

**LEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
BOARD MEETING  
December 16th, 2014**

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 at the Lee County Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Drive, Sanford, North Carolina. Board members present were Ophelia Livingston, David Riddle, Gail Dickens, Paul Utley, and Commissioner Charles Parks was absent. Also present was Ex-Officio member Brenda Potts.

Chairperson Livingston called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with the serenity prayer.

The Board considered changes to the December agenda. Ms. Potts asked under new business that an item be added to the Agenda concerning the Maximus Software to be presented by Margaret Faircloth, Fiscal Supervisor. A motion was made by Gail Dickens to accept the changes as amended.

Aye: Gail Dickens, Paul Utley, Ophelia Livingston, and David Riddle. (Mr. Parks was absent)

Nay: None

The Board considered changes to the November Minutes. With no changes made the Minutes were approved.

The meeting was turned over to DSS Director Brenda Potts.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - No one signed up to speak during the Public Comments section of the meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**- Mrs. Potts introduced, Margaret Faircloth, Fiscal Supervisor. Ms. Faircloth gave the board information concerning Maximus software that has been the system used for reimbursement from the state. On November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 during a conference call the state notified all 100 counties how the new process would work as the company Maximus will no longer support the reimbursement functions. The new system will be in 2 stages, Phase 1 Assessment and Phase II Development, Testing and Implementation. The state also notified the counties that the cost would be an upfront cost also in 2 phases. This cost was not budgeted in the 2014-2015 budget year as there had been no indication from the state that the expense of the state purchasing the program rather than counties contracting would trickle down to the counties. However some monies were projected in the 2014-2015 budget in case Maximus contracts had to be extended. This has been a surprise to all counties that the cost is upfront. The cost to Lee County not projected in the 14/15 budget will be \$4600.00. The state has said that extra funds were allocated to the counties with the roll out of NC Fast for Medicaid (75% match that counties were encouraged to use for staff. In Lee County the monies received were used for extra staff to get the mass undertaking of NC Fast progressing. Ms. Faircloth told the board she would try to find the money before coming back to the board.

Ms. Potts gave the board an update on the CURAM Child Welfare Case Management, in a recent meeting in Raleigh, 2 representatives from Lee County went for a demonstration. Angelina Noel, NC FAST county champion and Tammy Yarborough, SW Supervisor III. When they returned Angelina showed some concerns with the fact that social workers would be inputting information into the system that could cause problems for FNS and Medicaid cases if they did not input information properly; however the gathering of information would be do able.

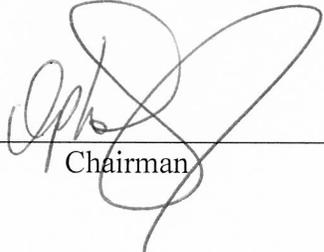
Ms. Potts gave a review of the 2013/2014 budget year, NC FAST and the new positions.

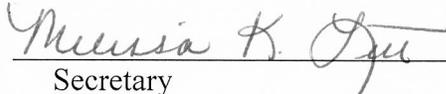
**DIRECTOR'S REPORT-** Mrs. Potts updated the board on the vacant positions created by two retirees. One Social Work Supervisor and the other being the Community Employment Case Manager.

With no further business to come before the Board, Member Riddle moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Utley. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Paul Utley, David Riddle, Ophelia Livingston, Gail Dickens (Mr. Parks was absent)  
Nay: None

Chairperson Livingston ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the meeting adjourned.

  
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Chairman

  
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Secretary