<u>Cleveland County Board of Commissioners</u> September 1, 2020

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on this date, at the hour of 6:00 p.m. at the LeGrand Center located at 1800 E. Marion St., Shelby.

PRESENT: Susan Allen, Chairman

Ronnie Whetstine, Vice-Chair Johnny Hutchins, Commissioner Doug Bridges, Commissioner Deb Hardin, Commissioner Brian Epley, County Manager Tim Moore, County Attorney Phyllis Nowlen, Clerk to the Board

Chris Green, Tax Assessor

Kerri Melton, Assistant County Manager Clifton Philbeck, Board of Elections Director Allison Mauney, Human Resources Director Scott Bowman, Maintenance Director

Lucas Jackson, Finance Director

Tommy McNeilly, Emergency Medical Services Director

Carol Wilson, Library Director

Tiffany Hansen, Health Department Director

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Allen called the meeting to order and Commissioner Hutchins provided the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

<u>AGENDA ADOPTION</u>

<u>ACTION:</u> Commissioner Hardin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Whetstine and unanimously approved by the Board to, *approve the agenda as presented*.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

GOVERNOR'S MEDALLION AWARD

Chairman Allen recognized Nancy Abasiekong, Extension Agent for the Cleveland County Cooperative Extension Office, to present the Governor's Medallion Award to Pat Farley. Mrs. Abasiekong introduced Pat Farley, President of the Cleveland County Extension and Community Association (ECA) and recipient of the Governor's Medallion Award for Cleveland County. Several of Ms. Farley's accomplishments include the numerous organizations and one-on-one care she volunteers for, cooking and delivering hot meals to those in need, and providing humanitarian relief and development locally and to other parts of the world. Commissioners congratulated Ms. Farley on her outstanding achievement and thanked her for all she does for the citizens of Cleveland County.

CITIZEN <u>RECOGNITION</u>

Benjamin Schaeffer, 1403 Lackey Street, Shelby – spoke about racism and the opportunities to bring compassion and understanding to the community.

Dale Guffey, No Address Given – spoke in opposition of the monument and gave a brief history of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Clerk to the Board included the Minutes from the *August 4, 2020 regular meeting*, in board members packets.

<u>ACTION:</u> Commissioner Hutchins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, and passed unanimously by the Board to, *approve the minutes as written*.

TAX COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

The Tax Collector provided Commissioners with the following detailed written report regarding taxes collected during *July 2020*.

TOTAL	TAXES COLLECTED	JULY 2020		
YEAR	AMOUNT-REAL	AMOUNT-VEHI.	AMOUNT-GAP	COMBINED AMT
DEF REV	\$41,145.05	\$0.00	\$7,672.30	\$48,817.35
2020	\$1,765,164.50	\$0.00	\$1,975.33	\$1,767,139.83
2019	\$129,343.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$129,343.38
2018	\$14,797.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,797.41
2017	\$7,079.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,079.85
2016	\$2,560.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,560.56
2015	\$1,088.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,088.78
2014	\$604.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$604.04
2013	\$716.62	\$26.68	\$0.00	\$743.30
2012	\$412.07	\$8.46	\$0.00	\$420.53
2011	\$183.84	\$6.32	\$0.00	\$190.16
2010	\$349.11	\$24.46	\$0.00	\$373.57
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TOTALS	\$1,963,445.21	\$65.92	\$9,647.63	\$1,973,158.76
DISCOUNT	(\$8,792.72)	\$45.04	90.00	DEFERRED REV
INTEREST	\$15,157.92 \$28.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41,145.05
TOLERANCE			GAP BILL FEES	\$41,145.05
ADVERTISING	\$511.55	VEHICLE FEES \$54.73	\$0.00	\$0.00
GARNISHMEN	\$3,386.85 \$0.00	\$34.73	\$0.00	\$0.00
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LEGAL FEES .	\$2,942.48 \$1,976,679.67	\$165.69	\$9,647.73	\$41,145.05
MISC FEE	\$0.00	φ105.0s	φσ,047.73	941,145.05
TAXES COLL	\$1,976,679.67		\$1,986,493.09	
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	AMOUNT-REAL	AMOUNT-VEHI.	AMOUNT-GAP	COMBINED AMT
2020	\$80,754,134.75	\$0.00	\$40,768.55	\$80,794,903.30
2019	\$1,951,630.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,951,630.52
2018	\$666,331.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$666,331.08
2017	\$375,188.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$375,188.03
2016	\$246,099.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$246,099.47
2015	\$178,406.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$178,406.77
2014	\$168,763.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$168,763.92
2013	\$122,464.00	\$61,889.36	\$0.00	\$184,353.36
2012	\$94,811.66	\$69,706.44	\$0.00	\$164,518.10
2011	\$72,962.06	\$52,738.32	\$0.00	\$125,700.38
2010	\$65,097.53	\$52,005.94	\$0.00	\$117,103.47
2009	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$84,695,889.79	\$236,340.06	\$40,768.55	\$84,972,998.40

TAX ABATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS

The Tax Assessor provided Commissioners with a detailed written report regarding tax abatements and supplements during *July 2020*. The monthly grand total of tax abatements was listed as (\$43,866.96) and monthly grand total for tax supplements was listed as \$7,244.70.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #008)

<u>ACTION:</u> Commissioner Hutchins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, and unanimously adopted by the Board to, *approve the following budget amendment:*

Account Number	Project Code	Department/Account Name	Increase	Decrease
010.441.4.911.00	· ·	Sherriff's Office/FD Balance App	\$5,000.00	
010.441.5.790.00		Sheriff's Office/Donation-Contrib	\$5,000.00	
Explanation of Revisions	· Rudget alloca	ation for \$5,000 in donations funds received from	citizens in appu	reciation

<u>Explanation of Revisions:</u> Budget allocation for \$5,000 in donations funds received from citizens in appreciation and support of the Sheriff's Office.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #009)

<u>ACTION:</u> Commissioner Hutchins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, and unanimously adopted by the Board to, *approve the following budget amendment:*

Account Number	Project Code	Department/Account Name	Increase	Decrease
010.438.4.310.00	16710-COPS	Law Enforcement Grants/Federal Govt Grants	\$500,000.00	
010.438.4.409.00		Law Enforcement Grants/Local Revenues	\$225,288.00	
010.438.5.121.00		Law Enforcement Grants/Salary-Wages FT	\$482,932.00	
010.438.5.131.00		Law Enforcement Grants/Social Security Taxes	\$29,942.00	
010.438.5.132.00		Law Enforcement Grants/Retirement	\$46,852.00	
010.438.5.133.00		Law Enforcement Grants/Hospital Insurance	\$132,208.00	
010.438.5.134.00		Law Enforcement Grants/Dental Insurance	\$2,204.00	
010.438.5.135.00		Law Enforcement Grants/Employer 401K	\$24,148.00	
010.438.5.136.00		Law Enforcement Grants/Medicare Taxes	\$7,002.00	

<u>Explanation of Revisions:</u> Budget allocation for funds received from the US Department of Justice (USDOJ) Office of Community Orientated Policing Services (COPS) to fund four (4) new School Resource Officers positions. The Grant Award is in the amount of \$500,000 with a County match of \$225,288 for a three-year period. The match will be provided by Cleveland County Schools and Pinnacle Classical Academy.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #010)

<u>ACTION:</u> Commissioner Hutchins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, and unanimously adopted by the Board to, *approve the following budget amendment:*

Account Number	Project Code	Department/Account Name	Increase	Decrease
010.418.4.310.00	· ·	Board of Elections/Federal Govt Grants	\$146,990.00	
010.418.5.210.00		Board of Elections/Departmental Supplies	\$146,990.00	
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<u>Explanation of Revisions:</u> Budget allocation for \$146,990 in grant funds received from the CARES Act Funds to be used to assist with the 2020 Federal Election cycle during the COVID-19 pandemic.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #011)

<u>ACTION:</u> Commissioner Hutchins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, and unanimously adopted by the Board to, *approve the following budget amendment:*

Account Number	Project Code	Department/Account Name	Increase	<u>Decrease</u>
010.418.4.310.00	·	Board of Elections/Federal Govt Grants	\$13,040.00	
010.418.5.910.00		Board of Elections/Capital Equipment	\$13,040.00	
Explanation of Revision.	<u>s:</u> Budget allocati	on for \$13,040 in grant funds received from the	"Help America	a Vote

Act" (HAVA) funds to be used for tabulator purchase.

PUBLIC SAFETY: PUBLIC SAFETY INSTALLMENT PURCHASE

The Emergency Medical Services Department is seeking approval to enter into an Installment Financing Agreement to finance the acquisition and associated cost of nine new ambulances in the amount of \$1,578,445.44. Funding will come from combining Emergency Medical Services Capital Equipment, Vehicle, and Major Repair departmental budget allocations. In years past, and currently; ambulances have been utilized until no longer capable of responding, and mileage often exceeds 200,000+ miles. Vehicle failures are frequent, and reliability of most of the fleet remains unpredictable at best. Cost of associated maintenance of our current fleet roughly equates to the cost of a new ambulance on an annual basis. Based upon review of the current ambulance fleet, its unreliable and unpredictable status, it is recommended that the County enter into the above specified agreement whereby

continued uninterrupted emergency responses may continue. Current departmental funding allows the maximum of two new ambulances to be purchased per year, under the proposed agreement the entire fleet will be replaced, whereby a stabilized fleet replacement program may be instituted in the near future, with the better of the current apparatus placed into reserve status.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, and unanimously adopted by the Board to, approve the public safety installment financing agreement. (full copy of the agreement is filed in the Clerk's office).

Purchase Order

PO Number 210356 08/06/2020

VENDOR: FIRST CLASS EMERGENCY 4009 WATERTON CT MONROE NC 28110

Fax: - -



PO BOX 1210 SHELBY NC 28151-1210 Phone: (704) 484-4840

SHIP TO: Emergency Medical Service 1333 Fallston Rd Shelby, NC 28150 Loretta Oates or Donna Murray

Requested by: Requisition No.:

EA EA	1	526,148.48	526,148.48
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EA	1	526,148.48	526,148.48
		TAX: FREIGHT: TOTAL:	\$0.00 \$0.00 \$1,578,445.44
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If Vendor cannot accept purchase order exactly as written, purchase order is to be returned with explanation

The conditions of this purchase order cannot be modified except by written amendment in the form of a "Changed Purchase Order" which has been approved by the

CONTROL ACT. ALL MERCHANDISE MUST BE RECEIVED AND INVOICED PRIOR TO JUNE 30.

Purchasing Agent.

E-Verify: Vendor, and any subcontractor(s) of Vendor, shall comply with the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the North Carolina General Statutes. Pursuant to NCGS§ 143-133.3. (c)(2), contracts solely for the purchase of goods, apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment are exempt from this provision. In particular, the purchase of this purchase order, Vendor hereby certifies that I Vendor is not on the Final Divestment List as created by the North Carolina State Treasurer pursuant to N.C.G.S.§ 147-86-58, in compliance with the requirements of the Iran Divestment Act and N.C.G.S.§ 147-86-59(b). Vendor shall not utilize in the performance of the contract any subcontractor that is identified on the Final Divestment List.

<u>REGULAR AGENDA</u>

CLEVELAND COUNTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY NAMING OPPORTUNITY

Chairman Allen recognized Assistant County Manager Kerri Melton to present the Cleveland County Memorial Library naming opportunity. The County received a request from Dr. Eugene Young to rename the Memorial Library in honor of his mother. Dr. Young and his family have been avid supporters of the library through the years. The Young family would like to make a gift to the library at this time in exchange for the

naming of the library in honor of Mrs. Eugenia Harrill Young. If approved, staff will work over the next several months to ensure proper signage is displayed to honor Ms. Young.

Chairman Allen opened the floor to the Board for questions and discussion. Commissioners thanked the Young family for their continued support and the employees at the library for continuing to help make the library grow in a positive direction.

<u>ACTION:</u> Commissioner Bridges made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hutchins, and unanimously approved by the Board, to re-name the Cleveland County Memorial Library to Eugenia Harrill Young Memorial Library.

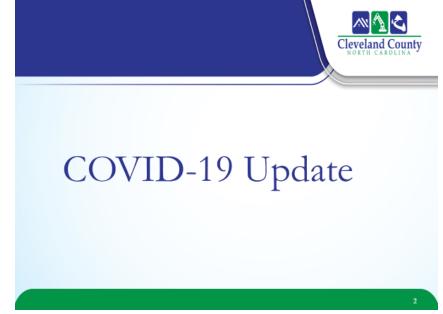
Mrs. Melton recognized Library Director Carol Wilson. Ms. Wilson will be retiring from Cleveland County on September 11, 2020. She has dedicated her life to the Cleveland County Memorial Library including being an integral part of the Library becoming a department of Cleveland County Government in 2005. Over the past forty-one years, Ms. Wilson has seen the library through the era of the card catalog to the age of the worldwide web and online databases. She has worked tirelessly on grant applications to ensure the Library acquired much-needed improvements and kept pace technologically. Each year, over one hundred fifty thousand visits are made to the Cleveland County Library System. Ms. Wilson has continued to work with the community to ensure the services they provide offer something for everyone from diverse programming, to summer reading and technology.

Commissioners thanked Ms. Wilson for her service and all that she has done for the library. They each took turns congratulating Ms. Wilson on her retirement and gave well wishes for her future endeavors.

COVID-19 AND CARES ACT UPDATE

Chairman Allen called Tiffany Hansen, Health Department Director, to the podium to present a COVID-19 update. Mrs. Hansen provided an update to the Board on Cleveland County's COVID-19 clinical statistics and the plan to move forward. The following PowerPoint was presented to Commissioners.





People at High Risk for More Severe Symptoms:



- 65 years of age or older
- Lives in a nursing home or long-term care facility
- Have a high-risk condition that includes:
 - · chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
 - · heart disease with complications
 - · compromised immune system
 - severe obesity body mass index (BMI) of 40 or higher
 - other underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled, such as diabetes, renal failure or liver disease

Current Status in Cleveland County as of 8/31/2020

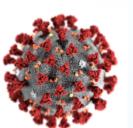


Total Cases: 1,604 Active Cases: 168

Recovered Cases: 1,395

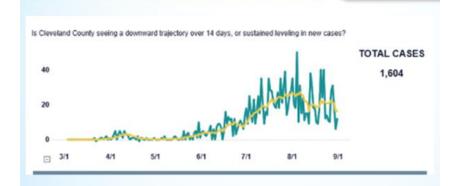
Currently hospitalized: 23

• Deaths: 37



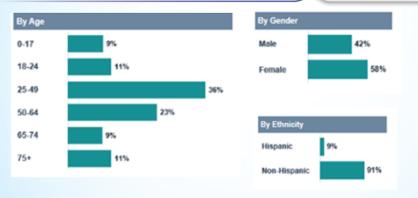
Total Case Trajectory





Total Case Demographics

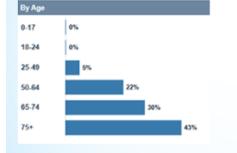


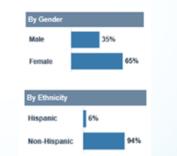


COVID-19 Death Demographics









COVID-19 Confirmed Cases and Deaths by Race



Confirmed Cases

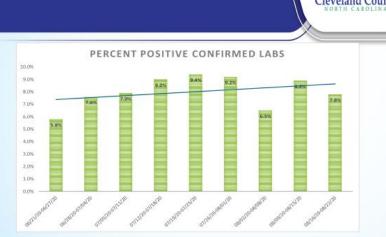
- Asian: 0.5%
- · Black or African American: 25.6%
- · White: 61.2%
- Other: 7% Unknown: 4.8%

Deaths

- American Indian/Alaskan Native: 1% American Indian/Alaskan Native: 0%
 - Asian: 0%
 - Black or African American: 26.7%
 - White: 60% • Other: 10%
 - Unknown: 3.3%

Data based on NC EDSS reporting week ending 8/26/2020

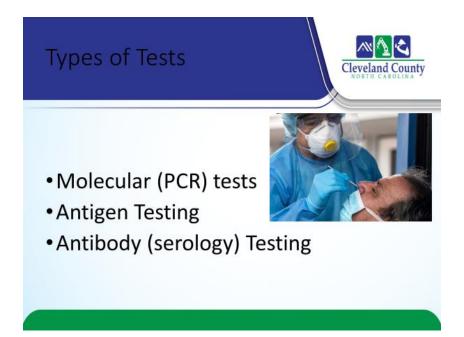
Cleveland County



Testing Sites



- Cleveland County Health Department
- Atrium Health Urgent Care in Shelby and Kings Mountain - 704-476-8888
- ❖ NextCare Urgent Care in Shelby and Gastonia
- CVS in Boiling Springs
- ❖Individuals are encouraged to call their primary care provider to inquire about testing

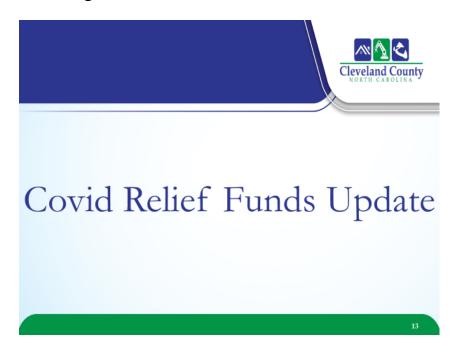


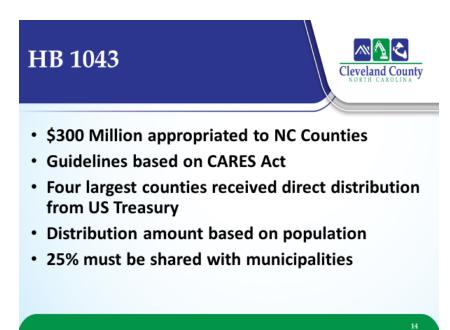


Chairman Allen opened the floor to the Board for questions and comments. Commissioner Hutchins inquired on the progress and active studies of an available vaccine for COVID-19. Mrs. Hansen discussed several vaccines that are currently in the testing phase to include the pharmaceuticals Hydroxychloroquine and Remedesivir. In regards to participating in the testing phases for a vaccine, Mrs. Hansen advised for individuals to speak with their primary care physician to discuss the best options for that individual.

Commissioner Bridges asked if there are any worries of a second wave of COVID-19. Mrs. Hansen replied there are concerns of a second impact, or wave, of COVID-19 re-infections. Staff and healthcare workers across the country are actively looking at research data however, at this time, there are many unknowns. Operationally, staff at the health department will continue to work through the pandemic well into 2021. The Board thanked Mrs. Hansen for information presented.

Chairman Allen recognized County Manager Brian Epley to present the COVID-19 Relief Funds Update. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted every operation in the organization and has affected every resident in the community. The CARES Act Funding, distributed by the General Assembly, has been a tremendous financial help during the COVID-19 pandemic for counties across North Carolina. Mr. Epley specifically made note of the small business recovery fund and asked the board to review the scoring criteria for approval. Mr. Epley reviewed the following PowerPoint to the Board.







Chairman Allen opened the floor to the Board for questions or comments. Commissioner Whetstine thanked staff for working diligently through these unprecedented times.

ACTION: Commissioner Whetstine made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hardin, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the grant criteria as presented*.

<u>SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY – PARCEL 3521</u>

Chairman Allen again recognized Kerri Melton, Assistant County Manager, to present the sale of county property of parcel 3521. Cleveland County owns parcel 3521, located at 2043 Green Oak Drive in Shelby. Experience Capital, LLC has offered to purchase this property for \$3,500. The property's tax value is \$5,201 and there are no structures on the property. North Carolina General Statute § 153A-176 authorizes the County to dispose of property according to the procedures proscribed in Chapter 160A, Article 12 of the General Statutes. Under that statute, the County may "receive an offer to purchase property and advertise it for upset bids." As the County currently owns parcel 3521, it is not taxable, it costs the County money to maintain the property and the County is held liable should anything happen on the property. The advertisement for upset bids ran in the Shelby Star on Friday, August 7, 2020. No upset bids were received. The Board requested the offer on Parcel 3521 return to them for final consideration of approval. The following PowerPoint was presented to the Board.







Chairman Allen opened the floor to the Board for questions or comments. Commissioner Hutchins and Commissioner Whetstine commented on the benefits of selling County owned properties.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hardin, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to approve the sale of parcel 3521 to Experience Capital, LLC for \$3,500.



Excise Tax: \$\$.00 Parcel Identifier No. 3521_

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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__County on the ____ day of___

NORTH CAROLINA QUITCLAIM DEED

Verified by _

This instrument was prepared by: Elliot M. Engstrom, Attorney at Law_ Brief description for the Index: THIS DEED made this day of 20 20 __, by and between GRANTOR GRANTEE CLEVELAND COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA EXPERIENCE CAPITAL, LLC 131 Lynnwood Drive 18293 Knoxville, TN 37918 Enter in appropriate block for each Grantor and Grantee: name, mailing address, and, if appropriate, character of entity, e.g. corporation or partnership.

The designation Grantor and Grantee as used herein shall include said parties, their heirs, successors, and assigns, and shall include singular, plural, masculine, feminine, or neuter as may be required by context. WITNESSETH, that said Grantors, for and in consideration of the sum of ten dollars and other consideration to them in hand paid, the

receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have remised and released and by these presents do remise, release, and forever quitclaim into the Grantee and his heirs and assigns all right, title, claim, and interest of the said Grantors in and to a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Cleveland, and State of North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:

Located Southeast of Shelby, N.C. and Northwest of Patterson Springs, N.C.; lying West of S.R. #1105 (but not touching the same) and on the South side of Teen Oak Drive (a 60 foot street); being all of Lot #46 of Part 2 of the Hickory Hill Subdivision made for Jones & Honeycutt by Ronnie Dedmon, Registered Surveyor, according to a map recorded in Book of Plats 12 at page 53 of the Cleveland County Registry; and being described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING on a stake in the South edge of Green Oak Drive, Northwest corner of Lot 13 and runs thence with the West line of said lot South 65-59 East 164.99 feet to a stake; thence South



BOARD APPOINTMENTS

CLEVELAND COUNTY VETERAN'S ADVISORY BOARD

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, and unanimously

adopted by the Board, re-appoint Kenneth Ledford, Donald Schenk and Vallery McCoy to serve as members of

this board, for a period of three-years, scheduled to conclude June 30, 2023.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Hutchins – spoke about food distribution programs that have increased due to the COVID-

19 pandemic. He also gave an update on the progress of the various construction projects throughout the county.

Commissioner Hardin – echoed Commissioner Hutchins comments and discussion about the various food

pantry programs that are available in Cleveland County.

Commissioner Bridges – reminded everyone to complete the Census if they have not done so already. He

also spoke about the 2020 elections and advised, absentee ballots will be mailed out in the coming weeks.

Commissioner Whetstine – attended several meetings via Zoom and commented on the upcoming election

season.

Chairman Allen – touched on the Health Director's presentation and reminded everyone of the importance

of hand washing, sanitizing surfaces and wearing their face masks.

<u>ADJOURN</u>

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Commissioner Hutchins made a

motion, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to adjourn the meeting. The

next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the LeGrand

Center located at 1800 East Marion St., Shelby.

Susan Allen, Chairman

Cleveland County Board of Commissioners

Phyllis Nowlen, Clerk to the Board Cleveland County Board of Commissioners