

**September 4, 2007**

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Margaret Lewis-Moore, Chairperson  
Billy Ray Pait, Vice-Chairman  
Lewis Tatum  
Delilah B. Blanks  
W.D. Neill, Jr.  
James G. Smith  
Greg Taylor  
Charles Ray Peterson

Absent: Larry Smith

Attorney: Alan Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

Chairperson Moore called the meeting to order and provided the Invocation. County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM 1. CONSENT ITEMS:**

Chairperson Moore requested that the following items be added to the proposed agenda:

Item 1I Budget Amendment  
Item 5A GIS Orthophoto Project  
Item 7D Closed Session- Economic Development

**A motion was made by Lewis Tatum, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr. and approved to add items to the agenda and adopt the following Consent Items:**

- A. Approve Minutes: August 20, 2007 Regular Session**
- B. Approve Agenda**
- C. Approve the following Budget Amendments:**

	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
<b><u>Motor Pool</u></b>		
Exp: 105010.170 Vehicle Repairs	\$2,391.52	
Rev: 103190.011 Insurance	\$2,391.52	
<b><u>Bladen County Solid Waste</u></b>		
Exp: 205805.740 Capital Outlay	\$8,900.00	
Rev: 203390.002 Fund Balance Appropriation	\$8,900.00	
<b><u>Bladen County Cooperative Extension</u></b>		
Exp: 106805.029 Governor's One-on-One Friends of Youth	\$15.00	
Rev: 103230.018 Governor's One-on-One Friends of Youth	\$15.00	
<b><u>Social Services</u></b>		
Exp: 146100.573 DSS-System of Care	\$20,000.00	
Rev: 143590.102 System of Care Grant	\$20,000.00	

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**Social Services**

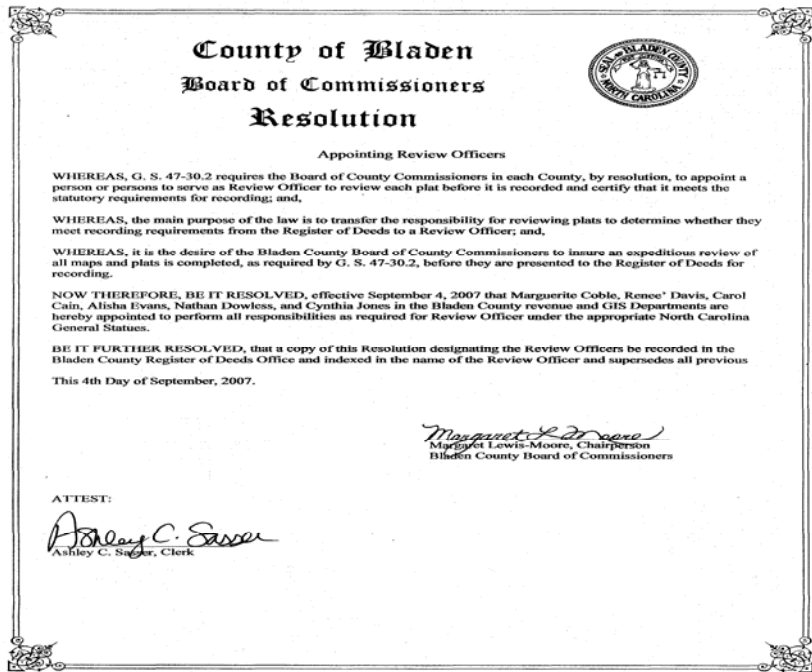
Exp: 146100.651	Energy Neighbor Fund	\$118.00
Rev: 143530.031	Energy Neighbor Fund	\$118.00

**D. Approve County Attorney Invoices**

- Motion to Dismiss Appeal to Property Tax 07-PTC 721 \$450.00
- Motion to Dismiss Appeal to Property Tax 07-PTC 482 \$450.00
- Review of County local ordinance, Letter to Kenneth Vogt, Review of City of Wilmington Attorney’s Response, Letter to Greg Martin and Commissioners \$475.00
- Installment Purchase Plan Review with Greg Martin and First Citizens Bank \$475.00

**E. Approve Fit for Work Memorandum of Understanding with Bladen County Hospital**

**F. Approve Resolution Appointing Review Officers**



**G. Approve Road Name of “Old Peanut Road”**

**H. Approve Lumber River Council of Governments Amended Interlocal Agreement**

**I. Budget Amendment for Animal Control**

		<b>Increase</b>
Exp: 105200.740	Capital Outlay	\$9,800.00
Rev: 103190.050	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$9,800.00

**ITEM 2. MATTERS OF INTEREST TO COMMISSIONERS**

- Commissioner Moore stated that White Lake Town Council Member Tim Blount expressed appreciation for the Bladen County Commissioners’ support of the Smithfield Union Resolution at the MCAB meeting.
- Commissioner Peterson expressed interest in the possibility of waiving the fees for replacement wells due to the dry weather. Commissioner Blanks suggested that the Health Board provide a recommendation regarding this matter. Mr. Wayne Stewart agreed that he would review the replacement well policy procedure and report at the next meeting with a recommendation.

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- Commissioner Moore informed the Board that she saw Ms. Martin after their last meeting and she is still concerned with the need for a Homeless Shelter in Bladen County.

**ITEM 3. INDIVIDUALS/DELEGATIONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COMMISSIONERS:**

**ITEM 4. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT (*Sheriff Steve Bunn*)**

- Sheriff Steve Bunn requested that the Board reject the recently received bids for Sheriff Patrol Vehicles which were opened on Friday, August 24, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. He then requested authorization to re-advertise for bids.

**A motion was made by Billy Ray Pait, seconded by Greg Taylor and authorized to reject the bids received, and to re-advertise for bids.**

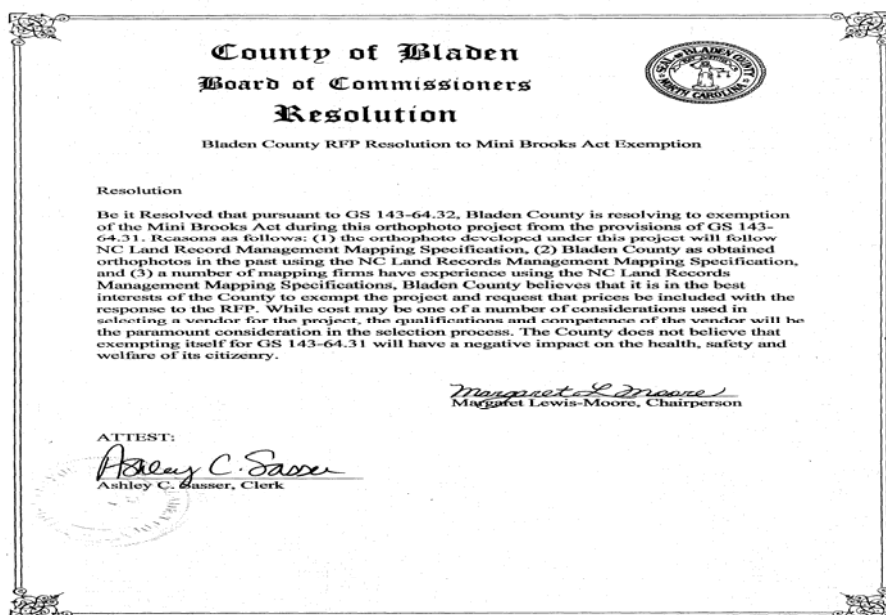
**ITEM 5. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (*Mitchell Byrd, Director*)**

- Emergency Services Director Mitchell Byrd requested Board approval to refurbish two 1997 ambulances for an additional cost of approximately \$36,800 rather than purchasing one new ambulance as budgeted at a cost of approximately \$90,000.

**A motion was made by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Delilah Blanks and approved to refurbish two 1997 ambulances at a cost of approximately \$126,800, rather than purchasing one new ambulance.**

**ITEM 5A. GIS (*Larry Hammond, Director*)**

- GIS Director Larry Hammond and Supervisor Alisha Evans informed the Board of a possible opportunity to collaborate with Pender and Brunswick County on an Orthophoto Project. Furthermore, Mr. Hammond and Ms. Evans informed the Board that the estimated cost of the project is \$125,000 and approximately \$90,000 would come from eligible 911-Wireless Fund with a State Grant of \$30,000-35,000. Mr. Hammond and Ms. Evans then asked the Board to consider approving a proposed Resolution necessary to move forward.



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A motion was made by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Delilah Blanks and approved the proposed Resolution necessary to move forward with the Orthophoto Project.

**ITEM 6. ADVISORY BOARDS**

**A. Voluntary Agricultural Districts Board (5)**

A motion was made by Greg Taylor, seconded by Billy Ray Pait and approved to appoint the following members to serve on the Voluntary Agricultural Districts Board: Russell Patterson (District 1), Joyce Walters (District 1), Chester Barnhill (District 3), Dorothy McKoy (District 2), and Dan Ward (District 4).

**B. Senior Center Advisory Board**

- The Board agreed to contact all the individuals selected as alternates to serve on the Senior Center Advisory Board to replace the 6 individuals who have declined.

**ITEM 7. County Manager (*Greg Martin*)**

**A. Calendar Update-** Mr. Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.

**B. Consider Chamber Request**

- Mr. Martin asked the Board to consider allowing the Chamber of Commerce to utilize the courthouse lawn for a Holiday Celebration on November 23, 2007.  
**The Board's consensus was to allow the Chamber of Commerce to utilize the courthouse lawn to host a Christmas Celebration on November 23, 2007.**

**C. Consider Request to Schedule a Special Meeting Regarding Solid Waste**

- Mr. Martin asked the Board to consider scheduling a Special Meeting on October 1, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss Solid Waste Matters.  
**A motion was made by Billy Ray Pait, seconded by Greg Taylor and approved to schedule a Special Meeting on October 1, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss Solid Waste matters.**

**D. Consider Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. 143.318.11(a)(4)**

**A motion was made by Billy Ray Pait, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr. and approved to enter closed session.**

A motion was made by Billy Ray Pait, seconded by Greg Taylor and approved to enter regular session.

A motion was made by Lewis Tatum, seconded by W.D. Neill Jr. and approved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

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Margaret Lewis-Moore, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Ashley C. Sasser, Clerk

