

October 15, 2007

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held in the Commissioners Room in the Courthouse at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Margaret Lewis-Moore, Chairperson
Billy Ray Pait, Vice Chairman
Lewis Tatum
Greg Taylor
Delilah B. Blanks
W.D. Neill, Jr.
James G. Smith
Larry Smith
Charles Ray Peterson

Attorney: Leslie Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

Commissioner Moore called the meeting to order. Commissioner Peterson provided the invocation and Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 1. CONSENT ITEMS:

A motion was made by Jimmy Smith, seconded by Larry Smith and approved the following consent items:

- A. Approve Minutes: October 1, 2007 (Special Session)
October 1, 2007 (Regular Session)**
- B. Approve Agenda**
- C. Approve the following Budget Amendments**

	Increase	Decrease
<u>Computer Operations</u>		
Exp: 104600.450	\$1975.00	
<i>Contracted Services</i>		
Exp: 104600.160	\$14,428.86	
<i>Maintenance/Repair Equipment</i>		
Rev: 103190.011	\$16,403.86	
<u>Health Department</u>		
Exp: 105941.330 <i>Supplies</i>	\$14,229.00	
Rev: 103530.106	\$14,229.00	
<i>DHHS-Eat Smart Grant</i>		
<u>Health Department</u>		
Exp: 105900.330 <i>Supplies</i>	\$35,000.00	
Rev: 103530.060	\$35,000.00	
<i>DHHS-General</i>		
<u>Health Department</u>		
Exp: 105200.330 <i>Supplies</i>	\$100.00	
Rev: 103190.010	\$100.00	
<i>Misc. Revenue</i>		
<u>Social Services</u>		
Exp: 146160.460	\$3,583.00	
<i>Foster Care</i>		
Rev: 143530.330	\$3,583.00	
<i>DSS Foster Care-CHI/State</i>		

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D. County Attorney Invoices

- **October Retainer \$300.00**
- **Motion to Dismiss Appeal to Property Tax O7-PTC 546 \$450.00**
- **Water District User Agreement \$400.00**

E. Approve Tax Refunds and Releases Docket # _____

F. Approve Resolutions (3) to Add the following roads to the State System:

1. **Extension of SR1345, Dennis Harold Simmons Rd.**
2. **Britt Cemetery Road**
3. **Ronald Britt Drive**

G. Schedule Public Hearing for Monday, November 5, Regarding Incentive Grant Agreement with Palmer Marine, Inc.

H. Approve FY 2008 Leinwand Park Baseball Field Agreement

I. Approve Health Dept. Position Reclassifications (2)

ITEM 2. MATTERS OF INTEREST TO COMMISSIONERS:

- Commissioner Jimmy Smith expressed interest in presenting the family of former Tar Heel Fireman Ronald Allen, Jr. with a medal in his memory. EMS Director Mitchell Byrd said that he could make the arrangements for the next meeting on November 5.

A motion was made by Jimmy Smith, seconded by Larry Smith and approved to present the family of Ronald Allen, Jr. with a medal in his memory.

- Commissioner Peterson stated that he had been approached by an elderly lady from Clarkton who was upset about the parking at the Courthouse. Greg Martin stated that the parking issue had been addressed to the employees, but he would address the issue again and report back to the Board.
- Commissioner Blanks stated that she was concerned with the safety of the Bridge on Hwy 11. The anticipated reconstruction time is 2011. Larry Smith suggested that they develop a resolution and include the Bridge in Tar Heel.

ITEM 3. INDIVIDUALS/DELEGATIONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COMMISSIONERS:

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

A. Public Hearing Regarding Incentive Agreement with Bladen's Bloomin', Inc.

Chairperson Moore declared the Public Hearing Open.

- Commissioner Larry Smith asked what the assurance was that the Boat Company will pay the money back. Chuck Heustess stated that the owner of the Boat Company and the owner's wife would be required to sign a promissory note.

No public comments were received.

Chairperson Moore declared the Public Hearing Closed.

B. Consider Approving Incentive Agreement

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A motion was made by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Delilah Blanks and approved to adopt the following Incentive Agreement:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF BLADEN

LOAN AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into this 15th day of October 2007, and between **THE COUNTY OF BLADEN**, a body politic and corporate party of the first part and **BLADEN'S BLOOMIN', 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 7 year zero percent interest loan to the party of the second part in the amount of \$500,000 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: *Margaret L. Mease*
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:
Harvey C. Sarver
CLERK TO THE BOARD

BLADEN'S BLOOMIN', INC.
By: *Delilah Blanks*
PRESIDENT

ATTEST:
Sara West
SECRETARY

THIS INSTRUMENT HAS BEEN PREAUDITED IN THE MANNER REQUIRED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET AND FISCAL CONTROL ACT
Allen C. Coleman
FINANCE OFFICER

ITEM 5. EMERGENCY SERVICES: (Mitchell Byrd, Director)

A. Approve Six Mile Fire District for Atkinson Fire Department- A motion was made by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Billy Ray Pait and approved the Six Mile Fire District for Atkinson Fire Department.

B. Consider Vehicle Bid Award

- Mitchell Byrd stated that 3 sealed bids were received for 2 EMS vehicles. The bids were opened on October 10, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. with County Manager Greg Martin, EMS Administrative Assistant Sara West, and EMS Director Mitchell Byrd present. The following bids were received:
 1. Select Custom Apparatus, Inc.
\$64,350.00 each, \$128,000.00 (2)
 2. Northwestern Emergency Vehicles
\$68,400.00 each \$136,800.00 (2)
 3. Southeastern Specialty Vehicles
\$63,845.00 each \$127,690.00 (2)

A motion was made by Larry Smith, seconded by Lewis Tatum and approved to award the bid to Southeastern Specialty Vehicles at a price of \$63,845.00 each and a total price of \$127,690.00.

C. Consider Clarkton Rescue Squad Request

- EMS Director Mitchell Byrd explained that he had received a request from Clarkton Rescue Squad for Bladen County Rescue to provide back up coverage due staffing difficulty.

A motion was made by W.D. Neill, Jr., seconded by Delilah Blanks and approved to provide back up coverage for the 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. time frame but also from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., Monday thru Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday to Clarkton Rescue Squad due to staffing difficulty.

- Commissioner Taylor stated that a citizen had contacted him regarding the waiting time that he has for the ambulance to pick him up from his dialysis treatment. The citizen had to wait 1 hour and thirty minutes after he had finished his treatment. EMS Director Mitchell Byrd explained that helping Clarkton Rescue Squad will not help the situation of transporting individuals to and from appointments. Furthermore, Mr. Byrd stated that Bladen County EMS needed to purchase another ambulance in order to respond to citizens properly and promptly.

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A motion was made by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Jimmy Smith and approved to purchase a new ambulance for Bladen County EMS.

ITEM 6. GENERAL SERVICES: (*Robert Mazur, Director*)

A. Consider Courthouse Alarm System

General Services Manager Robert Mazur explained that a recent situation that required citizens to evacuate the Courthouse has highlighted the need for a Courthouse Alarm System. Furthermore, Mr. Mazur explained that this alarm system would send a siren throughout the entire Courthouse for employees and citizens to evacuate. Robert Mazur asked the Board to consider purchasing a Courthouse Alarm System at an estimated cost of \$11,479.41.

A motion was made by Jimmy Smith, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr. and approved to purchase a Courthouse Alarm System.

B. Consider Animal Shelter Project Proposal

General Services Manager Robert Mazur explained that the County conducted a formal bid process and only one bid was received at a price of \$1,050,840.00. Since the bid process, the county has worked with local contractor Mr. Dewey Shaw on this project. He has proposed to complete the Animal Shelter at a cost of \$297,000.00. An additional cost of \$172,000.00 would be necessary to complete the interior with things such as dog pens and cat cages, etc. Mr. Mazur stated that the county budget includes an appropriation of \$300,000.00. Mr. Mazur requested that the Board consider approving Mr. Shaw's proposal of \$297,000.00 to construct the Animal Shelter Building.

A motion was made by Jimmy Smith, seconded by Lewis Tatum and approved by a vote of 7 AYES (Margaret Lewis-Moore, Billy Ray Pait, Jimmy Smith, Charles Ray Peterson, Delilah Blanks, W.D. Neill, Jr., and Lewis Tatum) to 2NOES (Larry Smith and Gregory Taylor) to have contractor Mr. Dewey Shaw complete the Animal Shelter Building at a cost of \$297,000.

ITEM 7. ADVISORY BOARD

- Keep Bladen Beautiful

Commissioner Neill recommended that Shelia Dunlap from the Council Community be added to the Keep Bladen Beautiful Board due to her expressed interest.

A motion was made by W.D. Neill, Jr., seconded by Delilah Blanks and approved to add Shelia Dunlap to the KBB and approve KBB Director Gloria Dove's recommendations to remove Jerome Hoskins, Anita Crabtree, and Terry Baker from KBB and to add Tammy Smith and Angie Rhodes.

ITEM 8. COUNTY MANAGER: (*Greg Martin*)

A. **Calendar Update**-Mr. Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.

B. **Consider Scheduling Employee Appreciation Luncheon on Wednesday, November 14, 2007**- **A motion was made W.D. Neill, Jr., seconded by Greg Taylor and approved to schedule an Employee Appreciation Luncheon for Wednesday, November 14, 2007.**

C. **Consider Bladen County Schools Request**

- County Manager Greg Martin stated that Bladen County Schools have requested that the Bladen County Board of Commissioners provide \$100,000 in funding to help provide a virtual classroom to students at East and West Bladen High Schools. The \$100,000 would help Bladen County Schools purchase five computers and employ a teacher at each high school for the virtual classroom.

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- Commissioners asked that Mr. Martin request more information from Bladen County Schools and bring it to the next meeting on November 5, 2007.

D. Consider Approving Public School Capital Building Fund Application- Upon a motion made by Delilah Blanks, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr., the Board approved the following Public School Capital Building Fund Application:

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

Approved: _____
Date: _____

County: Bladen 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 28320
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	\$ 441,197.00	\$ 458,803.00	\$ 900,000.00
Total	\$ 441,197.00	\$ 458,803.00	\$ 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 \$ 441,197.00 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 10/15/07
(Signature - Chair, County Commissioners) (Date)

W.D. Neill, Jr. 10/1/07
(Signature - Chair, Board of Education) (Date)

E. Consider Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6) Personnel- A motion was made Billy Ray Pait, seconded by Greg Taylor and approved to enter closed session.

A motion was made by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Greg Taylor and approved to enter regular session.

A motion was made by Lewis Tatum, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr. and approved to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

Margaret Lewis-Moore, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Ashley C. Sasser, Clerk

