

December 6, 2010

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 6, 2010. Due to the large attendance expected for the swearing in of newly elected Commissioners, the meeting was convened in the Superior Courtroom, Room 218 of the Bladen County Courthouse. The following members were present:

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

Attorneys: Leslie Johnson and Alan Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

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

ITEM 1. Old Business of Outgoing Board:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board approved the minutes of November 15, 2010.

* Albert Beatty was excused.

ITEM 2. Oaths of Office:

The Honorable Niki Dennis, Clerk of Superior Court, administered the Oath of Office for Bladen County Commissioner to the following persons:

Charles Ray Peterson, re-elected (term 12/1/10 to 12/2014)
 Mark A. Gillespie, newly elected (term 12/1/10 to 12/2014)
 Russell Priest, newly elected (term 12/1/10 to 12/2014)
 James G. "Jimmie" Smith, newly elected (term 12/1/10 to 12/2012)

ITEM 3. Election of Board Officers: (County Manager)

A. Chairperson – County Manager Greg Martin opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chairperson. Commissioner Priest nominated Charles Ray Peterson and Commissioner Dowless nominated Lewis Tatum. Hearing no further nominations, nominations were closed. Charles Ray Peterson was elected by a vote of 5 AYES (Russell Priest, Mark Gillespie, James G. Smith and Delilah Blanks) to 4 NOES (Billy Ray Pait, Daniel Dowless, David Gooden and Lewis Tatum).

B. Vice Chairperson – County Manager Greg Martin opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Priest nominated James G. Smith and Commissioner Dowless nominated David Gooden. Hearing no further nominations, nominations were closed. 4 Ayes for Commissioner Smith (Russell Priest, Mark Gillespie Charles Ray Peterson and James G. Smith) 4 Ayes for Commissioner Gooden (Billy Ray Pait, Daniel Dowless, Delilah Blanks and David Gooden). Commissioner Tatum voiced his support for Commissioner Dowless.

Due to the Commissioners unable to reach a majority vote for Vice Chairperson, it was agreed to delay the election of Vice Chairperson until a later time.

The Board recessed for a Reception.

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The Board reconvened its meeting in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse.

ITEM 4. Consent Items:
Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board approved the following consent items:

- A. Agenda
B. County Attorney Invoice(s):
10-5-2010 \$ 3,695.00 Bladen County vs Palmer Marine et als.
11-12-2010 \$ 775.00 Anthony Lynn Robinson vs Bladen County et als.
11-17-2010 \$ 5,595.00 Loan Closing -Water District, Phase III-A
12-01-2010 \$ 300.00 Retainer for the Month of December, 2010
12-01-2010 \$ 520.00 Request from Greg Elkins, Planning & Zoning Dir.
\$10,885.00

C. Budget Amendments as follows:

Department and Account Number Account Description Increase Decrease

Table with columns: Department and Account Number, Account Description, Increase, Decrease. Section: Elections. Rows: Expenditures 104300499.031 HAVA Grant \$24,502.46; Revenues 103170.053 Elections-HAVA Grant \$24,302.46 (Hava Grant for equipment and personnel)

Table with columns: Department and Account Number, Account Description, Increase, Decrease. Section: Library. Rows: Expenditures 106700.200 Supplies \$ 250.00; Revenues 103190.010 Donation \$ 250.00 (To cover expense in the above account)

Table with columns: Department and Account Number, Account Description, Increase, Decrease. Section: Health Department. Rows: Expenditures 10.5900.5960.499.030 Wolfe Mini Grant \$ 5,000.00; Revenues 103530.165 Wolfe Mini Grant \$ 5,000.00 (Mini grant awarded through the NC Public Health Assoc.); Expenditures 10.5200.2001 Supplies \$ 1,000.00; 10.5200.610 Contracted Services \$ 510.00; Revenues 10.3260.040 (AMCO) Animal Control Fees \$ 1,510.00 (Budget fees collected.); Expenditures 10.5900.200 Supplies \$11,180.94; Revenues 10.3560.082 (HB82) Hep B/Flu Shots \$11,180.94 (Budgeting fees collected); Expenditures 10.5900.5920.300 Supplies \$ 8,344.00; Revenues 10.3530.090 HH090) DHHS - Family Planning \$ 8,344.00 (Additional grant received from State.)

Table with columns: Department and Account Number, Account Description, Increase, Decrease. Section: Solid Waste. Rows: Expenditures 205805.352 M/R Equipment \$ 2,000.00; Revenues 203321.014 Pesticide Grant \$ 2,000.00 (Transfer of Pesticide Award money into expenditure account)

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January 03, 2011	6:30 pm
January 18, 2011 (Tuesday)	6:30 pm
February 07, 2011	6:30 pm
February 21, 2011	6:30 pm
March 07, 2011	6:30 pm
March 21, 2011	6:30 pm
April 04, 2011	6:30 pm
April 18, 2011	6:30 pm
May 02, 2011	6:30 pm
May 16, 2011	6:30 pm
June 06, 2011	6:30 pm
June 20, 2011	6:30 pm
July 11, 2011	6:30 pm
August 01, 2011	6:30 pm
August 15, 2011	6:30 pm
September 06, 2011 (Tuesday)	6:30 pm
September 19, 2011	6:30 pm
October 03, 2011	6:30 pm
October 17, 2011	6:30 pm
November 07, 2011	6:30 pm
November 21, 2011	6:30 pm
December 05, 2011	6:30 pm
December 19, 2011	6:30 pm

ITEM 5. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

Chairman Peterson recognized the retirement of the following employees of the Sheriff Department:

Dennis R. Clemmons	28 years
Larry S. Guyton	23 years
Bobby Martin	22 years
Beverly Bethea	21 years

ITEM 6. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

☉ No one addressed the commissioners

ITEM 7. Sheriff Department: (Prentis Benston, Sheriff)

Sheriff Benston appeared before the Board and requested approval to Award Service Side Arms and Badges to the following Retired Employees:

A. Lieutenant Larry S. Guyton
B. Lieutenant Dennis Clemmons

Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board approved the request.

ITEM 8. Planning: (Greg Elkins, Director)

Planning Director Greg Elkins and Planning Board Chairman David Hursey appeared before the Board regarding the Rezoning request tabled from the meeting of November 15, 2010.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board approved to table the rezoning request.

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Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board approved to hold a second public hearing in January 2011 on the rezoning request. The motion passed by a vote of 5 AYES (Billy Ray Pait, Daniel Dowless, Delilah Blanks, David Gooden, and Mark Gillespie) to 4 NOES (James G. Smith, Russell Priest, Charles Ray Peterson, and Lewis Tatum).

ITEM 9. Health Department: (Wayne Stewart, Director)

Health Director Wayne Stewart appeared before the Board to request temporary funding in the amount of \$12,076.00 to sustain the Medication Assistance Program (MAP) through March 25, 2011. Mr. Stewart advised the Board that grant funding for the program was to expire December 15, 2010. MAP Program Director, Yvonne Bannerman stated that the program has doubled during the past year to 300 active clients. She emphasized how important it was to continue the program to the sick and elderly citizens that cannot afford to pay for their medication. Options are being explored to sustain the program.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Blanks, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board approved the request.

Chairman Peterson asked for a Commissioner to volunteer to work with Director Stewart and County Manager Greg Martin to search for a plan to sustain the MAP program. Commissioner Priest volunteered.

ITEM 10. Solid Waste: (Robert Mazur, General Services Manager)

Mr. Mazur requested that the Board adopt the following Resolution:



Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board adopted the resolution

ITEM 11. Advisory Board Appointments:

Keep Bladen Beautiful - Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Daniel Dowless, the Board waived the Appointment Policy and reappointed Jim Orgel with an expiration date of 10/15/13.

ITEM 12. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

Mr. Martin stated that he would like to commend General Services Manager Robert Mazur for outstanding work with the Solid Waste Department. The Bladen County Solid Waste Department was recognized for first place in the State for Pesticide Disposal and received an award in the amount \$2,000.

A. Mr. Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.

B. Mr. Martin asked the Board to consider waiving the right of first refusal regarding the sale of property located on Morehead Street, owned by the Board of Education.

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Director of Social Services June Koenig addressed the Board and asked that the Board consider getting all the parties involved in the subject property together to ensure that all the tenants would be able to remain as tenants. Commissioner Priest stated that it was his understanding that all tenants would remain. Mr. Martin stated that Town Manager Eddie Madden also stated in his letter that it was the intent of the Town to work with each of the tenants to maintain a long-term relationship.

- C. The Board was asked to consider designating a Voting delegate for the NCACC Legislative Goals Conference, January 20-21, 2011 in Durham County. Chairman Peterson asked if any of the Board members planned to attend the conference. Commissioner Blanks advised that she planned to attend and agreed to be the Voting delegate.
- D. The Board was asked to consider scheduling a budget meeting to review the history of the current year's six (6) months budget and discuss the outlook for the 2011-2012 budget.
Upon a motion by Commissioner Gooden, seconded by Commissioner Dowless, the Board approved to schedule a budget meeting on Monday, January 10, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Dowless the Board adjourned at 7:43 pm.



Charles Ray Peterson, Chairman

Bladen County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Sara S. West, Clerk