

November 21, 2011

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 21, 2011 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse.

The following members were present:

- Charles Ray Peterson, Chairperson
- James G. "Jimmie" Smith, Vice Chairperson
- Delilah Blanks
- Mark Gillespie
- David Gooden
- Lewis Tatum
- Billy Ray Pait
- Russell Priest
- Daniel Dowless, Excused Absence

Attorneys: Allen Johnson and Leslie Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order. Reverend Chris Denny, Elizabethtown Presbyterian Church, Elizabethtown, NC provided the Invocation and County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Peterson stated that the following item had been added to the Consent Items:

- H. Approve Resolution Supporting an Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources to Address Potable Water Supply

ITEM 1. Consent Items:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board approved the following Consent Items:

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes of November 7, 2011 meeting
- C. County Attorney Invoices:

10/13/11	\$ 310.00	Field Internship Affiliation between BCC & BCEMS
10/13/11	780.00	Property Tax Commission
10/31/11	5,950.00	Bladen Co vs. Julius & Tony Strickland
11/01/11	300.00	Retainer for Month of November
11/04/11	250.00	Audit for County of Bladen
11/08/11	510.00	EMS Director Contract
	\$ 8,100.00	

D. Budget Amendments as follows:

Department and Account Number	Account Description	Increase	Decrease
Motor Pool			
Expenditures			
105010.357	Vehicle Repair	1,062.91	
Revenue			
103190.011	Insurance Claims	1,062.91	

Insurance payment for 09 Ford Crown Vic #6231.

Veterans

Expenditure			
106000.120	Salaries		548.00
Revenue			
103590.000	Veterans Service Reimb.		548.00

Reduced allocation from State.

Library

Expenditures			
106700.499	Library Books		51.00
Revenue			
103630.010	State Aid		51.00

Error in state aid calculations.

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ITEM 2. Matters of Interest to Commissioners:

- A. Commissioner Smith stated that he had been approached by parents of children that play soccer at the County Park requesting that the County look at updating the park. County Manager Greg Martin was asked to discuss this request with Parks and Recreation Director Grant Parks and Chairman Peterson and report back to the Board.
- B. Chairman Peterson recognized the following employee for years of service:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Years</u>
Jewell Smith	Sheriff	25

ITEM 3. Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:

- Donna H. Harward, Director of Education and Outreach – UNC Kidney Center appeared before the Board to introduce the Kidney Education Outreach Program's "HEY DOC, HOW ARE MY KIDNEYS?" Campaign and described plans for raising awareness about chronic kidney disease through community-based, free chronic kidney disease screenings and information sessions. Ms. Harward stated that one in nine North Carolinians has chronic kidney disease yet awareness of the disease remains low and is looking for groups to host screening sessions.

ITEM 4. Public Hearing to Receive Public Comments regarding the Proposed Purchase of the Bay Tree Water System:

- Chairman Peterson declared the Public Hearing opened and asked the public to offer comments.
 - Clark Valentiner spoke in favor of the proposed purchase stating that he had lived in Happy Valley community prior to moving to Bay Tree and was happy with the County's water system. He stated that the County water system was a proven system and the Bay Tree Water System was subject to electrical and freezing temperature outages.
 - Charles Massey also spoke in favor of the proposed purchase. Mr. Massey, a resident of the Bay Tree Lakes community since 2001 felt that their water system was a good system but would improve dramatically with the merger. He also stated that he had discussed the purchase with several residents and had received only one negative comment regarding the possibility of higher water rates. Mr. Massey stated that he appreciated the County moving in this direction.

Hearing no further comments from the public, Chairman Peterson declared the Public Hearing closed.

ITEM 5. Bladen County Water District (Randy Garner, Director)

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board entered Session as the Water District Board of Directors.
- B. Randy Garner and Adam Kiker, P.E., Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates provided the Board with an update on Phase III-B Expansion. Mr. Garner advised that Phase III-B Expansion was progressing very well. He stated that brochures were distributed to residents of Phase III B service area the week of November 7, 2011. He reported that the response has been very good with 40 residents paying their tap fees within the last five (5) days. 307 residents have signed user agreements with 105 having paid the tap fees. Mr. Kiker stated that the contractors have really made good progress and it is anticipated that the new well will be one of the best wells of the water system.

ITEM 6. Advisory Board Appointments:

- A. Bay Tree Lakes Fire District: Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board waived the term limits and reappointed Charles Massey and Lenox Harrelson with an expiration date of November 3, 2014.

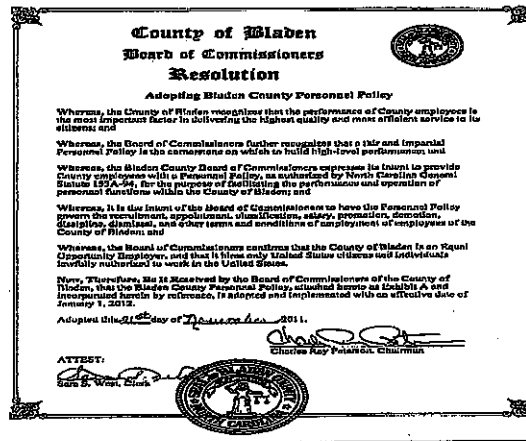
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- B. Clarkton ETJ: Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, the Board waived the term limits and reappointed Marlowe Grant and Wilbur Ward with an expiration of November 30, 2014.
- C. Clarkton Fire District Committee: Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board waived the term limits and reappointed Julie Ward, Sammy Russ and Georgianna Williams with an expiration date of November 30, 2014.

ITEM 7.

County Manager: (Greg Martin)

- A. Reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board approved the following Resolution Adopting Bladen County Personnel Policy, effective January 1, 2012:



- C. Upon a motion by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board approved the first reading of an Ordinance to Repeal Bladen County Personnel Ordinance, effective January 1, 2012. A required second reading will be held on December 5, 2011.

ITEM 8. **Individuals/Delegations Wishing to Address Commissioners:**

- No one addressed the commissioners.

ITEM 9. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Gooden, the Board entered Closed Session in accordance with N.C. G. S. 143-318.11(a) (3) Attorney Client Privilege (a)(6) personnel.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gillespie, seconded by Commissioner Smith the Board exited Closed Session and re-entered Open Session.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie, the Board adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Charles Ray Peterson, Chairman
Bladen County Board of Commissioner

ATTEST:

Sara S. West

