

February 19, 2007

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

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

Attorney: Wes Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

Chairperson Moore called the meeting to order. Commissioner Lewis Tatum provided the Invocation and County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 1. CONSENT ITEMS:

A motion was made by James G. Smith, seconded by Billy Ray Pait and approved to adopt the following Consent Items:

- A. Approve Minutes:** February 5, 2007 (Regular Session)
- B. Approve Agenda:**
- C. Approve Budget Amendments:**

| | <u>Increase</u> | Decrease |
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| <u>Administration</u> | | |
| Exp. 106800.420 Juvenile Services | \$70,000.00 | |
| Rev. 103190.050 FBA | \$70,000.00 | |
| <u>Motor Pool</u> | | |
| Exp. 105010.170 Vehicle Repairs | \$1,336.20 | |
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| Rev. 103190.011 Insurance | \$1,336.20 | |
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| <u>Workers Compensation/Adm</u> | | |
| Exp. 136800.540 Workers Compensation | \$85,147.00 | |
| Rev. 103190.010 Misc. Revenue | \$85,147.00 | |
| <u>School Capital Project</u> | | |
| Exp. 806810.580 Renovations | \$200,000.00 | |
| Rev. 803180.010 Interest | | \$4,950.00 |
| Rev. 803190.010 Miscellaneous | \$204,950.00 | |
| <u>Parks and Recreation</u> | | |
| Expenditures: | | |
| 106600.570 Programs & Misc. | \$2,000.00 | |
| 106600.340 Recreation | \$500.00 | |
| 106600.160 Equipment Repair | \$250.00 | |
| 106600.580 Schools/Meetings | | \$250.00 |
| Revenues: | | |
| 103190.010 Misc. Revenue | | \$2,000.00 |
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| <u>Social Services</u> | | |

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| Exp. 146100.651 Energy Neighbor Fund | \$195.50 |
| Rev. 143530.031 Energy Neighbor Fund | \$195.50 |

Public Library

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| Exp. 106700.330 Supplies | \$80.00 |
| Rev. 103190.010 Miscellaneous | \$80.00 |

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| Exp. 106700.270 Library Books | \$5,760.00 |
| Rev. 103630.010 State Aid | \$5,760.00 |

Tax Administration

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| Exp. 104500.030 Prof Serv. – Legal | \$4,000.00 |
| Rev. 103190.050 FBA | \$4,000.00 |

Social Services

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| Exp. 146160.300 Day Care | \$54,018.00 |
| Rev. 143530.310 DSS Day Care | \$54,018.00 |

D. Approve County Attorney Invoices:

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| BARTS Matter | \$350.00 |
| Sheriff Department Matter | \$490.00 |
| DSS Matter | \$500.00 |
| February Retainer | \$300.00 |

E. Approve Resolution Allowing Richmond County to Join the Southeastern Economic Development Commission:

WHEREAS, the Counties of Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke, New Hanover, Pender, Robeson, Sampson, and Scotland joined together to mutually assist one another in the various endeavors these Counties in their economic development, and

WHEREAS, the County of Richmond has officially submitted a resolution to join the Southeastern Economic Development Commission, with said resolution being adopted on February 19, 2007, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director of the Southeastern Economic Development Commission has recommended the membership of Richmond County in the Commission as beneficial to the Commission and its existing membership, and

Whereas, it is necessary for the membership of the Commission to approve the membership of new members, and the Commissioners of Bladen County accept and congratulate Richmond County on its request for membership,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Commissioners of Bladen County, sitting in the Regular Session of this date, do invite and hereby allow the membership of Richmond County into the Southeastern Economic Development Commission as a member County with all the rights and appurtenances thereof.

This the 19th Day of February, 2007.

ITEM 2. MATTERS OF INTEREST TO COMMISSIONERS:

- Commissioner Neill expressed appreciation to the Board for its expression of care and concern while he was sick.
- Commissioner Neill discussed the matter of Eminent Domain. He advised that he would like for the Board of Commissioners to go on record regarding its position on the matter.
- Commissioner Pait discussed the request from Bay Tree Lakes residents regarding fire protection and water availability in the Bay Tree Lakes fire district and adjacent fire districts. County Manager Greg Martin advised that he has met with

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General Services Manager Robert Mazur and Water Director Randy Garner regarding this matter. He further advised that the cost is much higher now due to construction costs, etc. Mr. Martin advised that Bay Tree already has its own system, but they are studying the matter and trying to address it.

Commissioner Larry Smith arrived.

- Chairperson Moore advised that she and Commissioner Peterson have received communication from County employees that they are not to approach members of the Board of Commissioners. Ms. Moore advised that if an employee wants to approach her with on-going issues, then she is approachable.

ITEM 3. INDIVIDUALS/DELEGATIONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COMMISSIONERS:

Ms. Berline Graham and Ms. Tina Reaves addressed the Board regarding *Bladen County Free Clinic*. Ms. Graham advised that letters have been sent out to the citizens of Bladen County regarding recruitment of funds for the Bladen County Free Clinic. She indicated that Executive Director Tina Reaves was recently hired for part-time employment as well as Melba Grange. She indicated that she hopes the clinic will open in late February or early March. Ms. Graham further advised that Blue Cross Blue Shield will match up to \$25,000 from funds raised.

Ms. Reaves advised that all donations are tax deductible and four doctors have committed to participate in the Bladen County Free Clinic. The clinic will provide health care services to low income, uninsured citizens ages 17 through 64. Ms. Reaves advised that the Clinic will partner with agencies in the community and will utilize a building in the Council area.

Discussion was held by the Board regarding FY 07 charitable contributions. The staff was directed to send a charitable contributions application form to the Bladen County Free Clinic.

Chairperson Moore expressed appreciation to Ms. Graham and Ms. Reaves for the presentation. Commissioner Blanks made a request to include the distribution of prescription cards to the citizens that utilize the services of the clinic.

ITEM 4. HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

- A. Health Director Wayne Stewart addressed the Board regarding adoption of well rules and fees. He provided a Power Point Presentation and advised that the Board of Health adopted the proposed rules and fees during its February 13 meeting. Discussion was held by the Board and the following action was taken: **A motion was made by James G. Smith, seconded by Greg Taylor to approve rules and fees regarding new wells and as adopted by the Board of Health. The motion also included the action to include additional testing fees if a well fails an inspection and reinspections have to be completed. The vote was unanimous. Fees were stated as follows: New well permit fee - \$200 and well permit fee in conjunction with septic permit fee - \$150. The fees include the mandated state laboratory testing fee of \$55.**
- B. Flu Pandemic Plan – Mr. Stewart updated the Board regarding Flu Pandemic. He advised that the plan has been submitted to UNC-Chapel Hill and felt that the State would approve the plan.

ITEM 5. ADVISORY BOARDS:

- A. Lisbon Rural Fire Protection District Commission – A motion was made by W. D. Neill Jr., seconded by James G. Smith and approved to reappoint J. B. Priest and George Barber to the Lisbon Rural Fire Protection District Commission. The motion also included the action to appoint Israel Cromartie to the seat held by John Heustess, John Carter to the seat held by Charles Wayne Phillips, and John Wayne Packer to the seat held by Bernard Monroe. The terms will expire January 2, 2009.**
- B. Community Corrections Board – A motion was made by Greg Taylor, seconded by W. D. Neill Jr. and approved by a vote of 8 AYES (Lewis Tatum, W. D. Neill Jr., Greg Taylor, Billy Ray Pait, Margaret Lewis-Moore, Delilah Blanks, Larry Smith, and James G. Smith) to 1 NO (Charles Ray Peterson) to appoint Aaron Cox to the Community Corrections Board. The term will expire September 6, 2009. *Mr. Peterson advised that his negative vote on the motion is in regard to the fact that the Community Corrections Board appears to be an inactive Board.***

The staff was directed to send out letters to all advisory boards regarding activity status and to provide a report to the Board of Commissioners.

ITEM 6. COUNTY MANAGER:

- A. Calendar Update - County Manager Greg Martin updated the Board on upcoming calendar events and reminded the Board of the MCAB meeting scheduled at 7:00 p.m. on February 27. He also reminded the Board of the Treasurer Training scheduled for February 27 at 10:00 a.m.**
- B. BRAC Update – During a previous meeting, Mr. Martin was asked to obtain information from the Economic Development Commission regarding the request for \$2500 for consulting fees for Greenfield Associates. Mr. Martin advised that Economic Development Director Chuck Heustess feels that the County should participate in the economic consulting assistance of Greenfield Associates. He further advised that the benefit of services obtained from Greenfield Associates will be worth the consulting fees. **A motion was made by Greg Taylor, seconded by Delilah Blanks and approved by a vote of 8 AYES (Lewis Tatum, W. D. Neill Jr., Greg Taylor, Billy Ray Pait, Margaret Lewis-Moore, Delilah Blanks, Larry Smith, and James G. Smith) to 1 NO (Charles Ray Peterson) to provide economic consulting funding in the amount of \$2,500.****
- C. Voluntary Ag Districts Meeting – A motion was made by W. D. Neill Jr., seconded by Billy Ray Pait and approved to schedule a Special Meeting on Monday, March 12 at 5:00 p.m. at the Powell-Melving Building.**
- D. Economic Development Matters – A motion was made by W. D. Neill Jr., seconded by Billy Ray Pait and approved to schedule a Special Meeting on Thursday, March 22 at 2:00 p.m. at the Powell-Melving Building. Economic Development Director Chuck Heustess will schedule a bus tour of the County and conclude with dinner at 6:00 p.m.**
- E. Closed Session – A motion was made by Billy Ray Pait, seconded by Lewis Tatum and approved to enter Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)6 personnel matters.**

A motion was made by Greg Taylor, seconded by W. D. Neill Jr. and approved to enter Regular Session.

A motion was made by Lewis Tatum, seconded by W. D. Neill Jr. and approved to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

Margaret Lewis-Moore, Chairperson
Bladen County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Kathy P. Britt, Clerk

