

**LEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
BOARD MEETING**

May 15, 2012

The Board of Social Services for the Lee County Department of Social Services convened at 12:00 noon in the Board of Commissioner's Room of the Lee County Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Drive, Sanford, North Carolina. Board members present were, Linda Shook, Paul Utley, Ophelia Livingston and Gail Dickens. Also present was Brenda Potts, Ex-Officio.

Vice-Chairperson, Mrs. Livingston called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with the serenity prayer. Mrs. Livingston asked if there were any changes to the May Agenda, there were none. Mrs. Livingston asked all in favor.

Aye: Mr. Utley, Mrs. Dickens, Mrs. Shook and Mrs. Livingston

Nay: none, motion carries.

Mrs. Livingston asked if there were any adjustments or changes to the April Board minutes, Mr. Utley made a motion the April Board minutes be accepted as written. Mrs. Dickens seconded the motion, motion carries. The meeting was turned over to Mrs. Potts.

NEW BUSINESS

LINKS WASHINGTON, D.C. Trip--Mrs. Potts introduced Deborah Hairr who is a Social Worker II. Deborah works with the foster care program in licensing foster care parents, the LINKS program which is to prepare youth from the ages 13-21 for adulthood and being independent after foster care. Deborah introduced Joseph Griggs a youth that has been in our program for several years to talk about a group trip that was taken to Washington D.C. Deborah explained that LINKS is a federally funded program to help foster care children aging out of the system to learn to become more independent. This trip included Joseph and two other youth. Joseph told about his favorite places and what they did during their four day trip. Joseph had prepared a slide show of the places and things that they saw and did. Deborah explained that she did not go on this trip but introduced Jacky Morin, Social Worker III that did accompany the youth with another Social Worker, Joy Barnes. (Not in Attendance) Deborah explained that trips like this give the youth experiences that they would not otherwise have.

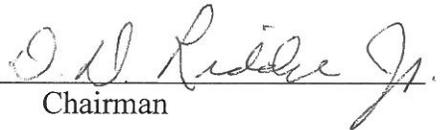
Senate Bill 433--Mrs. Shook explained to the board that Bill 433 would give the counties the right to decide whether to merge the Social Services and Health Department Boards as well as to operate under one administration which in some counties this would save from having duplicate staffing. This would give the Board of Commissioners the right to establish these departments as they see to save monies, if the bill passes. Mrs. Shook noted that the boards would be combined with a 25 member board to oversee both departments. Mrs. Potts wanted the board to know about this bill and the possibility of changes if the bill passes. Mrs. Shook made a motion to support the passage of legislation of Bill 433, Mr. Utley 2nd. and the motion carried.

Board Appointment--Mrs. Dickens will be completing the term that Mrs. Pretty originally held and it is at the board's decision to appoint Mrs. Dickens for a three year term. Mrs. Shook made the motion to appoint Mrs. Dickens, Mrs. Livingston 2nd the motion and the motion carried.

Budget Update- Mrs. Potts update that the 3% Cola remained in the budget, health insurance increase 12%, the scanning project was out. After the budget work shop course has changed again and consideration has been given to add the scanners back into the budget and start scanning on the front end, with the worker's as the clients come in to apply. Wooden bookcases have been ordered to handle the existing files and purging will take some of the old records out. Mrs. Shook commented that the board of commissioners new that priority was needed in some cases and that they had made the recommendation to Mr. Crumpton to somehow find the \$28,000.00 which would be the county part of the scanning equipment.

Other Business – Board went into executive session to complete Mrs. Potts Annual Performance Appraisal. The completed appraisal was given to Melissa Lett to file in Mrs. Potts personnel file. Board came out of executive session.

Mrs. Livingston asked if any further discussion. There being no further business brought before the Board, Mrs. Livingston asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Dickens made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Utley seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.


Chairman


Secretary