

January 7, 2008

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held on January 7, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

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

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

Chairperson Moore called the meeting to order. Vice Chairman Billy Ray Pait provided the invocation and Stephen Bunn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 1. CONSENT ITEMS:

A motion was made by James G. Smith, seconded by Billy Ray Pait and approved the following Consent Items:

- A. Approve Minutes (December 17, 2007)**
- B. Approve Agenda**
- C. Approve the following Budget Amendments**

	Increase	Decrease
<u>Social Services</u>		
Exp: 146100.651	\$349.97	
Energy Neighbor Fund		
Rev: 143530.031	\$349.97	
Energy Neighbor Fund		
<u>Social Services</u>		
Exp: 146100.650	\$47,947.00	
Crisis Intervention		
Rev: 143530.220	\$47,947.00	
DSS Crisis INT.F/S		
<u>Library</u>		
Exp: 106700.570	\$250.00	
Miscellaneous		
Rev: 103190.010	\$250.00	
Wal-Mart		
<u>Central Services</u>		
Exp: 105020.450		
Contracted Services	\$5,500.00	
Rev: 103190.050		
FBA	\$5,500.00	
<u>Tobermory Fire Department</u>		
Exp: 335090.570	\$50,000.00	
Miscellaneous Expense		
Exp: 335090.990		\$4,379.00
Contingency		
Rev: 333290.020	\$45,621.00	
FBA		

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Tar Heel Fire Department

Exp: 415.080.570 \$13,003.00
Miscellaneous Expense
Rev: 413290.020 \$13,003.00
FBA

Emergency Services

Exp: 105300.570 \$8,596.00
Miscellaneous Expense
Rev: 103230.030 \$8,596.00
Reimb. Emergency Services

D. Approve County Attorney Invoices

- **Gooden vs. Kelly \$450.00**
- **Landfill Incident \$750.00**
- **Catherine B. Sloan Tax Evaluation Appeal \$250.00**

**E. Re-Schedule Public Hearing for Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.
Regarding a Proposed Incentive Grant Agreement with Bladen's Bloomin'
Agri-Industrial, Inc.**

**F. Approve Resolutions Recognizing Stephen Bunn. and Logan Bunn for
Outstanding Achievement in Earning Rank of Eagle Scout**

G. Approve Mentoring Month Proclamation

ITEM 2. MATTERS OF INTEREST TO COMMISSIONERS:

**A. Recognize Marguerite Coble for 34 Years of Service to Bladen
County**

- Chairperson Moore presented Ms. Coble with a plaque for her 34 years of service to Bladen County. Ms. Coble expressed her gratitude to Bladen County for 34 wonderful years.

B. Present Mentoring Month Proclamation to Angela Shaver

- Chairperson Moore presented the Mentoring Month Proclamation to Angela Shaver, Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development.

**C. Present Resolutions of Congratulations to Stephen and Logan
Bunn for Earning the Rank of Eagle Scout**

- Chairperson Moore presented Resolutions of Congratulations to Stephen Bunn for Earning the Rank of Eagle Scout. Stephen Bunn accepted Resolution of Congratulations on behalf of his brother, Logan Bunn.

- Commissioner Peterson expressed an interest in recognizing Leo Hester at a future meeting.
- Dr. Blanks expressed an interest in developing a State of the County Address in celebration of the NC Association of County Commissioners 100 years of County Unity. It was agreed that an address will be delivered during the January 22, 2008 meeting.
- Commissioner Peterson asked Mr. Martin to check the shape of flags at all County Departments. He stated that a citizen has contacted him with a concern about the condition of flags. Mr. Martin stated he would be glad to look into it.

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

- Mr. Johnny Collins, a resident of Hwy 131 expressed a concern about pit bulls in his community and the need for Bladen County to adopt a Leash Law.

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**ITEM 4. BLADEN AREA RURAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES:
(Kent Porter, Coordinator)**

A. Public Hearing Regarding 2008-2009 Community Transportation Program Application

- Chairperson Moore declared the Public Hearing Open.
- No comments were received.
- Chairperson Moore declared the Public Hearing Closed.

B. Consider Approving Community Transportation Program Resolution and Human Services Resolution – Upon a motion made by Greg Taylor, seconded by James G. Smith the Board approved the following Community Transportation Program Resolution and Human Services Resolution.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM RESOLUTION

Section 5311

FY 2008 - FY 2009 RESOLUTION

Applicant Seeking Permission to Apply for Community Transportation Program Funding,
Enter Into Agreement with The North Carolina Department Of Transportation
And to Provide the Necessary Assurances.

A motion was made by (Board Member's Name) _____ and seconded by (Board Member's Name or N/A, if not required) _____ for the adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

WHEREAS, Article 2B of Chapter 136 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the Governor of North Carolina have designated the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) as the agency responsible for administering federal and state public transportation funds; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation will apply for a grant from the US Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration and receives funds from the North Carolina General Assembly to provide assistance for rural public transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of these transportation funds is to provide grant monies to local agencies for the provision of rural public transportation services consistent with the policy requirements for planning, community and agency involvement, service design, service alternatives, training and conference participation, reporting and other requirements (drug and alcohol testing policy and program, disadvantaged business enterprise program, and fully allocated costs analysis);

WHEREAS, (Legal Name of Applicant) _____ hereby assures and certifies that it will comply with the federal and state Statutes, regulations, executive orders, Section 5333 (b) Warranty, and all administrative requirements which relates to the applications made to and grants received from the Federal Transit Administration, as well as the provisions of Section 1001, of Title 18, U. S. C.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the (Authorized Official's Title)* _____ of (Name of Applicant's Governing Body) _____ is hereby authorized to submit a grant application for federal and state funding, make the necessary assurances and certifications and be empowered to enter into an agreement with the NCDOT to provide rural public transportation services.

I (Certifying Official's Name)* _____ (Certifying Official's Title) _____ do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of the (Name of Applicant's Governing Board) _____ duly held on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signature of Certifying Official

***Note that the authorized official, certifying official, and notary public should be three separate individuals.**

Seal Subscribed and sworn to me (date) _____

Notary Public *

Address

My commission expires (date) _____



HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY TRANSPORTATION RESOLUTION

State Funds

FY 2008-2009 RESOLUTION

Applicant Seeking Permission to Apply for Human Service Transportation Funding,
Enter Into Agreement with The North Carolina Department Of Transportation
And to Provide the Necessary Assurances.

A motion was made by (Board Member's Name) _____ and seconded by (Board Member's Name or N/A, if not required) _____ for the adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

WHEREAS, Article 2B of Chapter 136 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the Governor of North Carolina have designated the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) as the agency responsible for administering federal and state public transportation funds; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation receives funds from the North Carolina General Assembly to provide assistance for rural public transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of these transportation funds is to provide grant monies to local agencies for the provision of rural public transportation services;

WHEREAS, (Legal Name of Applicant) _____ hereby assures and certifies that it will comply with the federal and state Statutes, regulations, executive orders, and all administrative requirements related to the applications made to and grants received from the North Carolina Department of Transportation;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the (Authorized Official's Title)* _____ of (Name of Applicant's Governing Body) _____ is hereby authorized to submit a grant application for state funding, make the necessary assurances and certifications and be empowered to enter into an agreement with the NCDOT to provide rural public transportation services.

I (Certifying Official's Name)* _____ (Certifying Official's Title) _____ do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of the (Name of Applicant's Governing Board) _____ duly held on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

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- ITEM 5. HEALTH DEPARTMENT: (Wayne Stewart, Director)**
- Consider Approving Compensation Adjustment for the Bladen County Board of Health – **A motion was made by James G. Smith, seconded by Charles Ray Peterson and approved to Table this item until the January 22, 2008 meeting.**
- ITEM 6. ADVISORY BOARDS**
- A. Bladen County Hospital Advisory Board (1) – A motion was made by W.D. Neill, Jr., seconded by Billy Ray Pait and approved to appoint Brenda Kelly to serve on the Bladen County Hospital Advisory Board with an expiration date of December 31, 2009.**
 - B. Bladen County Hospital Executive Board (2) – A motion was made by Delilah Blanks, seconded by Billy Ray Pait, and approved to table until the January 22, 2008 meeting.**
 - C. Bladen County Senior Center Advisory Board (3) – A motion was made by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by James G. Smith, and approved to appoint Joyce Walters, Russell Ruffiin, and John Graham to the Bladen County Senior Center Advisory Board.**
- ITEM 7. COUNTY MANAGER: (Greg Martin)**
- A. Calendar Update - Mr. Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.**
 - B. Consider Scheduling Date for Board Planning Session – A motion was made by James G. Smith, seconded by Charles Ray Peterson and approved to schedule a Board Planning Session for February 22 and 23, 2008 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.**
 - C. Consider Request Regarding County Property – *Tabled until January 22, 2007 meeting.***
 - D. Consider Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6) Personnel Matters - A motion was made by Billy Ray Pait, seconded by Greg Taylor and approved to enter Closed Session.**

A motion was made by Lewis Tatum, seconded by Larry Smith and approved to enter Regular Session.

A motion was made by Billy Ray Pait, seconded by Greg Taylor and approved to appoint Levingston Lewis as Interim Director of Revenue/Tax Administrator.

A motion was made by Lewis Tatum, seconded by Larry Smith and approved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

**Margaret Lewis-Moore, Chairperson
Bladen County Board of Commissioners**

ATTEST:

Ashley C. Sasser, Clerk