

**JANUARY 22, 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 Chairperson
- Lewis Tatum
- Delilah B. Blanks
- Larry Smith
- W. D. Neill, Jr.
- James G. Smith
- Greg Taylor
- Charles Ray Peterson

Attorney: Wes Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

Chairperson Moore called the meeting to order. Commissioner Charles Ray Peterson provided the Invocation, and County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM 1. CONSENT ITEMS:**

**A motion was made by James G. Smith, seconded by W. D. Neill, Jr. and approved to adopt the following Consent Items:**

- A. Approve Minutes: January 8, 2007**
- B. Approve Agenda (Amended Agenda to rearrange Item 4 to Item 2.)**
- C. Approve Budget Amendments:**

**Parks and Recreation**

Exp. 106600.531 Insurance & Utilities \$669.50  
Rev. 103660.000 Insurance \$669.50

**Health Department**

Exp. 105960.330 Supplies \$8,551.00  
Rev. 13530.080 DHHS-Health Promotions \$8,551.00

- D. Approve County Attorney Invoices: Bryan Sign Issue - \$350.00
- E. Approve Tax Refunds and Releases: Docket # 102

**ITEM 4. CDBG Housing Program:**

- A. Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Budget Amendment:** Chairperson Moore declared the public hearing open. There were no public comments and the hearing was declared closed.
- B. Consider Approving Proposed Budget Amendment:** Lumber River Council of Governments Director Jim Perry addressed the Board regarding the request to approve proposed budget amendment. Information contained in the Board of Commissioners' packet advised that the LRCOG has completed a detailed assessment of all housing unites in the FY 05 CDBG Scattered Site Program. The assessment determined that several units are in such a condition that rehabilitation is not a cost effective approach. This information was presented to the Bladen County Advisory Committee and a program amendment to adjust the CDBG was recommended.

Budget Line	Current Budget	Proposed Budget
Rehabilitation	\$356,500.00	\$50,000.00
Relocation Assistance	\$ -0-	\$271,500.00
Clearance Activities	\$ -0-	\$ 35,000.00
Planning	\$ 3,500.00	NO CHANGE
Administration	\$ 40,000.00	NO CHANGE

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**A motion was made by Billy Ray Pait, seconded by Greg Taylor and approved to adopt proposed budget amendment for the FY 05 CDBG Scattered Site Program.**

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

**A motion was made by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by James G. Smith and approved to appoint Greg Elkins to replace Commissioner Charles Ray Peterson on the Cape Fear RC& D Board.**

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

Ms. Crystal Long addressed the Board regarding McLemore Farms Lane previously known as Frank Cook Drive. Ms. Long indicated that Ms. Diane McLemore went to the Addressing office and provided three names, (Jimmy Cook, Demetria (no last name) and Mike Edwards) to get Frank Cook Drive name changed to McLemore Farms Lane. Ms. Long stated that Mr. Jimmy Cook did not sign the petition, Mike Edwards is deceased, and that Kevin Todd owns Demetria's part. Ms. Long indicated that they wanted to see the signed papers and wanted an explanation as to how the name was changed to McLemore Farms Lane. Chairperson Moore called on County Attorney Wes Johnson to address the matter. Mr. Johnson advised that there is a policy and procedure regarding road name changes. He requested Ms. Long's contact information and advised that he would respond after meeting with County Manager Greg Martin and E-911 Addressing Director Larry Hammond.

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

County Manager Greg Martin introduced Human Resources Director Wanda Prioleau. He advised that Ms. Prioleau came to work for Bladen County on January 2, 2007 and that she was a former employee of Pinnacle Staffing.

Chairperson Moore welcomed Ms. Prioleau and called on her for comments. Ms. Prioleau advised that she is enjoying learning about county government and that she is looking forward to a long and prosperous relationship.

**ITEM 5. ELIZABETHTOWN AIRPORT/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:**

Chairman Fred Tate advised that Town of Elizabethtown Planning Director Mary Jo Gollnitz would be providing a brief presentation on an Economic Impact Study of Curtis L. Brown Jr. Field. Ms. Gollnitz presented a *NC Soars with Local Airports* Power DVD. Chairman Tate emphasized the following points: Curtis Brown Jr. Field provides the county with a significant source of property tax revenue with 30 based aircraft at a calculated value of \$4,950,000. This results in ad valorem taxes of \$42,570, based on the county rate of \$0.86 per \$100. An estimated 11,090 visitors came to the area that utilized the Curtis Brown Jr. Field.

**ITEM 6. PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATE:**

Recreation Director Grant Pait presented an update on the Parks and Recreation Department. He reviewed the following items:

- Goals of the Department
- Day-to-Day Responsibilities
- Staff
- Recreation Committee Members
- 2005-2006 Programs
- 2005-2006 Program Participation
- 2005-2006 Accomplishments

In closing, Mr. Pait advised that the Recreation Department is responsible for scheduling more than 300 games a year and facilitates approximately 400 games per year, including

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officials for each game. The staff of the Parks and Recreation Department works together as a team to provide quality service to the community. He indicated that the Recreation Department listens to suggestions and constantly keeps in mind any ideas for improvements to serve and grow within the department and community.

**ITEM 7. ADVISORY BOARDS:**

- A. Child Fatality/Protection Team – Tabled**
- B. BARTS Advisory Board – Tabled**
- C. Keep Bladen Beautiful Advisory Committee – A motion was made by Billy Ray Pait, seconded by Greg Taylor and approved to appoint Wayne Thompson to the Keep Bladen Beautiful Advisory Committee effective immediately with an expiration date of September 30, 2009. Mr. Thompson is filling the unexpired seat of William McNeill.**
- D. Lisbon Rural Fire Protection District Commission – Tabled**
- E. Community Corrections Board – A motion was made by Greg Taylor, seconded by Delilah Blanks and approved to reappoint Charles Ray Peterson, Wayne Stewart, and Marion Warren to the Community Corrections Board. The term is effective immediately with an expiration date of September 6, 2009.**
- F. Bladen County Airport Appeals Board – Tabled**
- G. Bladen County Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee – A motion was made by W. D. Neill Jr., seconded by Larry Smith and approved to reappoint Agnes McKoy and John Creech to the Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee. The term is effective immediately and will expire January 6, 2010.**
- H. By Tree Lakes Fire District – Tabled**

**ITEM 8. COUNTY MANAGER:**

- A. Calendar Update – Mr. Martin reminded the Board of its scheduled Planning Session – Tuesday, January 30, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.**
- B. Due to the NACo Legislative Conference, Mr. Martin requested consideration to reschedule the first meeting in March. A motion was made by James G. Smith, seconded by Billy Ray Pait and approved to reschedule the first meeting in March to Monday, March 12, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.**
- C. BRAC Education Fair – Mr. Martin advised that a BRAC Education Fair will be held at FORSCOM Headquarters, Ft. McPherson, GA in early February. He indicated that the Fair will provide representatives of school systems, community colleges and other institutions of higher education in our region an opportunity to promote their organizations to individuals who may be relocating from Ft. McPherson to Ft. Bragg as a result of the BRAC process. Mr. Martin advised that representatives from the county planning to attend include Jeff Kornegay from Bladen Community College, as well as Valerie Newton and possibly Dr. Dinkins from Bladen County Schools. Mr. Martin indicated that Chairperson Margaret Lewis-Moore plans to attend as well.**
- D. Account for Payment of Local Matching Funds for Rural Center Sewer Grant – A motion was made by James G. Smith, seconded by Larry Smith to use General Fund dollars for matching funds for Grant Sewer Project. The motion was approved by a vote of 8 AYES (Lewis Tatum, W. D. Neill Jr., Billy Ray Pait, Greg Taylor, Margaret Lewis-Moore, Delilah Blanks, Larry Smith, and James G. Smith) to 1 NO (Charles Ray Peterson.)**
- E. Closed Session – A motion was made by Greg Taylor, seconded by W. D. Neill Jr. and approved to enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5) Real Property and (6) Personnel.**

**A motion was made by W. D. Neill Jr., seconded by Larry Smith and approved to enter Regular Session.**

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**A motion was made by W. D. Neill Jr., seconded by Larry Smith and approved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.**

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Margaret Lewis-Moore, Chairperson  
Bladen County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Kathy P. Britt, Clerk