

April 7, 2008

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held on April 7, 2008 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse.

Commissioner Moore called the meeting to order. Commissioner Tatum provided the invocation and County Manager Greg Martin led the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Moore added the following items to the proposed agenda:
8B Closed Session Matter – Economic Development (a)(4)
8C Property Bid

A motion was made by James G. Smith, seconded Billy Ray Pait and approved to add the requested items to the proposed agenda and approve the following consent items:

- A. Approve Minutes
March 25, 2008**
- B. Approve Agenda**
- C. Approve Budget Amendments**

	Increase	Decrease
<u>Division on Aging</u>		
Exp: 106220.570	\$1863.69	
<i>Misc Expense</i>		
Rev: 103190.010	\$1863.69	
<i>FBA</i>		
<u>Health Department</u>		
Exp: 105200.330	\$285.00	
<i>Supplies</i>		
Rev: 103260.040	\$260.00	
<i>Animal Control Pick-Up Fees</i>		
Rev: 103190.010	\$25.00	
<i>Miscellaneous Revenue Donation</i>		
<u>Emergency Services</u>		
Exp: 105300.330	\$4,822.24	
<i>Supplies & Materials</i>		
Rev: 103230.034	\$4,822.24	
<i>Emergency Performance Supplemental Grant</i>		
<u>Health Department</u>		
Exp: 105900.330	\$3,310.85	
<i>Supplies</i>		
Rev: 103560.092	\$3,310.85	
<i>Hep B/Flu</i>		

- D. Approve County Attorney Invoices**
 - **April Retainer \$300.00**
 - **Bladen County Hospital Sale-Lease \$450.00**
 - **Lease to Bladen County from Bladen's Bloomin' Agri-Industrial, Inc. \$350.00**

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E. Approve Resolution in Memory of James Worth Thompson, Sr.

County of Bladen
Board of Commissioners



Resolution

WHEREAS, James Worth Thompson, Sr. was born on June 10, 1929 to Beulah Katie Gray and Luther David Thompson; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson was a resident of the Elizabethtown Community; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson was married to Elsie Stevens Thompson, and to this union 6 children were born, James Worth Thompson, Jr., Linda Transou, Louise Britt, Faye Aiken, Carolyn Hill, and Barbara Driggers; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson died on Friday, February 15, 2008; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson was a Businessman in Elizabethtown for 45 years and was known for his friendly and generous ways; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson was a devoted Charter Member of the Elizabethtown Rescue Squad; and,

WHEREAS, the people of Bladen County have, by his death, lost a great friend, and a valued member of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the people of Bladen County, the Board of County Commissioners does hereby express to the family of Mr. James Worth Thompson, Sr. its heartfelt belief that the memory of his good works and character will be and remain an inspiration to many and a blessing to all;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution, bearing the seal of the County of Bladen, shall be presented to the family of Mr. James Worth Thompson, Sr. in the name of the people of Bladen County.

Adopted this 7th Day of April, 2008.


Margaret Lewis-Moore, Chairperson
Bladen County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Ashley C. Sasser, Clerk

F. Approve Resolutions in Honor of Former Mayors of Municipalities in Bladen County

G. Approve Proclamation Declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Bladen County



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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our children represent our greatest hope for the future and Bladen County remains steadfast in its commitment to the safety and security of our children, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, nurtured, and be free from verbal, sexual, emotional and physical abuse, and neglect; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of every adult who comes in contact with a child to protect that child's inalienable right to a safe and nurturing childhood; and

WHEREAS, Bladen County has dedicated individuals and organizations who work daily to counter the problem of child maltreatment and to help parents obtain the assistance they need; and

WHEREAS, our communities are stronger when all citizens become aware of child maltreatment prevention and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among families, social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community;

WHEREAS, all citizens, community agencies, faith organizations, businesses will work to increase their efforts to support families

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bladen County Commissioners hereby proclaim the month of April 2008, to be

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

The **Bladen County Board of Commissioners** commends this observation during April 2008 to the citizens of **Bladen County**.


Margaret Lewis-Moore, Chairperson
Bladen County Board of Commissioners

4-07-08
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ITEM 2. MATTERS OF INTEREST TO COMMISSIONERS:

- A. Present Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation – Chairperson Moore presented the Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation to Vickie Smith, DSS Foster Care/Adoption Supervisor and Hope Freeman with Child Protective Services.
- B. Present Resolution to the Family of James Worth Thompson, Sr. – Chairperson Moore presented the Family of James Worth Thompson, Sr. with a Resolution in his memory.
- C. Present Resolutions to Former Mayors – Chairperson Moore presented former Mayors of Municipalities in Bladen County with a Resolution.
- D. Commissioner Peterson stated that the Board should recognize West Bladen Basketball team for their State Championship victory. He also stated that the Board should honor Robert Hester for the VFW recognition.
- E. Commissioner Taylor stated that the Board of Education Members had expressed their appreciation for the donation from Bladen County to the West and East Bladen Basketball teams.

ITEM 3. INDIVIDUALS/DELEGATIONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COMMISSIONERS:

ITEM 4. HEALTH DEPARTMENT: (*Wayne Stewart, Director*)

- Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Animal Control Ordinance
- *Chairperson Moore declared the public hearing open.*
- Susan Goff expressed a concern for Backyard breeding. She also expressed a concern for the number of dogs a homeowner can have in their yard. Ms. Goff stated that her neighbor breeds pit bulls. Furthermore, she stated that her neighbor has about 15 dogs and when 15 dogs bark at night it is very difficult to get a good night's rest.
- *Chairperson Moore declared the public hearing closed.*

ITEM 5. LUMBER RIVER WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT: (*Dana Powell, Director*)

- Lumber River Workforce Development Director, Dana Powell provided an update of the Job Link Center construction. The Building is approximately 8,900 square feet. The new location of Job Link will be located at 401 Mercer Mill Road in Elizabethtown. Job Link is a partnership with Employment Security Commission, Bladen Community College, Department of Social Services Workfirst Program, Telemon, and Job Corps.

ITEM 6. REVENUE DEPARTMENT: (*Livingston Lewis, Interim Director*)

- Consider Approving Business Personal Property Audit and Discovery Services Contract with Tax Management Associates, Inc. – *Tabled for Attorney review.*

ITEM 7. ADVISORY BOARDS:

- Elizabethtown Rural Fire District Committee (4)
A motion was made by Lewis Tatum, seconded by James G. Smith and approved to appoint Billy Smith, P.M. Gooden and Bizzell Davis to the Elizabethtown Rural Fire District Committee with expiration dates of April 7, 2010 and to reappoint Emery White to the Elizabethtown Rural Fire District Committee with an expiration date of April 7, 2010.

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ITEM 8. COUNTY MANAGER: (*Greg Martin*)

- A. Calendar Update – Mr. Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.
- B. Consider Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6) Personnel, (a)(4) Economic Development – A motion was made by Billy Ray Pait, seconded by Greg Taylor and approved to enter Closed Session.

A motion was made by Larry Smith, seconded by Billy Ray Pait and approved to exit Closed Session.

A motion was made by Billy Ray Pait, seconded by Larry Smith and approved to enter Regular Session.

- C. Consider Bid to Acquire County Property – A motion was made by James G. Smith, seconded by Greg Taylor and approved to accept a bid in the amount \$8,279.13 received by Shelia Mckoy for property located at 230 Fletcher Johnson Road, White Oak, PIN 0395-00-18-4732.

A motion was made by Lewis Tatum, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr. and approved to adjourn at 8:50 pm.

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

ATTEST:

Ashley C. Sasser, Clerk