

**MARCH 22, 2007**

A Special Meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, March 22, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at the Powell-Melvin Building with the following members present:

Margaret Lewis-Moore, Chairperson  
Billy Ray Pait, Vice Chairman  
W. D. Neill Jr.  
Greg Taylor  
Charles Ray Peterson

Staff: Greg Martin, County Manager  
Chuck Heustess, Economic Development Director  
Ray Suggs, Driver

The Commissioners and Staff took a bus tour to the following locations:

Bladenboro Industrial Park  
Flanders in Clarkton

*Commissioner Charles Ray Peterson joined the group.*

Millwork Specialties, Inc. in Clarkton  
Elizabethtown Industrial Park

Met in Economic Development Incubator Building at approximately 5:15 p.m.

*Commissioner Greg Taylor, Linda Melvin, and Jenny McQueen joined the group.*

Had dinner at approximately 6:10 p.m. Meeting continued and discussion held regarding the following issues:

- How does economic development work?
- What is Bladen's Bloomin', Inc.?
- What is Bladen's Bloomin Agri-Industrial, Inc.?
- How do we add product?
- How do we update industrial park signage?
- Can we return to past staffing levels?
- What next?
- Consider Request for One North Carolina Fund – DuPont Project: **A motion was made by Greg Taylor, seconded by Billy Ray Pait to approve One North Carolina Fund Performance and Grant Agreements. The vote was unanimous.**

**A motion was made by Billy Ray Pait, seconded by Greg Taylor and approved to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.**

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Margaret Lewis-Moore, Chairperson  
Bladen County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Gregory J. Martin, County Manager