

**September 2, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at 6:30 pm in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse with the following members present.

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

Absent: Charles Ray Peterson  
Arriving Late: Greg Taylor

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

Chairperson Moore called the meeting to order. W.D. Neill, Jr. provided the Invocation and County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairperson Moore requested that a Budget Amendment for Tar Heel Fire Department be added to the proposed agenda.

Upon a motion by James G. Smith, seconded by Billy Ray Pait, the following Consent Items were approved, including the requested addition:

- A. Approve Minutes  
(August 18, 2008)**
- B. Approve Agenda**
- C. Approve Budget Amendments**

	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
<b><u>Division on Aging</u></b>		
Exp: 106240.330	\$200.00	
<i>Supplies &amp; Materials</i>		
Rev: 103190.010	\$200.00	
<i>Miscellaneous Revenue</i>		
<b><u>Education</u></b>		
Exp: 106910.981	\$161,133.21	
<i>Schools-ADM Hold Harmless</i>		
Rev: 103190.050		
<i>FBA</i>	\$161,133.21	
<b><u>Health Department</u></b>		
Exp: 105900.330	\$48,000.00	
<i>Supplies</i>		
Rev: 103530.060	\$48,000.00	
<i>DHHS-General</i>		
<b><u>Bladenboro Fire District</u></b>		
Exp: 426900.570	\$50,000.00	
<i>Misc. Expense</i>		
Exp: 426900.990		
<i>Contingency</i>		
		\$33,427.00
Rev: 423290.030		
<i>FBA</i>	\$16,573.00	

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**Tar Heel Fire District**

Exp: 415080.570	\$34,152.80	
Miscellaneous Expense		
Exp: 415080.990		\$17,196.00
Contingency		
Rev: 413290.020	\$16,956.80	
FBA		

**D. Approve Bad Debt Write-Off for the Health Department**

**E. Approve Rate Increase for EMS**

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

- Report on Emergency Response to Train Derailment (Chief Deputy Phillip Little) – Chief Deputy Phillip Little provided a detailed report regarding the Train Derailment that occurred in East Arcadia.

*Commissioner Greg Taylor arrived.*

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

**ITEM 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A. Public Hearing Regarding Application for CDBG Scattered Site Funding – Chairperson Moore declared the public hearing open. No public comments were received and Chairperson Moore declared the public hearing closed.
- B. Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Incentive Grant Agreement with DuPont – Chairperson Moore declared the public hearing open. No public comments were received and Chairperson Moore declared the public hearing closed.
- C. Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Incentive Grant Agreement with Superior Fibers, LLC. – Chairperson Moore declared the public hearing open. No public comments were received and Chairperson Moore declared the public hearing closed.

**ITEM 5. SOLID WASTE: (*Robert Mazur, Director*)**

- A. Consider Approving Disposal Bid from Waste Industries
- B. Consider Approving Hauling Bid from First Tee, Inc.  
Upon a motion by Greg Taylor, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr., the Board approved the Disposal Bid from Waste Industries and Hauling Bid from First Tee, Inc. Formal contracts will be presented at a later date for Board consideration.
- C. Consider Approving Recycling Contract with Bryant’s Recycling, Inc.  
– Upon a motion by Billy Ray Pait, seconded by W. D. Neill, Jr., the Board approved the following Recycling Contract with Bryant’s Recycling, Inc.

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BRYANT'S RECYCLING, INC  
100A FONTANA STREET  
CLINTON NC 28328

Phone (910) 590 2200  
Fax (910) 590 2010  
E-mail abryantd@earthlink.net

**Customer / Vendor Agreement**

This agreement made the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2008 by and between Bryant's Recycling, Inc., hereinafter called the Customer and Bladen County, hereinafter called the Vendor.

**Article 1. Scope of Work**

The Customer shall furnish all materials and perform all work discussed in the specifications of the proposal, as annexed hereto as it pertains to work to be performed on property described as the Solid Waste Management Convenience/Collection Centers owned and operated by Bladen County Solid Waste, Elizabethtown, NC.

**SPECIFICATION OF SERVICES ACKNOWLEDGES CUSTOMER TO:**

- Provide a minimum of two (2) recycling trailers at the 17 Convenience/Collection Centers for collection of materials, located throughout Bladen County.
- Provide pickup service for stockpiled trailers, within three (3) days upon notification by the County. All collections will be removed during the Convenience Centers normal business hours (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday, 7am – 7pm)
- Provide certified weigh tickets for each transfer/collection.
- Handle transportation of all recyclables with no fuel surcharge or trailer rental charges. Bryant's Recycling Inc., will provide all personnel and equipment necessary for the processing and handling of the recyclables.
- Payment terms: Each monthly accumulation will be paid net thirty (30) days of receipt of invoice provided by Bladen County, or net thirty (30) days of collection, whichever comes first.
- Provide Vendor with monthly market price updates for all recyclable materials.
- Provide this contract for three (3) years with the option to renew for an additional three (3) years, in twelve (12) month increments.
- The following items are to be removed from the location stated above: Mixed Paper, PET #1 & HDPE #2 Plastics, Steel Cans, Aluminum Cans and Glass Containers (all colors).

**Article 2. Commencement and Terms**

The work to be performed under this contract shall be commenced on September 1, 2008. Both parties will agree and abide to contract terms for a period of (3) years, provided, however, that Vendor has the option to terminate this contract by providing Customer with ninety (90) days written notice. The parties hereby agree to the nonexclusive jurisdiction of the courts located in Bladen County, North Carolina over

any dispute arising under this contract and agree to waive any claim to lack of jurisdiction, improper venue or forum non conveniens in connection therewith. An extension can be made to this contract if both parties agree here to.

**Article 3. Contract Price**

The Customer shall pay the Vendor the set price of 20% of the Market Price for materials placed into Bryant's Recycling, Inc., trailers or 50% of the Market Price for items delivered to Bryant's Recycling, Inc., Clinton, NC, subject to additions and deductions based on the sole rights of Customer. These deductions are based upon, but not limited to dirt, trash, or any items not previously agreed upon by both parties. To receive payment, the market price for mixed paper must be above \$65.00 per ton and \$0.065 cents per pound for plastics (PET #1 & HDPE #2). There is no price stipulation for steel and aluminum cans. If the market price drops below the stated prices, Bladen County will receive no payment for these stated items, but Bryant's Recycling, Inc., will continue to collect and dispose of all materials.

**Article 4. Payment Terms**

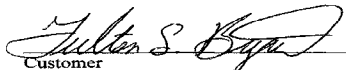
Payment of the contract price shall be paid in the following manner: Net 30  
Payment will be based on Market Price for the day of transfer.

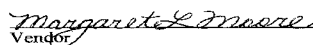
**Article 5. General Provision**

It is agreed that both Customer and Vendor shall maintain liability insurance while this contract is in effect. Bryant's Recycling, Inc. will maintain \$1,000,000.00 worth of liability insurance coverage. Furthermore, the Customer assumes all risks and hazards incidental to the conduct of collection activities; and do further hereby release, absolve, indemnify and hold harmless Bladen County Government from any claims that may arise involving Customer's actions or equipment.

Any alteration or deviation from the above specifications, including but not limited to any such alteration or deviation involving additional materials and/or labor cost, will be executed only upon a written order for same, signed by Vendor Owner and Customer Owner, and if there is any charge for such alteration or deviation, the additional charges will be added to the contract price.

This agreement shall be binding upon the parties, their successors, assignees, and personal representatives. Time is of essence on all undertakings. This agreement shall be enforced under the laws of the State of North Carolina. This is the entire agreement.

  
Customer  
9-9-08  
Date

  
Vendor  
9-9-08  
Date

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**ITEM 6. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT: (Sheriff Steve Bunn)**

- Consider Approving Communications Tower Replacement – Upon a motion by Greg Taylor, seconded by Lewis Tatum, the Board approved the replacement of the Communications Tower located at the County Park. The Viper Project Bids received were lower than the initial cost of \$2.1 million. Therefore, funding is available to upgrade the tower. Conversation has taken place with the LGC, BB&T, and the School of Government and all parties have approved upgrade with the Viper Project.

**ITEM 7. Consider Request to Enter Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(4) Economic Development Matters, (a)(6) Personnel Matters – A motion was made by James G. Smith, seconded by Delilah Blanks and approved to enter Closed Session.**

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

**ITEM 8. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: (Chuck Heustess, Director)**

- A. Consider Approving Incentive Grant Agreement with DuPont – Upon a motion by Larry Smith, seconded by Delilah Blanks, the Board approved the following Incentive Grant Agreement with DuPont subject to County Attorney and Economic Development Director's review.

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AGREEMENT

BLADEN COUNTY

THIS AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is made and entered into as of the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008, among BLADEN COUNTY (the "County"), a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina; and Dupont (the "Grantee"), a Delaware corporation;

WITNESSETH: that --

WHEREAS, the General Statutes of North Carolina empower counties to provide economic incentives to induce new industries to locate within their boundaries or to induce existing industry to expand within their boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Bladen County Board of Commissioners has adopted the Bladen County Industrial Development Incentive Grant Program, hereinafter referred to as the "Grant Program," in order to induce existing industry to expand in Bladen County, and targeted new industries to locate in Bladen County, as determined in accordance with the provisions of the Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Bladen County Economic Development Commission that Grantee meets the minimum criteria for participation in the Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, Grantee acknowledges that the incentive grant provided pursuant to this Agreement has served as inducement for Grantee to construct and/or install its capital investment in Bladen County.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth, the parties hereto do each contract and agree with the other as follows:

1. Grantee shall comply with the following conditions in order to qualify for initial and continuing grant payments pursuant to this Agreement. These conditions shall be referred to hereinafter as the "Grant Criteria."
  - (a) Within **six (6) months** of the date of this Agreement, Grantee shall commence its expansion project. The project shall include construction of a new **manufacturing** facility in Bladen County of approximately \_\_\_\_\_ square feet, herein after referred to as the "Facility," and installation of all new capital equipment and machinery at the Facility, hereinafter referred to as the "Equipment." The Facility and Equipment shall comprise a new taxable investment in Bladen County valued within the range of **\$20 million to \$50 million**, as determined by the appraisal of the Bladen County Tax Assessor. The equipment shall remain in Bladen County throughout the grant term.

In order to facilitate appraisal by the Tax Assessor, Grantee shall itemize all business personal property (machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures) on Grantee's tax listing form as of January 31 of each year. Grantee's new taxable investment may exceed \$50 million, but this amount shall serve as the highest appraised value on which a grant amount will be calculated pursuant to this agreement.

- (b) Grantee's operation of the Facility shall create not fewer than 9 new permanent jobs in Bladen County within two years of the date of this Agreement and maintain this number of new permanent jobs throughout the tax period.
- (c) The average weekly wage for the new positions created shall exceed the average weekly wage in Bladen County for the duration of the grant. For purposes of this Agreement, the average weekly wage in Bladen County shall be the wage determined on an annual basis by the North Carolina Department of Commerce for use with the William S. Lee Quality Jobs and Expansion Act of 1998.
- (d) Grantee shall operate the Facility in compliance with all laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes, standards, and orders of any governmental bodies, agencies, authorities, and courts having jurisdiction.
- (e) Grantee shall be current in the payment of all ad valorem taxes and fees imposed by Bladen County.
- (f) Grantee shall conduct operations at the Facility in such manner as is environmentally clean.

- 2. Provided that the Grantee has (I) satisfied all of the Grant Criteria, (II) agreed to the value of the Facility and Equipment as determined by Bladen County's Tax Assessor, and (III) paid all applicable local taxes, then in such event the County shall provide a grant to Grantee in an amount based on .555% of the Tax Assessor's new capital investment (defined as appraised value of the new Facility and Equipment) for the given tax year. The County shall provide the grant payments for five consecutive tax years beginning with the tax year of the commencement of the construction of the Facility. The total grant award shall not exceed an amount equal to 75% of the taxes paid by Dupont for this new facility, machinery, and equipment in the given tax year.

The County will pay the grant payments to Dupont by February 28<sup>th</sup> of the year following each year of grant eligibility.

The parties agree that any qualified expansion of the Expanded Facility after the commencement of the five (5) year Grant period shall (provided

the program is still in effect) be eligible for separate Grants under the program for a separate five (5) year grant period beginning with commencement of construction of a new Facility or installation of new Equipment.

Grant payments shall continue throughout the grant term only so long as Grantee continues to satisfy the Grant Criteria. Grantee agrees to cooperate with the County by providing such information and such access to Grantee's records as may be necessary to verify and substantiate initial and ongoing compliance with the Grant Criteria. The County may terminate this Agreement if unable to independently verify compliance with the Grant Criteria upon exercise of reasonable effort.

- 3. If Grantee fails to satisfy any or all of the Grant Criteria or at any time fails to pay all applicable local taxes when due, then the County may terminate this Agreement and have no further obligation to the Grantee for the payment of any grant award or the provision of any other incentive. Prior to termination on the basis of Grantee's failure to pay applicable taxes when due, the County shall provide written notice to Grantee stating that taxes are delinquent. If the taxes have not been paid within thirty days of Grantee's receipt of notice, then the County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement and demand reimbursement. If the County terminates this Agreement for cause pursuant to this paragraph, then Grantee shall reimburse to the County that amount of the grant award already paid.

All notices, certificates or other communications required by or made pursuant to this Agreement shall be sufficiently given and shall be deemed given when delivered or mailed by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid or sent by telefacsimile (confirmed by the party providing notice) as follows:

The County: The County of Bladen  
P. O. Box 1048  
101 East Broad Street  
Elizabethtown, NC 28337  
Attn: County Manager  
Telefacsimile No.: (910) 862-6767

Grantee: Dupont Attn: Property Tax  
P.O. Box 1039  
Wilmington, DE 19899-9703  
Attn:  
Telefacsimile No.:

The County or the Grantee may, by notice given to the other, designate any further or different addresses to which notices, certificates, requests or

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other communications shall be sent.

4. This agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto, their assigns and successors in interest. This Agreement contains the total agreement between the parties and may only be altered or amended by the parties hereto in writing. If this Agreement, or any provision hereof, is determined to be invalid, unlawful or otherwise null and void by any court of competent jurisdiction, this agreement shall terminate and neither party shall have any further obligation to the other. This agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina. Exclusive venue for any disputes arising hereunder is conferred upon the General Courts of Justice of the State of North Carolina sitting in Bladen County, North Carolina. Grantee shall not assign, sublet or transfer any rights under or interest in this Agreement (including, but without limitation, monies that may become due or monies that are due) without the written consent of the County. Unless specifically stated to the contrary in any written consent to assignment, no assignment shall release or discharge the assignor from any duty or responsibility under this Agreement.

The parties acknowledge and stipulate that this Agreement is the product of mutual negotiation and bargaining and that it has been drafted by counsel for the parties. As such, the doctrine of construction against the drafter shall have no application to this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, acting under authority of their respective governing bodies, have caused this contract to be duly executed, this the day and year first above written.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ BLADEN COUNTY  
BY: A. Sherry C. Sasser BY: Margaret L. Moore  
Clerk to the Board Chairman, Board of Commissioners  
ATTEST: Dupont  
Grantee  
BY: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved As To Legal Form \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Consider Approving Incentive Grant Agreement with Superior Fibers, LLC. – Upon a motion by Billy Ray Pait, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr., the Board approved the following Incentive Grant Agreement with Superior Fibers, LLC subject to County Attorney and Economic Development Director’s review.**

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WITNESSETH: that --

WHEREAS, the General Statutes of North Carolina empower counties to provide economic incentives to induce new industries to locate within their boundaries or to induce existing industry to expand within their boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Bladen County Board of Commissioners has adopted the Bladen County Industrial Development Incentive Grant Program, hereinafter referred to as the "Grant Program," in order to induce existing industry to expand in Bladen County, and targeted new industries to locate in Bladen County, as determined in accordance with the provisions of the Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Bladen County Economic Development Commission that Grantee meets the minimum criteria for participation in the Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, Grantee acknowledges that the incentive grant provided pursuant to this Agreement has served as inducement for Grantee to construct and/or install its capital investment in Bladen County.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth, the parties hereto do each contract and agree with the other as follows:

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  - (a) Within six (6) months of the date of this Agreement, Grantee shall commence its expansion project. The project shall include construction or renovation of a new manufacturing facility in Bladen County of approximately 240,000 square feet, herein after referred to as the "Facility," and installation of **all new capital equipment and machinery (any machinery and equipment which was not previously part of the assessed value as of January 1, 2006) at the Facility, hereinafter referred to as the "Equipment."** The Facility and Equipment shall comprise a new taxable investment in Bladen County valued within the range of \$3 million to \$12 million, as

determined by the appraisal of the Bladen County Tax Assessor. The grant is based solely on the additional assessed value of the facility and equipment above and beyond the January 1, 2006 assessed value. The equipment shall remain in Bladen County throughout the grant term. In order to facilitate appraisal by the Tax Assessor, Grantee shall itemize all business personal property (machinery, equipment, furniture, and fixtures) on Grantee's tax listing form as of January 31 of each year. Grantee's new taxable investment may exceed \$12 million, but this amount shall serve as the highest appraised value on which a grant amount will be calculated pursuant to this agreement.

- (b) Grantee's operation of the Facility shall create not fewer than 75 new permanent jobs in Bladen County within two years of the date of this Agreement and maintain this number of new permanent jobs throughout the tax period. Grantee's operation of the facility shall retain not fewer than the 36 existing jobs in Clarkton. Grantee's operation of the facility shall create and retain a total of 111 jobs in Clarkton.
- (c) The average weekly wage for the new positions created shall exceed the average weekly wage in Bladen County for the duration of the grant. For purposes of this Agreement, the average weekly wage in Bladen County shall be the wage determined on an annual basis by the North Carolina Department of Commerce.
- (d) Grantee shall operate the Facility in compliance with all laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes, standards, and orders of any governmental bodies, agencies, authorities, and courts having jurisdiction.
- (e) Grantee shall be current in the payment of all ad valorem taxes and fees imposed by Bladen County.
- (f) Grantee shall conduct operations at the Facility in such manner as is environmentally clean.

2. Provided that the Grantee has (I) satisfied all of the Grant Criteria, (II) agreed to the value of the Facility and Equipment as determined by the sole discretion of the Bladen County Tax Assessor, and (III) paid all applicable local taxes, then in such event the County shall provide a grant to Grantee in an amount based on .52% of the new capital investment (defined as appraised value of the new Facility and Equipment) for the given tax year minus the assessed value of Equipment taken out of service as a result of the expansion project. The County shall provide the grant payments for five consecutive tax years beginning with the tax year of the commencement of the construction of the Facility. The Grantee shall notify the County in writing to verify the commencement date of the

project within 30 days of such commencement. The total grant award shall not exceed an amount equal to 70% of the taxes paid by Superior Fibres, Inc. on the new taxable investment in the given tax year.

The County will pay the grant payments to Superior Fibres, Inc. by February 28<sup>th</sup> of the year following each year of grant eligibility.

The parties agree that any qualified expansion of the Expanded Facility after the commencement of the five (5) year Grant period shall (provided the program is still in effect) be eligible for separate Grants under the program for a separate five (5) year grant period beginning with commencement of construction of a new Facility or installation of new Equipment.

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Attn: County Manager

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Telefacsimile No.: (910) 862-6767

Grantee: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, acting under authority of their respective governing bodies, have caused this contract to be duly executed, this the day and year first above written.

ATTEST:

BY: Ashley C. Sasser  
Clerk to the Board

BLADEN COUNTY

BY: Margaret L. Moore  
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Superior Fibres, Inc.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved As To Legal Form \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEM 9. COUNTY MANAGER: (Greg Martin)**

- A. Calendar Update – Mr. Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.
- B. BRAC Relocation Fair – A motion was made by James G. Smith, seconded by Greg Taylor and approved to send up to three individuals to the BRAC Relocation Fair.
- C. NCACC Legislative Goals Deadline September 5, 2008 – Upon a motion by Delilah Blanks, seconded by Billy Ray Pait, the Board approved the submission of a legislative goal supporting legislation to cap the highway tax for emergency services vehicles at \$1500.

Upon a motion by Delilah Blanks, seconded by Lewis Tatum, the Board approved the submission of a goal to seek legislation requiring the NC Education System to develop a plan to provide opportunities for students to receive technical and vocational education in an effort to reduce the dropout rate and to provide a sufficient number of workers in technical and vocational trades.

A motion was made by Lewis Tatum, seconded by Larry Smith and approved to adjourn at 8:35 pm.

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Margaret Lewis-Moore, Chairperson  
Bladen County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Ashley C. Sasser, Clerk