

February 2, 2009

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, February 2, 2009 at 6:30 pm of the Bladen County Courthouse in the Board of Commissioners room with the following members present:

Billy Ray Pait, Chairman
Delilah Blanks, Vice Chairperson
Lewis Tatum
W.D. Neill, Jr.
Larry Smith
Margaret Lewis-Moore
Charles Ray Peterson
Daniel R. Dowless
David R. Gooden

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

Chairman Pait called the meeting to order. Commissioner Neill provided the Invocation and County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Pait requested that the following items be added to the agenda:
Closed Session N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(4) Economic Development, (a)(5) Property Acquisition and Item 9C Schedule Special Meeting Regarding Budget.

Upon a motion by Larry Smith, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr., the Board approved the following consent items:

- A. Approve Minutes**
 - January 5, 2009 (Regular Session)**
 - January 12, 2009 (Special Session)**
- B. Approve Agenda**
- C. Approve Budget Amendments**

	Increase	Decrease
<u>Health Department</u>		
Exp: 105900.330	\$12,788.70	
Supplies		
Rev: 103560.092	\$12,788.70	
Hepatitis B Fees		
<u>Health Department</u>		
Exp: 105200.330	\$2,110.00	
Supplies		
Rev: 103260.040	\$2,110.00	
Animal Control Fees		
<u>Parks and Recreation</u>		
Exp: 106600.570	\$1,080.00	
Misc. Exp-Recreation		
Rev: 103190.010	\$1,080.00	
Misc. Revenue		
<u>Administration</u>		
Exp: 106800.674	\$3,671.43	
Segal Cost Recovery		
Rev: 103190.050	\$3,671.43	
FBA		

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Solid Waste

Exp: 205800.261 \$500.00

Community

Relations/KBB \$500.00

Rev: 203390.002

FBA

Solid Waste

Exp: 205800.261 \$252.05

Community

Relations/KBB \$252.05

Rev: 203390.002

FBA

Register of Deeds

Exp: 104800.574 \$6,000.00

Floodplain Mapping

Rev: 103160.012 \$6,000.00

Floodplain Mapping

Health Department

Exp: 105960.450 \$2,000.00

Contracted Services

Rev: 103530.080 \$2,000.00

DHHS – Health

Promotions

Social Services

Exp: 146100.651 \$440.00

Energy Neighbor Fund

Rev: 143530.031 \$440.00

Energy Neighbor Fund

Social Services

Exp: 146100.651 \$727.00

Energy Neighbor Fund

Rev: 143530.031 \$727.00

Energy Neighbor Fund

Health Department

Exp: 105910.330 \$214.00

Nutrition Education

Supplies

Exp: 105910.332 \$857.00

Client Services Supplies

Rev: 103530.130 \$1,071.00

DHHS – WIC

Social Services

Exp: 146100.650 \$61,454.00

Crisis Intervention

Rev: 143530.220 \$61,454.00

DSS Crisis INT. F/S

D. County Attorney Invoices

- \$335.00 Education Leave Policy
- \$300.00 December Retainer
- \$780.00 Other
- \$381.00 Whites Creek Township Well

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- E. Approve Tax Refunds and Releases for the month of December Docket # _____
- F. Approve Recycling Grant Application
- G. Schedule Public Hearing for March 2, 2009 at 6:30 pm Regarding the 2010 Community Transportation Program Grant

ITEM 2. MATTERS OF INTEREST TO COMMISSIONERS:

- A. **Recognize Employees for Years of Service to Bladen County** – Chairman Pait presented Rita Lassiter with a certificate and pin for her 20 years of service to Bladen County. Employees not in attendance who also received recognition for their years of service to Bladen County were:
Virginia Dagenhart -20 years
Maggie McKiver – 10 years
Shannon Pate – 15 years
- B. **Recognize East Bladen High School Football Team 1AA Eastern Regional Champions** – Chairman Pait presented the East Bladen High School Football team with a plaque and a t-shirts in recognition of the successful season as 1AA Eastern Regional Football Champions.
Recessed for a Reception
- C. **State of the County Address** – Chairman Pait briefly reviewed the State of the County Address. Copies of the State of the County Address were available for the public.

ITEM 3. INDIVIDUALS/DELEGATIONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COMMISSIONERS:

ITEM 4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: (Chuck Heustess, Director)

- A. **Public Hearing Regarding the Proposed Incentive Grant Agreement with Bladen’s Bloomin Agri-Industrial, Inc.** – Chairman Pait declared the public hearing open. There were no public comments and Chairman Pait declared the public hearing closed.
- B. **Consider Approving Grant Agreement with Bladen’s Bloomin Agri-Industrial, Inc.** – Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by David Gooden, the Board approved the following grant agreement with Bladen’s Bloomin’ Agri-Industrial:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF BLADEN

GRANT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 2nd day of February 2009, and between **THE COUNTY OF BLADEN**, a body politic and corporate party of the first part and **BLADEN’S BLOOMIN’ AGR-INDUSTRIAL, INC.**, party of the second part.

WITNESSETH

That pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 158-7.1, Bladen County is authorized to make appropriations to party of the second part, which will be used to increase the population, taxable property, agricultural industries, business prospects and economic development activities in the County.

That The County of Bladen hereby agrees to make available a grant to the party of the second part in the amount of \$3,900.00 to be used for aiding and encouraging the location of manufacturing enterprises, making industrial surveys, locating industrial and commercial plants in Bladen County, and other purposes for economic development of Bladen County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, party of the first part has caused this contract to be signed in its corporate name and sealed with its corporate seal and party of the second part has caused this contract to be signed in its corporate name by its Manager/Member, the day and year first above written.

COUNTY OF BLADEN

By: Billy R. Pait
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:
Healey C. Sasser
CLERK TO THE BOARD

BLADEN’S BLOOMIN AGR-INDUSTRIAL, INC.

By: _____
PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

SECRETARY

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ITEM 5. Bladen County Schools: (Dr. Kenneth Dinkins, Superintendent)

- **Consider Request Regarding Video Conferencing Project** – Dr. Dinkins, Superintendent of Bladen County Schools requested funding in the amount of \$106,089.44 for a Video Conferencing Project.
- Chairman Pait expressed his desire for the Board to delay action on funding requests until the meeting following a request. Therefore, he requested the Board to delay action until February 16, 2009.
- A motion was made by Larry Smith, seconded by Charles Ray Peterson to immediately approve the Schools request of \$106,089.44 to fund a Video Conferencing Project.
- Upon discussion, a substitute motion was made by Delilah Blanks that the concern regarding extended teacher vacancies be addressed concurrently with the request to fund the Video Conferencing Project. Substitute motion died due to lack of a second.
- Chairman Pait called for a vote on the original motion. The vote was 3 AYES (David Gooden, Charles Ray Peterson, and Larry Smith) to 6 NOES (Delilah Blanks, Margaret Lewis-Moore, Billy Ray Pait, Daniel Dowless, W.D. Neill, Jr., and Lewis Tatum). Chairman Pait indicated that the item be placed on the February 16, 2009 agenda for consideration.

ITEM 6. Bladen County Water District: (Randy Garner, Director)

- **Update Regarding Phase IIIA Project** - A motion was made by Larry Smith, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr, and approved to enter session as Bladen County Water District Board of Directors.
- Adam Kiker with Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates, P.A. discussed the construction schedule for the Phase III-A Water Project. The following is a proposed schedule for construction:

Advertise for Bids:	March 2009
Open Bids	April 2009
Begin Construction	May 2009
End Construction	varies by contract

A motion was made by Margaret Lewis-Moore, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr. and approved to exit session as the Water District Board of Directors.

**ITEM 7. Revenue Administration:
(Livingston Lewis, Interim Revenue Administrator)**

- Report of Unpaid 2008 Real Property Taxes** – Livingston Lewis, Interim Revenue Administrator, informed the Board that the unpaid real property taxes for 2008 \$3,047,051.24 which are liens to be advertised.
- Establish Advertising Date for March 16, 2009 at 5:00 pm** – Upon a motion by Lewis Tatum, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr., the Board established the deadline for advertising unpaid taxes for March 16, 2009 at 5:00 pm. The names of individuals who do not pay property taxes by March 16, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. will be advertised in the newspaper.

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ITEM 8. Advisory Boards:

- A. **EMS Advisory Council (2)** – A motion was made by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Larry Smith and appointed Rosemary Bengston and Crystal Rogers for the Emergency Room Nurse position and Dr. Andrew Pacos, Emergency Room Doctor with expiration dates of October 31, 2011.
- B. **Keep Bladen Beautiful (1)** – A motion was made by W.D. Neill, Jr., seconded by Margaret Lewis-Moore and approved to appoint Johnnie Martin with an expiration date of September 30, 2011.
- C. **Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (1)** – Upon a motion by Margaret Lewis-Moore, seconded by Delilah Blanks, the Board appointed Daniel Dowless to serve on the Mid-Carolina Rural Transportation Advisory Committee.

ITEM 9. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. **Calendar Update** – Mr. Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.
- B. **Consider Scheduling a Special Meeting Regarding the Budget** – Upon a motion by Delilah Blanks, seconded by Daniel Dowless, the Board scheduled a Special Meeting Regarding the Budget for Monday, February 23, 2009 at 5:00 pm.
- C. **Consider Entering Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(4) Economic Development, (a)(5) Property Acquisition and (a)(6) Personnel Matter** – Upon a motion by W.D. Neill, Jr., seconded by Delilah Blanks, the Board entered Closed Session.

A motion was made by W.D. Neill, Jr., seconded by Daniel Dowless and approved to exit Closed Session and re-enter Regular Session.

Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Margaret Lewis-Moore, the Board granted educational leave with pay for Ashley Graham, a License Practical Nurse with the Health Department. Ashley Graham will be required to sign a legal agreement with Bladen County indicating that she will work a minimum of one year with the County as stated in the Bladen County Personnel Policy.

Upon a motion by Margaret Lewis-Moore, seconded by Delilah Blanks, the Board appointed Chris Ellis for a two year term as the Bladen County Tax Assessor/Tax Collector.

A motion was made by Lewis Tatum, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr. and approved to adjourn at 9:05 pm.

Billy Ray Pait, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Ashley C. Sasser, Clerk

