened and asked the public to offer comments.

Doris Anderson, Dennis Bryan, Bennie Sutton, and Linda Potter spoke in opposition to the rezoning. These individuals voiced concerns related to the potential for increased traffic and crime as well as concerns related to lighting, and access to the property.

- B. Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by David Gooden, the Board approved to table the Request to Rezone PIN 1322-00-26-6074.

**ITEM 5 Economic Development: (Chuck Heustess, Director)**

Chuck Heustess appeared before the Board and requested the Board to consider the following:

- A. Approve a proposed resolution authorizing signature for the required documents for a \$1,000,000 Grant to expand natural gas to the DuPont Fayetteville Works Site.

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Mr. Heustess advised the Board that Bladen County applied for and received a \$1,000,000.00 grant from the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center to expand a natural gas line approximately 10 miles to the DuPont Fayetteville Works site. DuPont will sign a \$1,000,000.00 promissory note to guarantee performance. The required performance is to create 10 new jobs at DuPont by March of 2011. The project will be closed 6 months after the 10 jobs are created.

Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by W. D. Neill, Jr., the Board approved the following Resolution:



- B. Authorize the Chairman to execute a lease for the DMV Call Center Expansion pending review by the county attorney. The Council of State approved the lease under the terms presented by the County.
- C. Approve a lease agreement with Bladen's Bloomin' Agri Industrial, Inc. to expand the DMV Call Center.  
Upon a motion by Delilah Blanks, seconded by Charles Ray Peterson the Board approved the requests as presented.

Chuck Heustess confirmed that the gas line would be owned by Piedmont Gas and not Bladen County.

ITEM 6.

**Bladen County Water District: (Randy Garner, Director)**

- A. Upon a motion by W. D. Neill, Jr., seconded by David Gooden, the Board entered Session as the Water District Board of Directors.
- B. County Manager Greg Martin asked the Board to consider approving a Resolution providing for the issuance of \$4,496,000 Water System Revenue Bonds of the Bladen County Water District, to pay the Capital Costs of improvements to the District's Water System Facilities and to provide for the repayment of a Water System Revenue Bond Anticipation Note.

Commissioner Charles Ray Peterson then introduced the Bond Resolution entitled "Resolution Providing for the Issuance of \$4,496,000 Water System Revenue Bonds of the Bladen County Water District, to pay the Capital Costs of improvements to the District's Water System Facilities and to provide for the repayment of a Water System Revenue Bond Anticipation Note," a copy of which was submitted to the meeting, and moved that it be adopted.

Following discussion of the Bond Resolution, Commissioner W. D. Neill, Jr., seconded the motion and the Bond Resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Billy Ray Pait, Delilah Blanks, W. D. Neill, Jr., Charle Ray Peterson, Daniel Dowless, David Gooden, Albert Beatty and Lewis Tatum; Nay: None; Absent: Larry Smith.

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Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by David Gooden, the Board exited session as the Bladen County Water District Board of Directors.

**ITEM 7. Advisory Board Appointments:**

- A. Keep Bladen Beautiful - Upon a motion by W. D. Neill, Jr., seconded by David Gooden, the Board approved the appointment of Janet Cherry and Phyllis Swindell with an expiration date of 10/15/2013 and tabled the appointment of the seat currently held by Mr. Jim Orgel.
- B. Southeastern Regional Mental Health: - Upon a motion by Billy R. Pait and seconded by Charles Ray Peterson, the Board waived the Appointment Policy and reappointed Emory White with an expiration date of 11/30/13.

**ITEM 8. County Manager: (Greg Martin)**

- A. Mr. Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.
- B. Mr. Martin advised the Board that a letter had been received stating that the Bladen County Board of Education had determined that the property located on Morehead Street in Elizabethtown was no longer needed for school purposes. The Town of Elizabethtown has made an offer to purchase the land and the Board of Education is required to offer this property to the County for first right of refusal.

Mr. Martin asked the Board to consider waiving its right of first refusal regarding the sale of the subject property.

Upon a motion by Delilah Blanks, seconded by Albert Beatty, the Board approved to table the request. Commissioner Blanks requested the Board be provided additional information on the property.

- C. Mr. Martin advised the Board that he had talked with Mr. Lyman Horne, General Manager of Star Telephone Membership Corporation. Mr. Horne has reviewed a map showing internet coverage in Bladen County. He acknowledged that it is economically difficult for any company, particularly a for-profit company, to install facilities based internet service in very sparsely populated areas. However, Mr. Horne indicated that Star is looking into the feasibility of a Wi-Max (wireless) solution in the unserved area near East Arcadia.

The Board was provided information regarding WildBlue which provides high speed internet access via satellite. This service is available in areas that do not have facilities based internet service, such as the far eastern part of the county.

Commissioner Peterson requested a map of area internet coverage. Mr. Martin stated that Alicia Evans in the GIS Department was working on a map to provide to the Board.

- D. Mr. Martin advised the Board that he had received a request to discuss operating hours of the Convenience Centers since the time has changed and it is getting darker earlier.

Dr. Blanks expressed a concern regarding safety at the East Arcadia site. She suggested that the hours of operation for the Convenience Centers be changed to 6am - 6pm.

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General Services Manager Robert Mazur reminded the Board that the last time the hours were changed, forty-eight (48) complaint calls were received. Mr. Mazur also stated that new lighting is being installed on the backside of the East Arcadia Convenience Center.

Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by David Gooden the Board approved to continue with the current hours of operation.

Commissioner Peterson asked that the following letter of commendation to EMS, received from Interim School Superintendent Roland McKoy, be read:



**Bladen County Schools**  
1409 S. 23rd Street  
Wendell, NC 28787  
Telephone: (919) 862-4136 Fax: (919) 862-4277

Bladen County  
General Services Manager  
P.O. Box 1400  
Wendell, NC 28787

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Chief of the Bladen County EMS

On Friday evening, November 12, 2010, at approximately 7:50 pm you responded to a school bus accident at the intersection of Carter Road and Perry Lane Road in Henderson. I would personally like to thank you for the medical care you provided to the two children, 10 minutes and 40 minutes of medical attention. Your department's excellent quality of the services emergency and non-emergency services are to thank. You were able to meet an emergency situation and the bus driver was able to get the bus back on the road. I know that the teachers of Bladen County and the school board will fully thank you for your department. Thank you for your services to Bladen County. The board will appreciate it.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me. My direct phone line is (919) 862-4136, extension #160.

With sincere appreciation,

*Charles S. Peterson*  
Charles S. Peterson, MS  
Superintendent

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Upon a motion by Lewis Tatum, seconded by W. D. Neill, Jr., the Board adjourned at 7:56 pm.

*Billy Ray Pajt*  
Billy Ray Pajt, Chairman  
Bladen County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

*Sara S. West*  
Sara S. West, Clerk