

July 23, 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: Leslie Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

Chairperson Moore called the meeting to order. Commissioner W. D. Neill, Jr. provided the Invocation and County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 1. CONSENT ITEMS:

Chairperson Moore requested that Item 1.D include a Release of the 2005 Taxes for Account No. 20-09096, being Parcel Identification Numbers 0268 1045 1860 and 0268 1045 2923 in the name of Anthony O'Brien Pate and Susan Carter Pate, being the same property later owned by Michelle Blackmon Helms. **A motion was made by James G. Smith, seconded by Billy Ray Pait and approved to adopt the following Consent Items:**

- A. Approve Minutes: July 9, 2007 (Regular Session)**
- B. Approve Agenda**
- C. Approve the following Budget Amendments:**

	Increase	Decrease
<u>School Construction Capital Fund</u>		
Expenditures:		
806800.570 Bond Expense	\$69,923.00	
806810.570 Technology Upgrade	\$37,800.00	
806810.580 Renovations	\$768,351.00	
806820.040 East Bladen-Engineering Adm	\$764,708.00	
806820.570 East Bladen-Land	\$199,373.00	
806820.580 East Bladen-Construction	\$17,693,541.00	
806830.040 West Bladen-Engineering Adm	\$732,025.00	
806830.570 West Bladen-Land	\$158,219.00	
806830.580 West Bladen-Construction	\$18,019,896.00	
Revenues:		
803180.010 Interest on Investments	\$1,781,117.00	
803190.010 Misc. Revenue	\$522,850.00	
803900.000 State School Bonds	\$11,139,869.00	
803910.000 GO Bonds	\$25,000,000.00	
<u>Scattered Site Housing</u>		
Expenditures:		
784980.000 Admin	\$40,000.00	
784980.010 Scattered Site Planning	\$3,500.00	
784980.560 Clearance Activities	\$35,000.00	
784980.561 Rehab Privately Owned Homes	\$50,000.00	
784980.562 Relocation Assistance	\$271,500.00	
Rev.783987.030 CDBG 05-C-1355	\$400,000.00	
<u>Water Construction IIC</u>		
Expenditures:		
234700.040 Professional Service-Legal	\$43,560.00	
234700.041 Professional Service-Engineering	\$1,120,566.00	
234700.042 Tech Services-Outside of Eng Agreement	\$113,000.00	
234700.400 Land/RW	\$25,680.00	
234700.451 Contract 1 McArthur Const Co	\$1,473,002.00	
234700.452 Contract 2 Herring Rivenbark	\$1,025,586.00	
234700.453 Contract 3 Herring Rivenbark	\$1,833,835.00	
234700.454 Contract 4 Caldwell Tanks Co	\$459,000.00	
234700.455 Contract 5 Bills Well Drilling	\$173,735.00	
234700.456 Equipment Purchases	\$26,054.00	
234700.540 Bond Expense	\$2,416.00	
234700.740 Capital Outlay-Equipment	\$9,022.00	
234700.745 Interest Expense	\$359,500.00	
234700.912 TO CDBG Water Improvement	\$250,000.00	
234700.990 Contingency	\$507.00	

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Revenues:

233190.010 Misc. Revenue	\$93,274.00
233420.000 Water Bond Proceeds	\$5,983,000.00
233420.001 Fm-Water Ent Fund	\$25,000.00
233420.002 Rural Development Loan WT	\$593,000.00
233420.003 Rural Development Grant-WT	\$150,000.00
233480.001 Interest on Investment	\$71,189.00

Carolina Blueberry/Ag Center Project

Expenditures:

186800.040 Professional Service Design	\$16,000.00
186800.041 Professional Service Mgmt./Inspection	\$13,900.00
186800.042 Professional Service E&R Permits	\$620.00
186800.043 Professional Service Administration	\$8,500.00
186800.044 Eng/Design-Ag/Expo Center	\$5,523.00
186800.450 Construction	\$171,625.00
186800.900 To Ag Center	\$68,975.00
186800.990 Contingency	\$18,895.15

Revenues:

183420.000 Rural Center Grant Carolina Blueberry	\$279,965.00
183420.001 Fm General Fund	\$24,073.15

Workers Compensation Fund

Exp. 136800.540 Workman Comp Insurance	\$830,879.00
Rev. 133190.010 Misc. Revenue	\$830,879.00

Administration

Exp. 106800.674 Segal Recovery Cost	\$439.00
Rev. 103270.022 Sheriff-SCAAP	\$439.00

Sheriff

Exp. 105100.571 Excise-Controlled Substance	\$8,745.86
Rev. 103190.050 FBA	\$8,745.86

Solid Waste

Exp. 205805.740 Capital Outlay	\$23,500.00
Rev. 203390.002 Fund Balance Appropriation	\$23,500.00

D. Approve County Attorney Invoice:

- **Alleged Civil Rights Violations by Bladen County by Mark Cartret Around the Clock Bail Bonding, Inc., Sellers Bail Bonding, L.L.C. \$750.00**

E. Approve Tax Refunds and Releases for June, 2007: Docket # _____

F. Approve Special Conditions Regarding Pre-Trial Release Program Grant Award

G. Approve Special Conditions Regarding Community Drug Interdiction Grant Award

H. Approve Clarkton Fire District Loan for Service/Crash Truck

I. Schedule Public Hearing for August 6, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. Regarding Application to Rezone Property

ITEM 2. MATTERS OF INTEREST TO COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Peterson expressed a desire to send a letter of recognition from the Board to county citizens returning from the war. Commissioner Taylor expressed concern about the possible difficulty in accessing that information. The County Manager was asked to check to see if a list could be obtained.
- Commissioner Peterson expressed his concern with names being given over the airway of individuals reporting complaints, etc.
- Commissioner Peterson stated that he had a genuine concern for the Senior Citizens and he wanted to know if a County Drug Task Force was in place. It was suggested that the County Manager review this matter and report findings to the Board.
- Commissioner Taylor reported that the membership drive for the Committee of 100 is taking place and the Annual Banquet will be held on August 16th.
- Commissioner Blanks expressed her concern that the list of potential Agricultural Board Members for the Bladen County Voluntary Agricultural Districts Committee was not an inclusive list with a minimum of one female and one minority in each district.

ITEM 3 INDIVIDUALS/DELEGATIONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSIONERS:

Mr. Charles Kinlaw addressed the Board with concern for the lack of rescue squad volunteers. He stated that the paid personnel were putting the volunteers out of existence. He asked the Board to protect the few volunteers left. He further praised the employees in the County 911-Communications Office.

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ITEM 4. LUMBER RIBER COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

A. Public Hearing Regarding Small Business and Entrepreneurial Assistance Grant Application

Chairperson Moore declared the public hearing open.

No comments were received.

Chairperson Moore declared the public hearing closed.

B. Consider Approving Grant Application

A motion was made by Commissioner Billy Ray Pait, seconded by Commissioner Delilah Blanks and approved support the grant application .

Commissioner Taylor asked to be recused from voting due to the possibility that he will be the supervisor of the person administering the grant. He was recused.

ITEM 5. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: (Chuck Heustess, Executive Director)

A. Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Grant Agreement with Bladen’s Bloomin’ Agri-Industrial

Chairperson Moore declared the public hearing open.

No comments were received.

Chairperson Moore declared the public hearing closed.

B. Consider Approving Grant Agreement with Bladen’s Bloomin’ Agri-Industrial, Inc.

On a motion made by Commissioner W. D. Neill, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Billy Ray Pait , the Board unanimously approved the following 5-Year Grant Agreement with Bladen’s Bloomin’ Agri-Industrial, Inc.:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF BLADEN

GRANT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this ___day of _____2007, and between **THE COUNTY OF BLADEN**, a body politic and corporate party of the first part and **BLADEN'S BLOOMIN' AGRI-INDUSTRIAL, INC.**, party of the second part.

WITNESSETH

That pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 158-7.1, Bladen County is authorized to make appropriations to party of the second part, which will be used to increase the population, taxable property, agricultural industries, business prospects and economic development activities in the County.

That The County of Bladen hereby agrees to make available a grant to the party of the second part in the amount of \$134,112.00 annually for five years to be used for aiding and encouraging the location of manufacturing enterprises, making industrial surveys, locating industrial and commercial plants in Bladen County, and other purposes for economic development of Bladen County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, party of the first part has caused this contract to be signed in its corporate name and sealed with its corporate seal and party of the second part has caused this contract to be signed in its corporate name by its Manager/Member, the day and year first above written.

COUNTY OF BLADEN

By: _____
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

CLERK TO THE BOARD

BLADEN'S BLOOMIN AGRI-INDUSTRIAL, INC.

By: _____
PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

SECRETARY

**ITEM 6. BLADEN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT:
(Director Randy Garner and Adam Kiker with Hobbs-Upchurch & Associates, P.A.)**

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A. Public Hearing Regarding Close-Out of the FY02 Community Development Block Grant-Water System Improvements Project

Chairperson Moore declared the public hearing open.

No comments were received.

Chairperson Moore declared the public hearing closed.

County Manager Martin commented that he was glad to be at this point. The water was on at the well and the project was complete and ready to be closed.

A motion was made by Mr. Greg Taylor, seconded by W. D. Neill, Jr., and approved to enter into session as the Bladen County Water District Board of Directors.

B. Consider Incorporating Proposed Waterline Extension Policy (Appendix D) into the Bladen County Water District Rules and Regulations

A motion made by Mr. W. D. Neill, Jr., seconded by Mr. Lewis Tatum and approved for Appendix D – Waterline Extension Policy, to be added to the current Rules and Regulations for the Bladen County Water District.

C. Present Proposed Water District Project – Phase III

Adam Kiker, Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates, P.A. Project Manager gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed Water District Project – Phase III. After much discussion, Mrs. Moore suggested that Mr. Kiker, Mr. Fred Hobbs and Mr. Randy Garner make suggested amendments and bring different scenarios for consideration at the August 20th Board meeting.

D. Consider Approving Application for Federal Assistance Related to Proposed Water Project

No action taken.

A motion was made by Mr. W. D. Neill, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Larry Smith, and approved to exit the Water District Board Meeting.

ITEM 7. ADVISORY BOARDS:

Tar Heel Fire Service District Committee - A motion was made by Mr. James G. Smith, seconded by Mr. Charles Ray Peterson and approved to re-appoint Eddie Knight and Troy Smith to three year terms with an expiration date of June 30, 2010.

ITEM 8. COUNTY MANAGER

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

- July 26, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m. - Rescue Squad Association Meeting, Tar Heel
- August 6, 2007 @ 4:00 p.m. - NIMS Training
- August 6, 2007 @ 6:30 p.m. - Board of Commissioners meeting
- August 16, 2007 - Committee of 100 Annual Banquet
- August 16-19, 2007 - NCACC Conference *RSVP
- August 20, 2007 @ 6:30 p.m.- Board of Commissioners meeting
- August 28, 2007 @ 6:00 p.m.- Hospital Board of Trustees meeting

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

A motion was made by Charles R. Peterson, seconded by Delilah Blanks and approved to enter regular session.

A motion was made by Lewis Tatum, seconded by Delilah Blanks and approved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Margaret Lewis-Moore, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Gregory J. Martin, Deputy Clerk