

September 8, 2009

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 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
Charles Ray Peterson
Daniel R. Dowless
David R. Gooden

Attorney: Wil Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

Chairman Pait requested that Item 2B be deleted and Item 5C – EMS Facility Resolution be added to the proposed agenda.

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

Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr., the Board approved the following consent items:

- A. Minutes**
(August 17, 2009, Regular Session)
- B. Agenda**
- C. Budget Amendments**

	Increase	Decrease
<u>Social Services</u>		
Exp: 146100.686		\$14,800.00
<i>WF Functional Assessment</i>		
Rev: 143550.045		\$14,800.00
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<u>Health Department</u>		
Exp: 105900.120	\$6,500.00	
<i>Salaries</i>		
Exp: 105900.610	\$19,500.00	
<i>Contracted Services</i>		
Exp: 105900.321	\$9,742.00	
<i>Telephone</i>		
Rev: 103530.105	\$35,742.00	
<i>DHHS-Bioterrorism</i>		
<u>Social Services</u>		
Exp: 146100.689	\$430.00	
<i>Energy Neighbor Fund</i>		
Rev: 143531.031	\$430.00	
<i>Energy Neighbor Fund</i>		
<u>Health Department</u>		
Exp: 105900.020	\$54,200.00	
<i>H1N1 Planning</i>		
Exp: 105900.021	\$5,800.00	
<i>H1N1 Surveillance</i>		
Rev: 103530.105	\$60,000.00	
<i>DHHS-Bioterrorism</i>		

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Social Services

Exp: 146100.689 \$434.00

Energy Neighbor Fund

Rev: 143531.031 \$434.00

Energy Neighbor Fund

Social Services

Exp: 146100.689 \$332.24

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Rev: 143531.031 \$332.24

Energy Neighbor Fund

Social Services

Exp: 146100.687 \$3,579.41

Share the Warmth

Rev: 143531.222 \$3,579.41

Share the Warmth

Bay Tree Fire Department

Exp: 475347.499 \$10,000.00

Miscellaneous Expense

Exp: 475347.990 \$2,293.00

Contingency

Rev: 473190.050 \$7,707.00

FBA

Phase IIIB Water

Construction

Exp: 236804.003 \$15,000.00

Preliminary Engineering

Report

Exp: 236804.004 \$5,000.00

Environmental Report

Rev: 233190.050 \$20,000.00

FBA

Hickory Grove Fire

Department

Exp: 375337.499 \$21,000.00

Miscellaneous

Exp: 375337.990 \$9,504.00

Contingency

Rev: 373190.050 \$11,496.00

FBA

Revenue Department

Exp: 104500.192 \$6,000.00

Prof. Services-Legal

Rev: 103190.050

FBA \$6,000.00

Sheriff

Exp: 105100.200 \$2,365.45

Supplies

Rev: 103190.011 \$2,365.45

Insurance Claims

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Sheriff

Exp: 105100.601	\$2,143.04
Excise Tax – Controlled Substance	
Rev: 103190.050	\$2,143.04
FBA	

D. County Attorney Invoices

- **Release and Hold Harmless Agreement \$250.00**
- **September Retainer \$300.00**
- **Request to Dig for Fossils \$105.00**
- **Jail Inspection Report \$260.00**
- **Personnel Matter \$925.00**
- **Litigation \$2,400.00**
- **Personnel Matter \$3,960.00**

E. Write-Off of Health Department Bad Debt in the amount of \$1089.27

F. Schedule Public Hearings (2) Regarding Proposed Dupont Tedlar Grant Agreements

ITEM 2. MATTERS OF INTEREST TO COMMISSIONERS:

- A. Chairman Pait presented Finance Director Lisa Coleman with a plaque recognizing the Finance for receiving the Certificate of Excellence in Financing Reporting for Fiscal Year 2008.
- B. The Farm Bureau Ladies, Ag-Em Up Day - *Deleted*
- C. Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Delilah Blanks, the Board approved a donation of \$500 to the Bladen Youth Focus Project.

ITEM 3. INDIVIDUALS/DELEGATIONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COMMISSIONERS:

ITEM 4. PLANNING: (Greg Elkins, Director)

- A. Public Hearing Regarding Request to Rezone PIN 1355-00-21-4785, located at 1653 Johnstontown Rd. from Residential Agricultural to Commercial – Chairman Pait declared the public hearing open. There were no public comments and Chairman Pait declared the public hearing closed.
- B. Consider Approving Rezoning Request – Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by David Gooden, the Board approved a zoning reclassification for PIN 1355-00-21-4785, located at 1653 Johnstontown Rd., from Residential Agricultural to Commercial.

ITEM 5. FINANCE: (Lisa Coleman, Director)

- A. Public Hearing Regarding Proposed USDA-Rural Development Loan to EMS Facility – Chairman Pait declared the Public Hearing open. There were no public comments received and Chairman Pait declared the public hearing closed.
- B. Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Lewis Tatum, the Board tabled the request from Kelly Fire Department until the September 21, 2009 meeting.
- C. Upon a motion by W.D. Neill, Jr., seconded by Daniel Dowless, the Board approved the following Resolution:

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County of Bladen
Board of Commissioners
Resolution

**Regarding USDA-Rural Development Funding for the Construction of an
Emergency Medical Services Facility**

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Board of Commissioners of the County of Bladen authorizes the Board Chairman and County Clerk to pursue USDA Loan and Grant assistance from the USDA - Rural Development for the construction of an Emergency Services Building. The proposed loan amount is \$550,000, and the proposed grant amount is \$100,000 and is reflected on Form RD 1942-47, "Loan Resolution". In that regard, the Board Chairman and County Clerk are hereby authorized to initiate / sign any required paperwork with regard to obtaining a loan in the amount of \$550,000 and a grant from USDA in the amount of \$100,000. This authorization includes acceptance of the Letter of Conditions when prepared by USDA.

That the Board of Commissioners of the County of Bladen will adopt Form RD 442-7 - Operating Budget, when prepared to reflect repayment of the loan:

That the Board Chairman and County Clerk be authorized to execute all forms necessary to obtain a loan from Rural Development, including, but not limited to the following forms:

Form RD 1942-47-1	Loan Resolution
Form RD 1942-46	Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions
Form RD 442-7	Operating Budget
Form RD 400-1	Equal Opportunity Agreement
Form RD 400-4	Assurance Agreement
Form RD 1940-1	Request for Obligation of Funds
Form RD 1910-11	Applicant Certification Federal Collection Policies
Form AD-1047	Certification Regarding Debarment Primary
	Covered Transactions
Form AD-1048	Certification Regarding Debarment Lower Tier
	Covered Transactions
Form AD 1049	Certification Regarding Drug Free Workplace
(Grant)	
1940-Q, Exhibit A-1	Certification for Contracts, Grants and Loans
RD Form 3570-3	Grant Agreement
Unnumbered Form	Certificate of Compliance

That if the interest rate charged by Rural Development should change between this date and the date of actual approval, the Board Chairman and County Clerk be authorized to execute new forms reflecting the current interest rate and revised payments as required by Rural Development.

That the Board of Commissioners elects to have the interest charged by Rural Development to be the lower of the rate in effect at either the time of loan approval or loan closing.


This resolution is to become a part of the official minutes of the County Commissioners meeting held on **September 8, 2009**.

MOTION MADE BY: W.D. Neill, Jr. and
SECONDED BY: Daniel Dowless THAT THE
RESOLUTION BE APPROVED.

MOTION PASSED 9 FOR AND 0 AGAINST.

TO BE MADE A PART OF THE MINUTES DATED September 8, 2009.

BY: Billy R. Pait
Chairman
Attest: 9-8-09 (Date) BY: Wayne C. Sasser
County Clerk



ITEM 6.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: (Wayne Stewart, Director)

- A. Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr., the Board approved the sale of euthanized cats to SLAF, Inc.. SLAF, Inc. will supply a freezer to keep cats and will pay the County \$4.00 for each cat 14" or longer.
- B. Upon a motion by W.D. Neill, Jr., seconded by Daniel Dowless, the Board increased the animal adoption fee from \$15.00 to \$25.00 per animal.

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ITEM 7. COUNTY MANAGER: (*Greg Martin*)

- A. Mr. Martin Reviewed the Calendar for upcoming events.
- B. Mr. Martin presented a request from the Town of Elizabethtown for \$5,000 to assist with the Downtown Enhancement Project. The request will be considered at the September 21, 2009 meeting.
- C. Upon a motion by David Gooden, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr., the Board eliminated the existing Emergency Services Director position and established an Emergency Medical Services Director position at Grade 77 and a Fire Marshall/Emergency Management Director position at Grade 77.
 - Commissioner Peterson requested that additional requirements be specified in the position descriptions.
- D. Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Larry Smith, the Board entered Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) Attorney Client Privilege, (a)(6) Personnel Matter.

Upon a motion by Lewis Tatum, seconded by Delilah Blanks , the Board exited Closed Session and re-entered Regular Session.

Upon a motion by Lewis Tatum, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr., the Board adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Billy Ray Pait, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Ashley C. Sasser, Clerk