

JULY 9, 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 Chairman
Lewis Tatum
Delilah B. 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 let the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 1. CONSENT ITEMS:

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

- A. Approve Minutes: June 18, 2007 (Regular Session)
June 20, 2007 (Recesses Session)**
- B. Approve Agenda**
- C. Approve Budget Amendments or Transfers Department Budgets:**

	Increase	Decrease
<u>EMS</u>		
Expenditures:		
325300.110 Telephone	\$350.00	
325300.160 Maint/Repair Equip.	\$4,500.00	
325300.170 Maint/Repair Veh.	\$1,100.00	
325300.330 Supplies /Materials	\$2,100.00	
325300.331 Medical Supplies	\$400.00	
325300.740 Capital Outlay Equip.	\$1,150.00	
325300.020 Salaries & Wages		\$9,600.00
325300.600 Bad Debt	\$300,000.00	
Revenues		
323360.010 Billing Revenue	\$300,000.00	
<u>Administration</u>		
Revenues:		
103101.010 Tax-Ad Valorem Current	\$420,000.00	
103101.020 Tax-Ad Valorem Last Yr.		\$33,600.00
103101.030 Tax-Ad Valorem Prior		\$6,500.00
103101.050 Tax Penalties & Interest	\$16,000.00	
103180.010 Interest on Investments	\$113,000.00	
103190.050 FBA		\$508,900.00
<u>Register Of Deeds</u>		
Expenditures:		
104800.061 Retiree Insurance	\$1,300.00	
104800.060 Group Insurance		\$1,300.00
104800.080 Other Fringe Benefits	\$2,200.00	
104800.140 Travel	\$100.00	
104800.111 Postage		\$100.00
Rev.103160.010 Fees-Register of Deeds	\$2,200.00	
<u>Administration</u>		
Exp.106800.028 Hospital Advance	\$500,000.00	
Rev.103190.050 FBA	\$500,000.00	
<u>Motor Pool</u>		
Expenditures:		
105010.020 Salaries & Wages	\$525.00	
105010.110 Telephone	\$5.00	
105010.170 Maint/Repair Vehicles	\$3,000.00	
105010.310 Vehicle Parts/Supplies	\$6,000.00	
105010.320 Vehicle Fuels	\$18,750.00	

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105010.571 Misc. Expense – Wrecker	\$250.00	
105010.330 Supplies & Materials		\$1,000.00
105010.580 Schools & Meetings		\$100.00
Rev. 103190.050 FBA	\$27,430.00	

Administration

104100.020 Salaries & Wages	\$3,500.00	
104100.050 FICA	\$320.00	
104100.060 Group Insurance		\$100.00
104100.111 Postage	\$52.00	
104100.161 Copier Maintenance	\$1,000.00	
104100.260 Advertising	\$330.00	
104100.330 Supplies & Materials	\$845.00	
104100.570 Miscellaneous Expense	\$495.00	
104200.020 Salaries & Wages	\$3,900.00	
104200.050 FICA	\$100.00	
104200.070 Retirement	\$150.00	
104200.060 Group Insurance		\$150.00
104200.061 Retiree Insurance		\$175.00
104200.120 Printing		\$100.00
104200.140 Travel		\$100.00
Rev. 103190.050 FBA	\$10,067.00	

Mental Health

Exp. 105990.571 Mental Health – ABC	\$347.80	
Rev. 103510.030 ABC 5 cent Bottle Tax	\$347.80	

Administration

Exp. 106900.190 To AG Center Project	\$3,973.15	
Exp. 106900.671 To EMS		\$3,973.15

Administration

Exp. 325300.020 Salaries & Wages		\$3,973.15
Rev. 323360.011 FM General Fund		\$3,973.15

Administration

Exp. 186800.990 Contingency	\$3,973.15	
Rev. 183420.001 FM General Fund	\$3,973.15	

Industrial

Exp. 117200.002 Industrial Recruitment	\$225,000.00	
Rev. 113700.002 Industrial Recruitment	\$225,000.00	

D. Approve County Attorney Invoices:

- **ASCAP License Agreement - \$350.00**
- **Health Services Agreement between Bladen County and Southern Health Partners, LLC - \$475.00**
- **ACLU Letter in reference to Tasers or Stun Guns - \$350.00**
- **Retainer for Month of July - \$300.00**

E. Approve Community Transportation Program Grant Agreement with North Carolina Department of Transportation

F. Schedule Special Meeting for August 6, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. regarding NIMS 800 Incident Command Course

G. Schedule Public Hearing for August 6, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. regarding the Rural Operating Assistance Program

ITEM 2. MATTERS OF INTEREST TO COMMISSIONERS

- Chairperson Moore recognized recently retired employee Carlene Freeman. Ms. Freeman was not present. However, Ms. Moore said she would be presented a plaque from the Board for her years of service to Bladen County.
- Commissioner Blanks expressed her concern over the application from the City of Wilmington to dispose of sludge by land application in the Kelly area. Commissioner Blanks discussed Bladen County's ordinance to prevent this. County Manager Greg Martin said that Bladen County Planning Director Greg Elkins had written the contact person informing them of Bladen County's Ordinance. It was agreed that the County Attorney send a letter regarding Bladen County's concern with the application.
- Commissioner Larry Smith informed the Board that he had attended the Lower Cape Fear Water & Sewer Authority Board meeting and that Lock and Dam # 1 will not be removed. He further stated we need to keep the pressure on to prevent the closure of Locks and Dams # 2 and #3.

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ITEM 3. INDIVIDUALS/DELEGATIONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSIONERS:

Mr. Liston (Mack) Hester addressed the Board regarding a concern with the tax value on his dwelling. Chairperson Moore stated that the Board was not presented prior information to study and suggested that Mr. Hester meet with the County Manger and Mr. Tim Cain with Assessment Solutions, Inc. to discuss his concern. The Board members could be provided with information in order to make an informed decision at the next meeting.

ITEM 4. BLADEN COUNTY HOSPITAL:

A. Public Hearing Regarding Proposals for Affiliation

Chairperson Moore declared the public hearing open.

No comments were received.

Chairperson Moore declared the public hearing closed.

B. Consider Task Force Recommendation Regarding Negotiation with Cape Fear Valley Health System

- County Manager Greg Martin stated the committee recommendation. He informed the Board that proposals were posted on the Bladen County Web Site and hard copies were available for public review.

Commissioner Greg Taylor made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Billy Ray Pait, and approved to approve the task force recommendation and begin negotiation with Cape Fear Valley Health System.

C. Appoint Negotiation Team Members

A motion was made by James G. Smith, seconded by Larry Smith, to appoint Ms. Margaret Lewis-Moore, Mr. Charles Ray Peterson, Mr. Greg Martin, Mr. John Crill, Dr. Pearly Graham-Hoskins, Dr. Susan Aycock and Mr. David Masterson as team members to participate in the negotiation process with Cape Fear Valley Health System. The motion carried.

Chairperson Moore recognized representatives from Cape Fear Valley Health System and Bladen County Hospital. A ten minute recess was called by Chairperson Moore to provide an opportunity for the Board to meet and greet the representatives present.

ITEM 5. LUMBER RIVER COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS :

Consider Amendments to Inter-local Agreement

Commissioner Pait spoke on behalf of the Lumber River Council of Governments (LRCOG) as a board member. He informed the Board that the lending institutions offered LRCOG tax-free financing and the interest rate was significantly lower than the rate being offered to the Lumber River Development Corporation (LRDC).

On a motion made by Commissioner Pait, seconded by Commissioner Blanks, the Board unanimously approved the Inter-local Agreement to read Lumber River Council of Governments in lieu of Lumber River Development Corporation.

ITEM 6. COUNTY MANAGER

A. Calendar Update - Mr. Martin reviewed the following upcoming calendar events:

- July 10, 2007 @ 5:30 p.m. - Bladen County Hurricane Preparedness Expo
- July 12, 2007 @ 4:00 p.m. - DOT meeting
- July 13-17, 2007 - NACo Annual Conference
- July 23, 2007 @ 6:30 p.m. - Board of Commissioners meeting
- July 24, 2007 @ 6:00 p.m. - Hospital Board of Trustees meeting
- August 6, 2007 @ 4:00 p.m. - NIMS Training
- August 6, 2007 @ 6:30 p.m. - Board of Commissioners meeting
- August 16-19, 2007 - NCACC Conference
- August 20, 2007 @ 6:30 p.m. - Board of Commissioners meeting
- August 28, 2007 @ 6:00 p.m. - Hospital Board of Trustees meeting

B. Designate Voting Delegate for NCACC Conference

A motion was made by Greg Taylor, seconded by Larry Smith, and approved to designate Chairperson Margaret Lewis-Moore as Bladen County's Voting Delegate and Vice-Chair Billy Ray Pait as Alternate at the upcoming North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Annual Conference.

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C. Consider Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4) Economic Development (6) Personnel

A motion was made by W.D. Neill, Jr., seconded by Greg Taylor and approved to enter Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) Consult with Attorney, (4) Economic Development, and (6) Personnel.

A motion was made by James G. Smith, seconded by Lewis Tatum, and approved to re-enter open session.

A motion was made by Billy Ray Pait, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr., and approved to schedule a public hearing for July 23, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. regarding a proposed grant agreement between Bladen County and Bladen's Bloomin' Agri-Industrial, Inc.

A motion was made by W.D. Neill, Jr., seconded by Greg Taylor, and approved to continue the \$117.04 per month health insurance subsidy through October 31, 2007, for employees with "Employee Plus Spouse" coverage under the State Health Plan.

A motion was made by Billy Ray Pait, seconded by Delilah Blanks, and approved to reclassify the Emergency Services Director position from a 77J to a 79J and to increase the salary of the Computer Analyst position by \$1,500.00.

Commissioner Peterson expressed concern about property tax collections for motor vehicles. There was discussion about the system changes proposed by the State of North Carolina to be effective in 2010. It was requested that the Tax Administrator provide further information regarding this matter.

A motion was made by Lewis Tatum, seconded by Billy Ray Pait, and approved to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

**Margaret Lewis-Moore, Chairperson
Bladen County Board of Commissioners**

ATTEST:

Gregory J. Martin, Deputy Clerk