

May 19, 2008

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held on May 19, 2008 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse with the following members present:

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

Absent: Margaret Lewis-Moore

Attorney: Wes Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

Vice Chairman Pait called the meeting to order. Commissioner Taylor provided the invocation and County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon a motion by James G. Smith, seconded by Charles Ray Peterson, the Board approved the following consent items:

- A. Minutes (May 12, 2008)**
- B. Agenda**
- C. Budget Amendments**

	Increase	Decrease
<u>E911 Addressing</u>		
Exp: 225300.740	\$30,000.00	
<i>Capital Outlay</i>		
Rev: 223260.020	\$30,000.00	
<i>Wireless Fund Balance</i>		
<u>EMS</u>		
Exp: 325300.740	\$18,942.50	
<i>Capital Outlay</i>		
Exp: 325300.334	\$9,876.50	
<i>EMS Tool Kit Grant</i>		
Rev: 323280.010	\$28,820.00	
<i>EMS/WCOEMS Tool Kit Grant</i>		

- D. Approve County Attorney Invoices**
 - **May Retainer \$300.00**
 - **Lease to Bladen County to Cape Fear Valley Health System \$575.00**
- E. Approve Tax Refunds and Releases Docket #_____**
- F. Schedule Public Hearing for June 2, 2008 at 6:30 pm to Finance Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract**
- G. Schedule Public Hearing for June 2, 2008 at 6:30 pm Regarding FY 08-09 Proposed Budget**

ITEM 2. MATTERS OF INTEREST TO COMMISSIONERS:

- A. Recognize Bladenboro Emergency Services, Inc. – Vice Chairman Pait presented Bladenboro Emergency Services, Inc. members with a plaque for 40 years of service.
- B. Recognize Leadership Bladen Participants – Vice Chairman Pait presented Leadership Bladen Participants with a plaque.

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- Commissioner Peterson requested that the board recognize Milton Stone on June 16, 2008.
- Commissioner Blanks discussed proposed bill in General Assembly regarding proposed EMS Fee Cap at \$1500 for purchase of vehicles. Staff will prepare resolution in support of bill.

Reception

ITEM 3. INDIVIDUALS/DELEGATIONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COMMISSIONERS:

ITEM 4. FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION: (Maureen McCarthy)

- Overview of Early Transition to Digital TV – Maureen McCarthy Representative of the FCC discussed the early transition to digital TV. She explained that the transition to digital TV will begin September 8, 2009. Furthermore, Ms. McCarthy stated that she was informing the public of this transition by attending Town Council meetings and various other public meetings throughout Bladen County.

ITEM 5. HEALTH DEPARTMENT: (Wayne Stewart, Director)

- Approve Department of Public Health as Host Agency for Bladen Health Watch – A motion was made by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by James G. Smith and approved Bladen County Department of Public Health as the Host Agency for Bladen Health Watch. The Health Department will assume 1 full time position and 3 part time positions. All of the positions are grant funded and will be of no cost to the county.

ITEM 6. BLADEN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT: (Randy Garner, Director)

- Update Regarding Water User Agreements – Randy Garner, Director of the Bladen County Water District and Adam Kiker with Hobbs, Upchurch, and Associates, PA provided an update of the water user agreements received for the proposed Phase III South Project. The Board advised Adam with HUA to provide a recommendation for roads to be included that have at least 70% participation rate or user agreements.

ITEM 7. COUNTY MANAGER: (Greg Martin)

- A. Calendar Update – Mr. Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.
- B. Presentation of FY 09 Proposed Budget- County Manager Greg Martin presented the FY 09 Proposed Budget. Upon a motion by Larry Smith, seconded by Delilah Blanks, the Board approved to schedule a Special Meeting regarding the FY 08-09 Budget for June 3, 2008 at 5:00pm.
- C. Consider Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6) Personnel Matter – A motion was made by Larry Smith, seconded by Delilah Blanks and approved to enter Closed Session.

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

A motion was made by James G. Smith, seconded by Larry Smith and approved to hire Pat DeVane as the Tax Assessor/ Tax Collector effective June 2, 2008.

Upon a motion by Delilah Blanks, seconded by Charles Ray Peterson, the Board approved to schedule a Special Meeting regarding the FY 08-09 Budget for June 5, 2008 at 5:00 pm.

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A motion was made by Lewis Tatum, seconded by Delilah Blanks and approved to adjourn at 8:50 pm.

Margaret Lewis-Moore, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Ashley C. Sasser, Clerk