

July 20, 2009

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, July 20, 2009 at 6:30 pm in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse. The following members were present:

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

Not Present: Charles Ray Peterson

Attorney: Wes Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

Upon a motion by Delilah Blanks, seconded by Larry Smith, the Board approved the following consent items:

- A. Approve Minutes
July 13, 2009 (Regular Session)**
- B. Approve Agenda**
- C. Approve memorandum of Understanding between Town of Elizabethtown and Bladen County Regarding Lienwand Park**

June 26th, 2009

Memorandum of Understanding - between Town of Elizabethtown & Bladen County regarding Lienwand Park

In return for allowing the Town's recreation department to move a fence (located on Bladen County property) in the outfield of it's coach pitch field, thereby enlarging the field and enhancing the recreational area of Lienwand Park the Town agrees to allow the Bladen County recreation department to install a fenced in dumpster enclosure on it's Lienwand Park property accessed thru it's parking lot, to enhance their parking area and enclose their dumpster.

The Town will agree to pay to re-locate the outfield fence to an agreeable place closer to the County parking lot and the County recreation will fence in their dumpster at a spot agreed upon by the Town.

This agreement should be beneficial to both entities and the sole purpose of the agreement is to enhance recreation in Bladen County.

For the Town of Elizabethtown

Billy R. Pait

For Bladen County

D. Schedule Public Hearing for August 3, 2009 at 6:30 pm Regarding Rural Operating Assistance Program Application

ITEM 2. MATTERS OF INTEREST TO COMMISSIONERS:

- A. Recognize Finance Office Staff for Receiving Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting - Deleted**
- B. Recognize Employees for Years of Service to Bladen County –**
Chairman Pait recognized the following employees for their years of service to Bladen County:
Kimberly Jones – DSS, 15 years
Debra Jones – DSS, 5 years
Scott Pait – Sheriff's Department, 10 years
- C. Recognize Highway Patrolman for Acts of Bravery –** Emergency Services Director Mitchell Byrd presented Raymond Battle and Andrew Pait with a Medal of Courage for their Acts on Bravery on

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D. June 15, 2009. On June 15, 2009 Highway Patrolman Battle and Highway Patrolman Pait entered a Mobile Home Fire located on Todd Road. The owners were not at home but the Patrolmen saved the family's pet.

- Commissioner Blanks asked Emergency Services Director Mitchell Bryd to contact the Governors office to recognize the Highway Patrol Officers.
- A motion was made by Larry Smith, seconded by David Gooden and approved to appropriate \$500 to three Bladen County Softball Teams attending the State Tournament.
- Commissioner Moore stated that several women working at Solid Waste sites have expressed safety concerns about working after dark. Futhermore, Commissioner Moore stated that she wanted the Board to consider changing the hours of the Solid Waste Sites again this fall.

ITEM 3. INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO ADDRESS COMMISSIONERS:

ITEM 4. SHERIFF: (Steve Bunn)

- **Consider Request to Award Service Side Arm to Recently Retired Sergeant Van Aukamp** – Upon a motion by Larry Smith, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr., the Board approved Sheriff Bunn's request to award Service Side Arm to Van Aukamp in accordance with N.C.G.S. 20-187.2.

ITEM 5. WATER DISTRICT: (Randy Garner, Director)

- A. **Enter Session as Water District Board of Directors** – Upon a motion by David Gooden, seconded by Delilah Blanks, the Board entered session as Water District Board of Directors.
- B. **Consider Approving Recommendations to Award Contracts 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 for Phase III A** – Upon a motion by Delilah Blanks, seconded by David Gooden, the Board approved the to award contracts 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 to the following low bidders:

Contract	Low Bidder	Amount
1 -27 miles of 8" and 6" Water Mains	McArthur Construction Company	\$1,488,242.81
2 -13 miles of 8" and 6" Water Mains	McArthur Construction Company	\$622,562.90
3 – 200,000 Gallon Elevated Storage Tank	Phoenix Fabricators	\$678,700.00
5- Center Road Well and Filtration System	Shoreline Enterprises	\$488,485.00
6 – Council Well and Mount Horeb Well	Bills Well Drilling	\$373,150.00

C. Update Regarding Phase III B -

D. Exit Session as Water District Board of Directors – Upon a motion by W.D. Neill, Jr., seconded by Margaret Lewis-Moore, the Board exited session as the Water District Board of Directors.

ITEM 6. COUNTY MANAGER: (Greg Martin)

- A. **Calendar Update** – Mr. Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.
- B. **Discuss BRAC Regional Task Force Information** – Upon a motion by Delilah Blanks, seconded by Margaret Lewis-Moore, the Board approved to send County Manager Greg Martin and BRAC Board Member Greg Taylor to the BRAC Regional Task Force Relocation Fair.

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**C. Consider Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11
(a)(6) Personnel Matter – Upon a motion by Larry Smith, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr., the Board entered Closed Session.**

Upon a motion by David Gooden, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr., the Board exited Closed Session and Re-entered Regular Session.

A motion was made by Daniel Dowless, seconded by Margaret Lewis-Moore to give Elections/Veterans/GIS/E911 Director Larry Hammond a 1 Step Increase from 80L, \$61,659 to an 80M, \$62,916 by a vote of 6 AYES (David Gooden, Delilah Blanks, Billy Ray Pait, Margaret Lewis-Moore, Daniel Dowless, and W.D. Neill, Jr.) to 2 NOES (Larry Smith and Lewis Tatum).

Upon a motion by Lewis Tatum, seconded by Larry Smith, the Board adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Billy Ray Pait, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Ashley C. Sasser, Clerk