

**September 15, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held on September 15, 2008 at 6:30 pm in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse with the following members present.

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

Arriving Late: Larry Smith

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

Chairperson Moore called the meeting to order. Greg Taylor provided the Invocation and County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon a motion by James G. Smith, seconded by Greg Taylor, the following Consent Items were approved:

- A. Approve Minutes  
(September 2, 2008)**
- B. Approve Agenda**
- C. Approve Budget Amendments**

	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
<b><u>Social Services</u></b>		
Exp: 146100.451 <i>Cont. Serv./Domestic Violence</i>		\$500.00
Rev: 143550.032 <i>Domestic Violence/TANF</i>		\$500.00
<b><u>Social Services</u></b>		
Exp: 146100.573 <i>DSS-System of Care</i>	\$9,569.24	
Rev: 143590.102 <i>System of Care Grant</i>	\$9,569.24	
<b><u>Social Services</u></b>		
Exp: 146100.635 <i>WF Demonstration Grant</i>	\$16,530.00	
Rev: 143550.080 <i>FM-General Fund</i>	\$1,216.00	
Rev: 143550.040 <i>WF Demonstration Grant</i>		\$17,746.00
<b><u>Administration</u></b>		
Exp: 106900.630 <i>To DSS</i>		\$41,436.94
Rev: 103190.050 <i>FBA</i>		\$41,436.94

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**Library**

Exp: 106700.330 \$34.09  
*Supplies*  
Rev: 103190.010 \$34.09  
*Town of Bladenboro*

**Sheriff**

Exp: 105100.571 \$1938.69  
*Excise Tax Control*  
*Substance*  
Rev: 103190.050 \$1938.69  
*FBA*

**East Arcadia Fire District**

Exp: 365030.450 \$4,026.00  
*Contracted Services*  
Exp: 364700.990  
*Contingency* \$4,026.00

**White Oak Fire District**

Exp: 405070.570 \$35,000.00  
*Miscellaneous Expense*  
Exp: 405070.990 \$2,529.00  
*Contingency*  
Rev: 403290.020 \$32,471.00  
*FBA*

**D. Approve County Attorney Invoices**

- Resale of Real Property \$350.00

**E. Approve Tax Refunds and Releases Docket # \_\_\_\_\_**

**F. Schedule CDBG Incubator Project Close-Out Public Hearing for October 6, 2008 at 6:30 pm**

**G. Approve Agreement with Lewis Consulting for Services as interim Tax Collector**

**Bladen County, North Carolina**

This contract made and entered into on this the 1st day of September, 2008, by and between **The County of Bladen**, of Bladen County, North Carolina, (hereinafter "County") and *Lewis Consultants, of Bladenboro*, North Carolina, (hereinafter "Contractor"),

**WITNESSETH:**

That for and in consideration of the sum of \$35.00 per hour cash in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged and for the other considerations hereinafter mentioned, the Contractor agrees to furnish the materials or services hereinafter described and to completely install the same in the first class and workmanlike manner or provide the necessary services at a certain location owned by the County at *Elizabethtown*, North Carolina, and material being described as follows, to-wit:

*Representative for Lewis Consultants, Livingston Lewis will serve as*  
*Interim Tax Administrator*

When said materials are furnished and installed at said location or services rendered, and after the same have been approved by *N/A*, selected by the County, as being the kind and character of material above described, and as having been installed in a first class and workmanlike manner at said location, and having been accepted as satisfactory by the County, the said County shall pay to the Contractor the sum of \$*N/A* as full and final payment for said materials, fixtures, and for the installation thereof or for services rendered. It being agreed that the County shall not become liable for any amount for labor, materials or otherwise, in excess of the amount set forth above.

If it is further agreed that the Contractor will furnish to the County receipts showing that all materials and fixtures furnished have been paid for and that all labor and other items of expense in connection with the furnishing and installation of said materials and fixtures have been paid for at the time of settlement between the parties hereto.

The County provides no insurance of any kind for injuries or losses to, or caused by, the Contractor, its servants, employees, agents, or subcontractors. The Contractor will provide proof of general liability insurance, workman's compensation, property damage, and any other insurance covering performed services under this Agreement before services are provided and any time upon the County's request.

The Contractor agrees to pay any and all Federal, State, or Local Taxes which are, or may be, assessed upon the materials and labor which he or she furnishes under this agreement.

In Testimony Whereof, the parties hereto have hereunto set their signatures, this the day and the date above written.

*Margaret L. Moore*  
County Representative  
Contractor

September 1, 2008  
Date  
September 1, 2008  
Date

This instrument has been audited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

Bladen County Finance Officer

September 1, 2008  
Date

September 15, 2008

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

- Chairperson Moore requested that General Services Manager Robert Mazur look into the condition of Pone Loop Road.
- Commissioner Neill requested that County Manager Greg Martin check the status of Lucy Drive.

*Larry Smith arrived.*

- Commissioner Peterson introduced the new Bladen Community College President, Dr. William Findt.

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

- Bladen County Farm Bureau Women's Committee: (Freda White) – Freda White, Bladen County Farm Bureau Women's Committee Representative, Becky Spearman, Extension Agent, and Extension Director Dalton Dockery invited the Board to the Ag'em Up Day on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Greely Pinion, who owns property on Phillips Drive, a private road, stated that he wanted to change the name of Phillips Drive because the name of the road makes his wife very depressed. Several representatives who are not in favor of a name change for Phillips Drive also spoke. County Attorney Allen Johnson stated that he would look into the matter.

**ITEM 4. CDBG: (Adrian Lowery, LRCOG)**

- A. Public Hearing Regarding Application for 2008 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. Consider Approving Single Family Rehabilitation Application – A motion was made by W.D. Neill, Jr. , seconded by Greg Taylor and approved the Single Family Rehabilitation Application and to provide \$5,000 of matching funds for the Single Family Rehabilitation Application.

**ITEM 5. Parks and Recreation: (Grant Pait, Director)**

- A. Update Regarding Master Plan – Parks and Recreation Director Grant Pait and ECU Representative Dr. Wendling provided an update and overview of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
- B. Consider Approving Agreement with ECU – Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Greg Taylor, the Board approved the agreement with ECU to develop a Master Plan for Parks and Recreation.

**ITEM 6. E911: (Larry Hammond, Director)**

- Consider Approving Name Change for Phillips Drive - *Deleted*

**ITEM 7. Advisory Boards:**

- Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority – Upon a motion by Greg Taylor, seconded by James G. Smith, the Board appointed Larry Johnson to serve on the Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority.

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**ITEM 8. County Manager: (Greg Martin)**

- A. Calendar Update – Mr. Martin Reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.
- B. Consider Approving Public School Capital Building Fund Application – Upon a motion by Delilah Blanks, seconded by Greg Taylor, the Board approved the following Public School Capital Building Fund Application.

Revised 10/5/06

**APPLICATION**  
**PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL BUILDING FUND**  
**ADM (Corporate Tax) FUND**

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

County: Bladen County Contact Person: Sharon A. Penny  
 Address: 1489 HWY 701 S., Elizabethtown, NC 28337 Title: Director of Finance  
 School Admin. Unit: Bladen County Schools Phone: (910) 862-4136  
 Project Title: Debt Service Payment - West Bladen High School  
 Location: 1600 NC HWY 410, Bladenboro, NC 28329  
 Type of Facility: New High School

G.S. 115C-546.2(b) "Counties shall use monies in the Fund for capital outlay projects including the planning, construction, reconstruction, enlargement, improvement, repair, or renovation of public school buildings and for the purchase of land for public school buildings; for equipment to implement a local school technology plan that is approved pursuant to G.S. 115C-102.6C; or for both. Monies used to implement a local school technology plan shall be transferred to the State School Technology Fund and allocated by that Fund to the local school administrative unit for equipment. As used in this section, 'public school buildings' only includes facilities for individual schools that are used for instructional and related purposes and does not include centralized administration, maintenance, or other facilities."

Short Description of Construction Project:  
New high school

Estimated Costs:	State	Local	Total
Purchase of Land	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ 0.00
Planning	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ 0.00
Construction	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ 0.00
Renovation	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ 0.00
Enlargement	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ 0.00
Repair	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ 0.00
School Technology	\$ _____	\$ N/A	\$ 0.00
Debt Service/Bond Payment	\$ 187,592.00	\$ 712,408.00	\$ 900,000.00
Total	\$ 187,592.00	\$ 712,408.00	\$ 900,000.00

Bid Dates/Vendors: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contracts signed/Dates: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Estimated date of beginning of construction: 2000  
 Estimated date of completion: 2002

Match: The matching funds of one dollar of local funds for every three dollars of state funds are from (source): General Funds  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ of the matching funds have been expended for/date/description: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reporting requirements:** We, the undersigned, agree to submit a statement of state/local amounts expended for this project within 60 days of completion of the project.

The County Commissioners and the Board of Education do hereby jointly request approval of the above project and request release of \$ 187,592.00 from the Public School Building Capital Fund. We certify that the project herein described is within the parameters of 115C-546.2(b) and that all of the match is available and designated as match of this project.

Margaret L. Moore (Date) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature) Chair, County Commissioners)  
Greg Taylor (Date) 7-8-08  
 (Signature) Chair, Board of Education)

- C. Consider Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6) Personnel Matter – A motion was made by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Delilah Blanks and approved to enter Closed Session.

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

A motion was made by Billy Ray Pait, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr. and approved to match the salary offered to Mitchell Byrd by Columbus County of \$62,000. The motion was approved by a vote of 6 AYES (Charles Ray Peterson, Delilah Blanks, Margaret Lewis-Moore, Billy Ray Pait, Greg Taylor, and W.D. Neill, Jr.) to 3 NOES (James G. Smith, Larry Smith, and Lewis Tatum).

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Upon a motion by Delilah Blanks, seconded by Lewis Tatum, the Board adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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Margaret Lewis-Moore, Chairperson  
Bladen County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Ashley C. Sasser, Clerk