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A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, February 16, 2009 at 6:30 pm in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse 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 Dowless provided the Invocation and County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- A. Approve Minutes**
 - February 2, 2009 (Regular Session)**
 - January 29, 2009 (Special Session)**
- B. Approve Agenda**
- C. Approve Budget Amendments for January, Docket #_____**

	Increase	Decrease
<u>Social Services</u>		
Exp: 146100.672	92.00	
<i>Special Adult Day Care</i>		
Exp: 146100.020		11.00
<i>Salaries and Wages</i>		
Rev: 143550.034	81.00	
<i>DSS-Adult Day Care</i>		
<u>Health Department</u>		
Exp: 105980.020	12,419.00	
<i>Salaries</i>		
Exp: 105980.050	951.00	
<i>FICA</i>		
Exp: 105980.060	2,105.00	
<i>Group Insurance</i>		
Exp: 105980.061	510.00	
<i>Retiree Insurance</i>		
Exp: 105980.070	608.00	
<i>Retirement</i>		
Exp: 105980.110	600.00	
<i>Telephone</i>		
Exp: 105980.111	300.00	
<i>Postage</i>		
Exp: 105980.161	25.00	
<i>Copier Maintenance</i>		
Exp: 105980.330	39,277.00	
<i>Supplies</i>		
Rev: 103530.160	56,795.00	
<i>DHHS-Health Watch</i>		

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Health Department

Exp: 105920.330 1,766.00

Supplies

Rev: 103530.090 1,766.00

DHHS-Family Planning

Social Services

Exp: 146100.651 463.00

Energy Neighbor Fund

Rev: 143530.031 463.00

Energy Neighbor Fund

Social Services

Exp: 146100.020 1,500.00

Salaries and Wages

Exp: 146160.140 1,500.00

USDA Commodities

Rev: 143530.260 1,500.00

DSS USDA Commodities

Administration

Exp: 106910.991 270.00

Schools-Youth Legislative

Assembly

Exp: 106800.540 270.00

Insurance and Bonds

ITEM 2. MATTERS OF INTEREST TO COMMISSIONERS:

- A. Recognize Employees for Years of Service to Bladen County –** Chairman Pait presented Sonya Heustess with a certificate and pin for 15 years of service to Bladen County, and he presented Sharon McKoy-Clark with a certificate and pin for 5 years of service to Bladen County.
- B. Update Regarding Working Lands Protection Program: (Grace Lawrence, BRAC Regional Task Force) –** Ms. Lawrence provided the Board with information regarding the Working Lands Protection Program.

- Mr. Neill stated that he did not like the editorial in the Bladen Journal regarding the recent funding request by the Board of Education for a Video Conferencing Project. Furthermore, he stated that the Board did not approve the request during the February 2, 2009 meeting because of its practice to discuss funding matters and approve at a later meeting. He also stated that the citizens who pay taxes are always remembered when funding decisions are made.
- Commissioner Peterson stated that there were some Board members in favor of approving the funding for the Video Conferencing Project on February 2, 2009.
- Vice Chairperson Blanks stated that she was against funding the Video Conferencing Project until classes have certified teachers at East Arcadia School.

ITEM 3. INDIVIDUALS/DELEGATIONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COMMISSIONERS:

- Verna Bowman – EMS Concerns – Ms. Bowman addressed the Board regarding the transport of her husband by Bladen County EMS to Bladen County Hospital. She stated that the EMS crew did not travel a quick route, which caused longer travel time to her residence and then to the hospital. Ms. Bowman wanted to express her concerns in an effort to keep this type of issue from happening again.

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- County Manger Greg Martin thanked Ms. Bowman for bringing this matter to the Board's attention. He stated that GPS units have been purchased and installed on ambulances. Also, E911 Addressing Supervisor Alisha Evans is working with EMS Director Mitchell Byrd to provide training to EMS personnel in an effort to prevent a similar occurrence in the future.

ITEM 4. Old Business:

- Consider Approving Request Regarding Video Conferencing Project – Upon a motion by Delilah Blanks, seconded by Daniel Dowless, to consider this request during the budget meeting on February 23, 2009. A substitute motion was made by Larry Smith and seconded by Charles Ray Peterson to immediately approve the Board of Education funding request for the Video Conferencing Project, and to discuss the issue of classrooms without certified teachers at East Arcadia School during the Special Meeting on February 23, 2009.
- County Attorney Allen Johnson advised the Board that the Substitute Motion was out of order. Chairman Pait called for a vote on the original motion.
- The original motion was passed by a vote of 6 AYES (Delilah Blanks, Billy Ray Pait, Margaret Lewis-Moore, Daniel Dowless, W.D. Neill, Jr., and Lewis Tatum) to 3 NOES (David Gooden, Charles Ray Peterson, and Larry Smith).
- Vice Chairperson Delilah Blanks requested that County Manager Greg Martin obtain information regarding the annual cost of a certified teacher in Bladen County.

ITEM 5. Planning: (Greg Elkins, Director)

- Consider Request Regarding Condemnation – Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Larry Smith, the Board approved the initiation of condemnation procedures for an abandoned house owned by Eloise Fuller and located on property identified by PIN#0357-00-58-5035.

**ITEM 6. E911 Addressing/GIS Mapping:
(Director Larry Hammond and Supervisor)**

- A. Review Information Regarding County Boundary Line Concerns -
- B. Consider Approving Resolution Requesting Resurvey of Boundary Line – Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Larry Smith, the Board approved the following Resolution:

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ITEM 7. County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Calendar Update – County Manager Greg Martin reviewed the calendar of upcoming events.
- B. Update Regarding Staff Development Training with Bladen Community College – Mr. Martin informed the Board that BCC has agreed to provide Sexual Harassment training at a cost of \$4.00 per employee and Conflict Resolution Training at a cost of \$3.00 per employee. He thanked Bladen Community College Officials for their cooperation with this matter.
- C. Consider Entering Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6) Personnel Matter – A motion was made by W.D. Neill, Jr., seconded by Margaret Lewis-Moore and approved to enter Closed Session.

Upon a motion by W.D. Neill, Jr., seconded by Lewis Tatum, the Board exited Closed Session and re-entered Regular Session.

A motion was made by Lewis Tatum, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr, and approved to amend case #08CVS696 and obtain service in the state of Georgia.

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

Billy Ray Pait, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Ashley C. Sasser, Clerk