

**July 21, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held on July 21, 2008 at 6:30 pm in the Commissioner's Meeting Room of the Bladen County Courthouse with the following members present:

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

Attorney: Allen Johnson, Johnson Law Firm

Chairperson Moore called the meeting to order. Commissioner Peterson provided the invocation and County Manager Greg Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairperson Moore requested that Item 1J, BRAC Letter of Support, be added to the proposed agenda.

Upon a motion made by James G. Smith, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr., the Board approved to add Item 1J and approved the following consent items:

- A. Approve Minutes  
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- B. Approve Agenda**
- C. Approve Budget Amendments**

	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
<b><u>Workers Compensation</u></b>		
Exp: 136800.540	\$745,130.58	
<i>Workers Comp Insurance</i>		
Exp: 136800.900	\$42,874.00	
<i>To General Fund</i>		
Rev: 133190.010	\$788,004.58	
<i>Misc. Revenue</i>		
<b><u>Carolina Blueberry/Ag Center</u></b>		
Exp: 186700.040	\$1,900.00	
<i>Professional Services- Design</i>		
Exp: 186700.041	\$1,700.00	
<i>Construction Inspection</i>		
Exp: 186700.042	\$620.00	
<i>Permits</i>		
Exp: 186700.043	\$2,000.00	
<i>Prof Services-Admin</i>		
Exp: 186700.450	\$46,688.42	
<i>Waterline to Ag/Expo Center</i>		
Exp: 186700.990	\$22,435.00	
<i>Contingency</i>		
Exp: 186800.040	\$16,000.00	
<i>Professional Services Design</i>		
Exp: 186800.041	\$13,900.00	
<i>Professional Services Management/Inspection</i>		

Exp: 186800.042	\$620.00
<i>Professional Services E &amp; R Permits</i>	
Exp: 186800.043	\$8,500.00
<i>Professional Service Administration</i>	
Exp: 186800.450	\$189,674.73
<i>Construction</i>	
Rev: 183420.000	\$279,965.00
<i>Rural Center Grant Carolina Blueberry</i>	
Rev: 183420.001	\$24,073.15
<i>Fm General Fund</i>	

**Water Construction Phase IIC**

Exp: 234700.040	\$43,560.00
<i>Professional Services-Legal</i>	
Exp: 234700.041	\$1,120,566.00
<i>Professional Services-Engineering</i>	
Exp: 234700.042	\$113,000.00
<i>Tech-Srvs-Outside of Eng Agreement</i>	
Exp: 234700.400	\$25,680.00
<i>Land/RW</i>	
Exp: 234700.451	\$1,473,002.00
<i>Contract 1 McArthur Const Co</i>	
Exp: 234700.452	\$1,025,586.00
<i>Contract 2 Herring Rivenbark</i>	
Exp: 234700.453	\$1,833,835.00
<i>Contract 3 Herring Rivenbark</i>	
Exp: 234700.454	\$459,000.00
<i>Contract 4 Caldwell Tanks Co.</i>	
Exp: 234700.455	\$173,735.00
<i>Contract 5 Bills Well Drilling</i>	
Exp: 234700.456	\$26,054.00
<i>Equipment Purchases</i>	
Exp: 234700.540	\$2,416.00
<i>Bond Expense</i>	
Exp: 234700.740	\$9,022.00
<i>Capital Outlay-Equipment</i>	
Exp: 234700.745	\$359,500.00
<i>Interest Expense</i>	
Exp: 234700.912	\$207,296.00
<i>To CDBG Water Improvement</i>	
Exp: 234700.990	\$507.00
<i>Contingency</i>	
Exp: 234700.041	\$42,703.23
<i>Prof Services-Engineering</i>	
Rev: 233190.010	\$93,274.00
<i>Misc Revenue</i>	
Rev: 233420.000	\$5,983,000.00
<i>Water Bond Proceeds</i>	
Rev: 233420.001	\$25,000.00
<i>Fm-Water Ent Fund</i>	

Rev: 233420.002	\$593,000.00	
<i>Rural Development Loan</i>		
<i>WT</i>		
Rev: 233420.003	\$150,000.00	
<i>Rural Development Grant</i>		
<i>WT</i>		
Rev: 233480.001	\$71,189.00	
<i>Interest on Investment</i>		
<b><u>School Capital Projects</u></b>		
Exp: 806800.570	\$69,923.00	
<i>Bond Expense</i>		
Exp: 806810.570	\$37,800.00	
<i>Technology Upgrade</i>		
Exp: 806810.580	\$847,466.49	
<i>Renovations</i>		
Exp: 806820.040	\$764,708.00	
<i>East Bladen-Engineering</i>		
<i>Adm</i>		
Exp: 806820.570	\$199,373.00	
<i>East Bladen Land</i>		
Exp: 806820.580	\$17,672,503.62	
<i>East Bladen Construction</i>		
Exp: 806830.040	\$732,025.00	
<i>West Bladen-Engineering</i>		
<i>Adm</i>		
Exp: 806830.570	\$158,219.00	
<i>West Bladen Land</i>		
Exp: 806830.580	\$17,979,661.34	
<i>West Bladen Construction</i>		
Rev: 803180.010	\$1,781,117.00	
<i>Interest on Investments</i>		
Rev: 803190.010	\$540,693.45	
<i>Misc Revenue</i>		
Rev: 803900.000	\$11,139,869.00	
<i>State School Bonds</i>		
Rev: 803910.000	\$25,000,000.00	
<i>GO Bonds</i>		
<b><u>E.S. Clarkton Fire District</u></b>		
Exp: 355020.570	\$12,000.00	
<i>Misc. Expense</i>		
Exp: 355020.990		\$12,000.00
<i>Contingency</i>		
<b><u>E.S. Bay Tree Fire District</u></b>		
Exp: 475300.570	\$10,000.00	
<i>Misc. Expense</i>		
Rev: 473290.030	\$10,000.00	
<i>FBA</i>		

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

- Chairperson Moore stated that the issues that were discussed at the NaCo Annual Conference were some of the same issues that Bladen County has been discussing such as Water Issues and Global Warming.
- Commissioner Peterson asked County Manager Greg Martin to find out why BARTS Transportation is having miscommunication with dialysis patients.
- Commissioner Tatum presented a certificate of appreciation from VFW, Elizabethtown Post 8062 for the Board's charitable donation to their organization.

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- Dan Ward and Paul Johnson requested funding for the Bladen County 9-10 year old, 11-12 year old, and 13-14 year old girls softball teams. All three teams will advance to the State Tournament. This would help the teams with travel, lodging, and meals. A motion was made by Greg Taylor, seconded by James G. Smith and approved to support the girls softball teams by donating \$500 per team for a total of \$1500.

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

**ITEM 4. EMERGENCY SERVICES: (*Mitchell Byrd, Director*)**

- Consider Request to Apply for Funding for Hazard Mitigation Plan with the Holland Consulting Planners – A motion was made by Lewis Tatum, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr. and approved to allow Bladen County Emergency Services to apply for FEMA Grant Funding to contract with Holland Consulting Planners to update Bladen County's Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**ITEM 5. DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES: (*Sharon McGavock, Work First Supervisor*)**

- Consider Approving Standard Status for the Work First Program- Upon a motion by Greg Taylor, seconded by Larry Smith, the Board approved Standard Status for the Work First Program through Federal Fiscal Year 2011.

**ITEM 6. SOLID WASTE: (*Robert Mazur, General Services Manager*)**

- A. Consider Approving Development of Recycling Program – Upon a motion by Greg Taylor, seconded by Lewis Tatum, the Board approved the development of a Recycling Program for Bladen County.
- B. Discuss Convenience Center Locations – The Board discussed concerns regarding distance to solid waste convenience centers, particularly for residents in the Lagoon Community. N
- C. Consider Approving Contract Amendment with Lankford Protective Services – Upon a motion by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr., the Board approved the contract amendment with Lankford Protective Services. The motion was approved by a vote of 8 AYES (Charles Ray Peterson, Larry Smith, Delilah Blanks, Margaret Lewis-Moore, Billy Ray Pait, Greg Taylor, W.D. Neill, Jr. and Lewis Tatum) to 1 NO (James G. Smith).

**ITEM 7. SHERIFF: (*Steve Bunn*)**

Consider Approving VIPER Project Bids:

- A. 911 Center Upgrades – A motion was made by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by James G. Smith and approved to award the bid in the amount of \$329,626 to Communications Specialists for 911 Center Upgrades.
- B. UHF Radio Page System – A motion was made by James G. Smith, seconded by Larry Smith and approved to award the UHF Radio Page System Bid in the amount of \$253,767 to Communications Specialists.
- C. Tower Construction at Tar Heel – A motion was made by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by James G. Smith and approved to award the bid in the amount of \$53,001 to Communications Specialists for construction of a Communications Tower at Tar Heel Fire Department.

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**ITEM 8. FINANCE: (Lisa Coleman, Director)**

- A. Consider Approving Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse -
- B. Consider Resolution Approving Financing Terms
- C. Consider Approving 10 year \$2,100,000 Financing Agreement with BB&T

Upon a motion by Larry Smith, seconded by Delilah Blanks, the Board approved the Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse, Resolution Approving Financing Terms, and approved the 10 year \$2,100,000 Financing Agreement with BB&T.

**ITEM 9. Advisory Boards:**

- A. Lumber River Workforce Development Board (2) – A motion was made by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by Lewis Tatum and approved to reappoint Barbara Knight with an expiration date of June 30, 2010 and to appoint Dr. William Findt to fill Dr. Darrell Page's seat with an expiration date of June 30, 2011. A motion was made by Delilah Blanks, seconded by Greg Taylor and approved to appoint Cathy Fields to fill the Organizational Labor position.
- B. Bladen County Recreation Committee (3) – A motion was made by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by James G. Smith and approved to reappoint Nathan Allen with an expiration date of June 30, 2011; to appoint David Willoughby to fill Mark Gillespie's seat with an expiration date of June 30, 2011, and to appoint Louella Riggans to fill Vanessa Ruffin's seat with an expiration date of June 30, 2012.

**ITEM 10. Bladen County Water District**

- A. Enter Session as Bladen County Water District Board of Directors – A motion was made by Delilah Blanks, seconded by James G. Smith and approved to enter session as Bladen County Water District Board of Directors.
- B. Consider Approving Minutes from Emergency Meeting on July 15, 2008 – Upon a motion by Billy Ray Pait, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr., the Board approved the minutes from the Emergency Meeting on July 15, 2008 at 12:00 pm.
- C. Exit Session as Bladen County Water District Board of Directors – A motion was made by Larry Smith, seconded by W.D. Neill, Jr. and approved to exit session as the Bladen County Water District Board of Directors.

**ITEM 11. County Manager: (Greg Martin)**

- A. Calendar Update – Mr. Martin reviewed the calendar for upcoming events.
- B. Fuel Conservation Measures – Mr. Martin stated that all department heads were issued a memo discussing fuel conservation measures. Futhermore, Mr. Martin stated that departments will continue to be reminded of fuel conservation. Commissioner Peterson requested that a fuel consumption audit be presented to the Board.
- C. Consider Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6) Personnel Matter – A motion was made by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by James G. Smith and approved to enter Closed Session.

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

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A motion was made by Charles Ray Peterson, seconded by James G. Smith to give all Bladen County Department Managers a 5% pay increase. The motion failed by a vote of 2 AYES (Charles Ray Peterson, James G. Smith) to 7 NOES (Larry Smith, Delilah Blanks, Margaret Lewis-Moore, Billy Ray Pait, Greg Taylor, W.D. Neill, Jr., Lewis Tatum).

A motion was made by Lewis Tatum, seconded by Greg Taylor and approved to adjourn at 8:00 pm.

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Margaret Lewis-Moore, Chairperson  
Bladen County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Ashley C. Sasser, Clerk