

**January 22, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held on January 22, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

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

Attorney: Wes Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

Chairperson Moore called the meeting to order and provided the invocation. 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 the following consent items.**

- A. Approve Minutes (January 7, 2008)**
- B. Approve Agenda**
- C. Approve Budget Amendments**

	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
<b><u>Cooperative Extension</u></b>		
Exp: 106805.029 <i>Governor's One-on-One-Friends of Youth</i>	\$150.00	
Rev: 103230.018 <i>Governor's One-on-One-Friends of Youth</i>	\$150.00	
<b><u>Social Services</u></b>		
Exp: 146160.270 <i>Smart Start- Vendor</i>	\$39,754	
Rev: 143690.00 <i>Smart Start-Vendor</i>	\$39,754	
<b><u>Library</u></b>		
Exp: 106700.270 <i>Library Books</i>	\$25.00	
Rev: 103190.010 <i>Phoebe M. Murrell</i>	\$25.00	
<b><u>EMS</u></b>		
Exp: 325300.741 <i>Capital Outlay-Vehicles</i>	\$104,725.00	
Exp: 325300.740 <i>Capital Outlay-Equipment</i>		\$3,725.00
Rev: 323360.009 <i>Proceeds from First Citizens</i>	\$101,000.00	
<b><u>Lisbon Fire Department</u></b>		
Exp: 445300.570 <i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$7,825.00	
Rev: 443290.030 <i>FBA</i>	\$7,825.00	

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**Social Services**

Exp: 146100.651 \$102.20

*Energy Neighbor Fund*

Rev: 143530.031 \$102.20

*Energy Neighbor Fund*

**Register of Deeds**

Exp: 104800.740 \$12,867.30

*Capital Outlay-Equipment*

Rev: 103190.050 \$12,867.30

*FBA*

**D. Approve County Attorney Invoices**

- **January Retainer Fee \$300.00**

**E. Approve Tax Refunds and Releases - Deleted**

**F. Approve Resolution in Memory of Floyd Hursey**

**G. Approve Agreement with Assessment Solutions, Inc. Regarding New Construction**

**H. Extend Property Listing Period through February 15, 2008**

**I. Schedule a Public Hearing Regarding Rezoning Request for February 18, 2008**

**ITEM 2. MATTERS OF INTERESTS TO COMMISSIONERS:**

**A. Present Resolution to Family of Floyd Hursey** – Chairperson Moore presented a Resolution to the family of Floyd Hursey in his memory.

**B. State of the County Address** – Chairperson Moore presented a State of the County Address to the citizens of Bladen County and in honor of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration.

- Commissioner Peterson requested that Mr. Martin look into the possibility of holding court in other parts of the county to help with parking at the Courthouse. Mr. Peterson also asked that Mr. Martin compare what the jail is paying for rent to what it would cost to build a new jail.
- Commissioner James G. Smith asked that Mr. Martin send a letter to Representative Brisson and Senator Rand regarding the condition of the National Guard Armory in Elizabethtown.
- Commissioner Taylor stated that at a recent Transportation Advisory meeting, Mac Campbell informed him that nothing has been set in stone regarding the four laning of Hwy 87 through the Council community.

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

**ITEM 4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: (Chuck Heustess, Director)**

**A. Public Hearing Regarding Incentive Grant Agreement**

*Commissioner Moore declared the Public Hearing Open.*

*No public comments were received.*

*Commissioner Moore declared the Public Hearing Closed.*

**B. Consider Approving Grant Agreement – Upon a motion made by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by James G. Smith, the Board approved the following grant agreement.**

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF BLADEN

**GRANT AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this \_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_2008, 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\*

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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 \$3,875.00 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 5. BLADEN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT: (*Randy Garner, Director, Adam Kiker, HUA*)**

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

- A. Consider Approving Request to Accept USDA Emergency Assistance Grant for Center Road Well
- B. Consider Approving Request to Accept USDA Loan for Iron Removal System at Tobermory Well
- C. Consider Approving Request to Accept USDA Loan for Mt. Horeb Well

**A motion was made by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Greg Taylor to accept the USDA Emergency Assistance grant up to \$75,000 for the Center Road Well, accept the USDA loan funds of approximately \$300,000 for an iron removal system at Tobermory Well, and to accept USDA loan funds of \$185,000 to construct a new well at Mt. Horeb Well.**

**A motion was made by Billy Ray Pait, seconded by Greg Taylor and approved to exit session as Bladen County District Board of Directors.**

**ITEM 6. EMERGENCY SERVICES: (*Mitchell Byrd, Director*)**

- Consider Request Regarding Fire Grant Match for Viper System – **A motion was made by Delilah Blanks, seconded by James G. Smith and approved the NC Department of Insurance Matching Grant. This would enable each fire department to receive two radios, one from the county and one from the grant.**

**ITEM 7. ADVISORY BOARDS:**

- Bladen County Hospital Executive Board (2) - **A motion was made by Larry Smith, seconded by Lewis Tatum and approved to appoint Faye Hardin to the Bladen County Hospital Executive Board with an expiration date of December 31, 2010.**  
**A motion was made by James G. Smith, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr. and approved to extend Linda Baldwin's term until July 31, 2008.**

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- ITEM 8. COUNTY MANAGER: (*Greg Martin*)**
- A. Calendar Update – Mr. Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.
  - B. Consider Recognition of Former Mayors – **A motion was made by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by James G. Smith, and approved to honor all former mayors for each of the municipalities in Bladen County.**
  - C. Consider Approving Bid to Purchase County Property – **A motion was made by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Delilah Blanks, and approved to accept bid from Leon Davis to acquire property at 426 Martin Luther King Drive in Bladenboro and to start the bid process.**
  - D. Consider Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel Matters, (a)(4) Economic Development - **A motion was made by Billy Ray Pait, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr. and approved to enter Closed Session.**

**A motion was made by Greg Taylor, seconded by Lewis Tatum and approved to enter Regular session.**

**A motion was made by Lewis Tatum, seconded by Billy Ray Pait and approved to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.**

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

**ATTEST:**

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**Ashley C. Sasser, Clerk**