

**March 10, 2008**

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

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

Absent: Margaret Lewis-Moore, Chairperson

Attorney: Leslie Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

Vice-Chairman Billy Ray Pait called the meeting to order. Commissioner Peterson provided the invocation and County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-Chairman Pait requested that the Board add Budget Amendment regarding a special appropriation to Bladen County Schools.

**A motion was made by James G. Smith, seconded by Larry Smith and approved to adopt the following consent items:**

**A. Approve Minutes: (February 18, 2008)**

**B. Approve Agenda**

**C. Approve Budget Amendments:**

	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
<b><u>Social Services</u></b>		
Exp: 146100.650	\$4,020.00	
<i>Crisis Intervention</i>		
Rev: 143530.220	\$4,020.00	
<i>DSS Crisis INT. F/S</i>		
 <b><u>Social Services</u></b>		
Exp: 146160.455	\$57.00	
<i>Caring for Kids Foster Care</i>		
Rev: 143530.344	\$57.00	
<i>Caring for Kids United Way</i>		
 <b><u>Library</u></b>		
Exp: 106700.270	\$2,522.00	
<i>Library Books</i>		
Rev: 103630.010	\$2,522.00	
<i>State Aid</i>		
 <b><u>Social Services</u></b>		
Exp: 146100.651	\$199.90	
<i>Energy Neighbor Fund</i>		
Rev: 143530.031	\$199.90	
<i>Energy Neighbor Fund</i>		
 <b><u>Administration</u></b>		
Exp: 106900.610	\$60,536.68	
<i>To Economic Development</i>		
Rev: 103190.050	\$60,536.68	
<i>FBA</i>		

**Health Department**

Exp: 105920.330 \$7,030.00  
*Supplies*  
Rev: 103530.090 \$7,030.00  
*DHHS-Family Planning*

**Animal Control**

Exp: 105200.740 \$113,880.00  
*Capital Outlay-Equipment*  
Exp: 105200.744 \$88,102.57  
*Debt Service*  
Rev: 103190.050 \$201,982.57  
*FBA*

**Economic Development**

Exp: 307200.910 \$60,536.68  
*Special Appropriations*  
Rev: 303420.010 \$60,536.68  
*FM General Fund*

**Administration**

Exp: 106800.028 \$361,000.00  
*Hospital Advance*  
Rev: 103190.050 \$361,000.00  
*FBA*

**E911 Addressing**

Exp: 225300.740 \$16,000.00  
*Capital Outlay*  
Rev: 223260.020 \$16,000.00  
*Wireless Fund Balance*

**E911 Addressing**

Exp: 225300.740 \$4,000.00  
*Capital Outlay*  
Rev: 223260.020 \$4,000.00  
*Wireless Fund Balance*

**Soil Conservation**

Exp: 106400.571 \$7,083.30  
*Miscellaneous Expense Bill*  
Rev: 103430.001 \$7,083.30  
*Grain Drill Rent*

**Kelly Fire District**

Exp: 385050.570 \$15,000.00  
*Miscellaneous Expense*  
Rev: 383290.020 \$15,000.00  
*FBA*

**Administration-Education**

Exp: 106910.980 \$2,000.00  
*Schools-Special Projects*  
Rev: 103190.050 \$2,000.00  
*FBA*

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**D. Approve County Attorney Invoices**

- Rachel Kinlaw FEMA Loan \$410.00
- March Retainer \$300.00
- December Retainer \$300.00
- Kelly Fire Department \$500.00
- Other \$1,950.00

**E. Approve Resolution in Memory of Leo Madison Hester**

**County of Bladen**  
**Board of Commissioners**  
**Resolution**



**WHEREAS**, Leo Madison Hester, a resident of the Bladenboro Community of Bladen County, died on Saturday, December 29, 2007; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Hester served his country for twenty years in the United States Navy until retirement. Mr. Hester was a survivor of Pearl Harbor; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Hester was a devoted member of Hickory Grove Baptist Church, serving as Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, Choir Member, and Trustee; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Hester loved his family, friends, and community; and,

**WHEREAS**, the people of Bladen County have, by his death, lost a great friend, and a valued member of the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by members of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners that on behalf of the people of Bladen County, we do hereby express to the family of Leo Madison Hester, our heartfelt expression for the life and work of Mr. Hester in our midst and our belief that the memory of his good works and character will be and remain an inspiration to many and a blessing to all;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution bearing the seal of the County of Bladen, shall be presented to the family of Leo Madison Hester in the name of the people of Bladen County.

**ADOPTED** this 10<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2008.

Billy Ray Pait, Vice-Chairman  
Bladen County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:  
  
Ashley C. Sasser, Clerk

**F. Approve Supplemental Lease Agreement for Farm Service Agency Office**

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CCC-2 (10-18-01) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Commodity Credit Corporation

**LEASE FOR REAL PROPERTY**

1. DATE 12-01-2007 2. COUNTY NAME BLADEN COUNTY

3. THIS LEASE, made and entered into this day by and between COUNTY OF BLADEN  
whose address is: P.O. BOX 965 ELIZABETHTOWN, N.C. 28337

and whose interest in the property hereinafter called the Lessor and the Farm Service Agency hereinafter called FSA.

4. WITNESSETH: The parties hereto for the consideration hereinafter mentioned, covenant and agree as follows:

a. The Lessor hereby leases to FSA the following described premises: 3504 NET USABLE SQUARE FEET AT THE  
POWELL, MELVIN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE CENTER  
to be used for OFFICE SPACE

b. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises with their appurtenances for the term beginning  
12-01-2007 through 11-30-2008 subject to termination and renewal rights  
as may be hereinafter set forth.

c. The FSA shall pay the Lessor annual rent of \$ 28032.00 at the rate of \$ 2336.00  
per month (\$ 0.00 per square foot) in arrears. Rent for a lesser period shall be prorated. Rent checks shall be  
made payable to: COUNTY OF BLADEN

d. The FSA may terminate this lease or decrease the amount of space at any time by giving at least 120  
days notice in writing to the Lessor and no rent shall accrue after the effective date of termination. Said notice shall be computed  
commencing with the day after the date of mailing.

e. This lease may be renewed at the option of the FSA for the following terms and at the following rentals:  
RENEWABLE YEARLY.  
RATE IS NEGOTIABLE AT TIME OF RENEWAL.

provided notice be given in writing to the Lessor at least 120 days before the end of the original lease term  
or any renewal terms; all other terms and conditions of this lease shall remain the same during any renewal term. Said notice shall  
be computed commencing with the day after the date of mailing.

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f. The Lessor shall furnish the FSA, as part of the rental consideration, the following:

THE LESSOR SHALL FURNISH HEAT, ELECTRICITY, WATER, CHILLED DRINKING WATER, AIR CONDITIONING, WINDOW WASHING, TOILET SUPPLIES, JANITOR SERVICES AND SUPPLIES, TAMP REPLACEMENT, AND PARKING.

g. The following are attached and made a part hereof:  
(Solicitation For Offers (SFO))

AT THE TIME OF THE EXERCISE OF ANY OF THE RENEWAL OPTIONS OR ON THE ANNIVERSARY DATE OF A FIRST TERM LEASE, THE RENTAL AGREEMENT MAY BE RENEGOTIATED TO PROVIDE FOR ANY INCREASE IN PUBLIC UTILITY RATES, INCLUDING ELECTRICITY, GAS, WATER, SEWAGE, AND REAL ESTATE TAXES, APPROVED BY A PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION. ANY CLAIM BY LESSOR FOR AN INCREASE IN RENT DUE TO INCREASED REAL ESTATE TAXES AND PUBLIC UTILITY RATES, SHALL BE SUPPORTED BY DOCUMENTED EVIDENCE OF SUCH INCREASE OF RATES.

h. The following changes were made in this lease prior to its execution:

5. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have hereunto subscribed their names as of the dates written above.

A. LESSOR	SIGNATURE	DATE
B. STATE OFFICE DESIGNEE	SIGNATURE	DATE
C. COUNTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	SIGNATURE	DATE

*Margaret L. Moore* *Margaret L. Moore* *2-13-08*  
*Thomas G. Smith* *Thomas G. Smith* *2-13-08*

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

- **Present Resolution to Family of Leo Madison Hester** – Vice Chairman Billy Ray Pait presented the family of Leo Madison Hester with a Resolution in his memory.
- **A motion was made by James G. Smith, seconded by Larry Smith and approved to present the family of Worth Thompson a resolution in his memory at the April 7, 2008 meeting.**
- Commissioner Neill requested that County Manager Greg Martin submit a letter to Senator Rand and Representative Brisson regarding JCPC.

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

**ITEM 4. PLANNING: (Greg Elkins, Director)**

- A. Review Rural Transportation Planning Organization Amended Memorandum of Understanding**
- B. Consider Approving Amended Memorandum of Understanding- Upon a motion by James G. Smith, seconded by Greg Taylor, the Board approved the Amended Memorandum of Understanding.**

**ITEM 5. HEALTH DEPARTMENT: (Wayne Stewart, Health Director)**

- A. Review Municipal Animal Control Ordinances**
- B. Consider Scheduling Public Hearing Regarding Proposed County Animal Control Ordinance – Upon a motion by James G. Smith, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr., the Board scheduled a Public Hearing for April 7, 2008 at 6:30pm regarding the Proposed Animal Control Ordinance.**

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**ITEM 6. FINANCE: (Lisa Coleman, Director)**

- **Consider Capitalization Threshold Revision from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for the Fiscal year ending in June 30, 2008. - Upon a motion by Greg Taylor, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr., the Board increased the capitalization threshold from \$1,000 to \$5,000.**

**ITEM 7. County Manager: (Greg Martin)**

- A. Calendar Update – Mr. Martin reviewed the calendar of upcoming events.**
- B. Consider Selecting Partner for Proposed Guaranteed Energy Savings Project – A motion was made by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by James G. Smith and approved to select Energy Systems Group as Bladen County’s partner for the proposed Guaranteed Energy Savings Project.**
- C. Schedule Dates for Board of Equalization and Review Meetings – A motion was made by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Lewis Tatum and approved to schedule a Board of Equalization and Review Meeting for April 14, 2008 at 5:00 pm.**
- D. Consider Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6) Personnel Matters – A motion was made by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr. and approved to enter closed session.**

**A motion was made by James G. Smith, seconded by Larry Smith and approved to enter Regular Session.**

**A motion was made by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Larry Smith and approved to grant Leave Without Pay to Betty Jo Barnes.**

**A motion was made by Greg Taylor, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr. and approved to allow couples with both spouses employed by the county to enroll in Family Health Plan Coverage in order to save couples approximately \$50 per month. This will require no additional cost to Bladen County.**

**Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by James G. Smith, the Board scheduled a Special Meeting on March 31, 2008 at 5:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to enter closed session to address a personnel matter.**

**A motion was made by Lewis Tatum, seconded by Greg Taylor and approved to adjourn at 7:35 pm.**

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

**ATTEST:**

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**Ashley C. Sasser, Clerk**