

**CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**October 4, 2005**

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on this date, at the hour of 6:00 p.m., in the Commission Chamber of the Cleveland County Administrative Offices.

**PRESENT:** Ronald J. Hawkins, Chairman  
Jerry L. Self, Vice-Chairman  
Mary S. Accor, Commissioner  
Johnny Hutchins, Commissioner  
Willie B. McIntosh, Commissioner  
David C. Dear, County Manager  
Robert Yelton, County Attorney  
Pat Spangler, Deputy Clerk  
Eddie Bailes, Human Resources Director  
Chris Crepps, Finance Director  
Bill McCarter, Planning Director  
Lindsey Allen, Cleveland Headline News  
Joy Scott, The Star  
Other individual names on file in the Clerk's Office

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Ronald J. Hawkins called the meeting to order, led the audience in the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag of the United States of America, and provided the invocation for the meeting.

**AGENDA ADOPTION**

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Jerry Self, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to *adopt the agenda as presented by the County Clerk.*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BAD DEBT WRITE-OFF**

**ACTION:** Willie McIntosh made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the request to write-off the annual bad debt of uncollectible fees through June 30, 2002 in the amount of \$28,510.28 (Medicaid-\$3,045.34; and, Private Pay-\$25,464.94)*

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT: REDUCTION OF CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION LANDFILL TIPPING FEE FOR PPG INDUSTRIES**

**ACTION:** Willie McIntosh made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, and adopted by the Board, *to approve the Cleveland County Construction and Demolition (C & D) tipping fee for PPG Industries be reduced to \$17.00 a ton, retroactive to August 1, 2005.*

**PROCLAMATION: MINNIE JUSTICE GARVER DAY IN CLEVELAND COUNTY**

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Willie McIntosh, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the following proclamation, which was accepted by Mrs. Garver's son, Dean.*

**NUMBER 08-2005**  
**PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 6, 2005**  
**AS "MINNIE JUSTICE GARVER DAY"**  
**IN CLEVELAND COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, Minnie Garver was born Minnie Justice on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 1905 in Upper Cleveland County;

**WHEREAS**, Minnie Garver will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005; and,

**WHEREAS**, Minnie Garver married Summie Garver, who was a long-time auto mechanic in Shelby;

**WHEREAS**, Minnie Garver had one of the most important jobs in Cleveland County - that of "Stay-at-Home Mom" and raised four children to productive adults; and,

**WHEREAS**, her children say that she was "always there for them"; and,

**WHEREAS**, Minnie Garver has for many years been a faithful member of First Baptist Church in Shelby;

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, proclaim October 6, 2005 as "**Minnie Justice Garver Day**" in Cleveland County, to honor this special Centenarian, as we could not let this historic occasion pass without our warmest birthday wishes and congratulations!

**ADOPTED THIS THE 4 DAY OF OCTOBER 2005.**

**PROCLAMATION: MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK**

**ACTION:** Jerry Self made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, **to approve the following proclamation**, read by Richard Hooker. Mr. Hooker also reviewed highlights of the recent "Close the Gap" Youth Summit, stating that Cleveland County is recognized as a leader in these efforts. Commissioner McIntosh stated that during the recent Echo Star interviews, the supervisor told him the reason Cleveland County had been selected as a finalist in their location search was due to strong "language and math skills."

**NUMBER 07-2005**  
**MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK**  
**October 10-15, 2005**

**WHEREAS**, the observance of "**Minority Enterprise Development Week**" has been proclaimed by the President of the United States since 1983 to highlight the importance of minority businesses as a key component of the American and local economy; and,

**WHEREAS**, This years theme, "**Charting the Course for Minority Business Enterprises: Thru Leadership, Partnership and Entrepreneurship**" reflects the values of the free enterprise system as a vital gateway for minority business enterprises to enter the mainstream of the American economy and further recognizes the importance of their hard work, dedications and determination to enrich our communities;

**WHEREAS**, the annual observance of Minority Enterprise Development Week in Cleveland County will bring together business leaders, governmental officials, community agencies, financial and educational institutions and other community stakeholders to honor the accomplishments minority businesses and other community partners make for all citizens;

**WHEREAS**, the Cleveland County Business Development Center in collaboration with Cleveland Community College, Edward Jones Investments, Close the Gap Committee, Alliance for Health and

Minority Health Council, have teamed up to promote greater awareness, education, information, and strategies to improve the quality of life in Cleveland County, and;

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of Cleveland County and the State of North Carolina to encourage participation and promote economic opportunity for all its citizens without regard to race, gender, ethnicity or disability.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim **October 10-15, 2005** as “**Minority Enterprise Development Week**” in Cleveland County in recognition of the above organizations efforts to enhance the success of minority owned businesses, supporting institutions and community partners in Cleveland County.

**ADOPTED THIS THE 4 DAY OF OCTOBER 2005.**

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT: ZONING MAP AMENDMENT – SHELIA R. PETERS (Case #05-27)  
(4236 Fallston Road)**

Bill McCarter, Planning Director, reviewed that Ms. Peters has submitted a petition to rezone approximately 14 acres at 4236 Fallston Road from Rural Agricultural (RA) to Residential (R).

Existing land use is listed as agricultural/residential; there are no “nonconforming uses”; future land use is described as “light industrial”; utilities are provided by a 6” public water line provided by Cleveland County Sanitary District; and, transportation is classified as “minor arterial” by the North Carolina Department of Transportation through Highway NC-18.

Mr. McCarter also reviewed the following recommendations from the Planning Board and the Isothermal Planning Consultant.

Planning Consultant Recommendation: Approve/Deny  
Chuck Nance, Isothermal Planning & Development Commission

Rezoning of this property from RA to R can go either way. Because the case is an extension of an existing residential district, it would not be considered spot zoning. However, the Land Use Plan considers the future use of this area as Light Industrial, and you might be setting a precedent regarding people requesting rezoning for convenience to suit them economically.

Planning Board Recommendation: Approve  
John McCulloch, Chairman

After a thorough discussion of this case, the Planning Board reached a split vote (8 in favor/2 opposed) to recommend approval of this request and asked that Bill McCarter notify Economic Development Staff of this decision to allow their input before the vote by Commissioners.

Factors

- Isothermal Planning and Development stated that this case could go either way (would not constitute spot zoning and did not conform to the Land Use Plan)
- The request does not conform to the new Land Use Plan
- Adjoining property owners did not oppose the rezoning based on signatures

Considerations / Points of Discussion

- Implications of setting precedent by going against the Land Use Plan
- Rezoning to residential may impact the potential for Light Industrial development in the area
- The Land Use Plan is a 10 year Plan. It is a planning tool not intended to inhibit market driven development trends but should encourage specific types of development in designated areas. The Light Industrial designation of this area was based in part on the availability of existing infrastructure that would support this type of use.
- The Land Use Plan is not intended to cause undue hardship on existing property owners within the area. The area is currently RA meaning that under the existing zoning, it could be developed at a density of 1 unit per 3 acres. The requested zoning would allow a density of one unit per acre. This particular area was just recently designated as Light Industrial by the new Land Use Plan.

- Consistency with past and future recommendations.

Mr. McCarter explained, “That light industrial area was identified as a potential area for industrial development to make it easier for industry to come into that area and rezone property because it would fit in that plan, yet not to make it difficult for the day-to-day development of residential uses in that area because we know people have to live on a piece of property and they have to pay their taxes, you have to expect that normal day-to-day development of a piece of property and about all we could do, in talking with other counties, the only thing they have really been able to figure out how to deal with this particular situation, is to zone areas like this low density residential, that allows property owners the ability to gradually develop a piece of property, yet keep it low density in case that opportunity ever arises for an industry to come into an area so they won’t have to buy up so much expensive residential development.”

John McCullough, Planning Board Chairman, stated, “Under any other circumstance, this would have been, I’m certain, a unanimous decision, because its simply an extension of an existing residential area, the difference being the RA is one unit per three acres and the requested zoning is one unit per one acre. The dissenting board members concerns were impact to the Land Use Plan and the potential for this property to be developed as light industrial. During the Land Use Planning process that we recently completed, those areas were selected, in great part, on infrastructure, and along this particular area, there is the infrastructure – water line and so forth – to support industry. Residential developments are not allowed to tap on, so that’s a good fit, we felt like, for light industrial, but at the same time . . . the Land Use Plan is a ten-year plan and you can’t, rightly, just put everything on hold, hoping that a light industrial type facility would come to this area. We did also ask Bill to run our recommendation by the Economic Development folks with the county to just to make sure they don’t have a project for this area.” Mr. McCarter advised he has not heard from the Economic Development staff, therefore he assumes no projects are pending, but stated, “We will include them earlier in the process next time to get them in the loop.”

Vice-Chairman Self asked, “Is there any way we can say no subdivisions, either minor or major, in a area that is in the Land Use Plan to be light industrial or heavy industrial?” Mr. McCarter said, “The only thing I could find was over in Gaston County . . . they’ve had a big problem with this because of the speed of development, there is a lot of pressure to develop large tracts into subdivisions and there are certain areas in their Land Use Plan that are prime industrial property, so they have basically created a zoning district, or an overlay district they call an industrial holding district, which has a two acre minimum lot size and that allows property owners to go in and cut off two acre lots, but you don’t see the traditional half-acre lots in that area, makes it a little more affordable to go back and purchase that

land.” Vice-Chairman Self requested Mr. McCarter research “to see if there is anything like that because the eventual goal is to have areas that when an industry comes in that they have a suitable place to go, we don’t want to turn away an industry because we have no place to put them.”

Mr. McCullough emphasized, “The Land Use Plan is a fluid dynamic document, we’ve stressed more than we ever have in the past that it is a living document and should development trends or patterns change, then the Land Use Plan within that 10-year period can be revised to reflect those changes . . . unfortunately, infrastructure is a rare commodity in some areas of the county at this time so the industry may dictate that this area become residential, but as a speculation we put it in the Land Use Plan as having the basic infrastructure to support more heavier uses.”

There was discussion as to including the Economic Development Commission in future rezoning cases that involve areas of possible industrial development and

Mr. McCarter was directed to consult with them in future cases.

Chairman Hawkins declared the public hearing open at 6:35 p.m. (*Public notice of this hearing was conducted in accordance with NCGS 153A-343, with legal advertisements published in The Star on September 23 and 30, 2005.*)

**Shelia Peters**, property owner, stated the property (*14-acres and a house*) was given to her by her parents and she now wishes to sell the house and lot but keep the remainder of the property on which to keep her horses. She was unaware of the zoning until the surveyor informed her.

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Hawkins closed the public hearing at 6:40 p.m.

**ACTION:** Willie McIntosh made the motion, seconded by Jerry Self, and unanimously adopted by the Board, ***to approve the rezoning request (reference following ordinance).***

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CLEVELAND COUNTY ZONING MAP**  
***Approximately 14 acres at 4236 Fallston Road***  
***RA (Rural Agricultural) to R (Residential)***

WHEREAS, Article 18 of Chapter 153A of the North Carolina General Statutes provides for the planning and regulation of development within the territorial jurisdiction of the county; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland County Planning Board recommended the approval of this re-zoning on September 27, 2005; and

WHEREAS, this property was classified as “Light Industrial” on the 2015+ Projected Land Use Plan; and

WHEREAS, notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Shelby Star on September 23, 2005, and September 30, 2005, notices mailed to adjoining property owners and a sign posted at the property on September 23, 2005; and

WHEREAS, all requirements of the North Carolina General Statutes have been met prior to holding a Public Hearing on October 4, 2005; and

WHEREAS, said amendment will promote the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Cleveland County and said amendment would be beneficial to the orderly growth of Cleveland County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners that the Cleveland County Zoning Map, as described in Section 12-147 of the Code, be amended to rezone approximately 14 acres from RA (Rural Agricultural) to R (Residential).

BEGINNING at a large white oak, and runs with the old line S 65 W, 80 poles to a stake in the center of NC18; thence with the center of said highway N 11 W, 35 poles to a stake in the highway; thence N 72-15 E, 26 poles to a sycamore on the north bank of the branch; thence N 71-30 E, 24 poles to a stake in the center of a branch; thence S 84 E, 9 poles to a maple on the north bank of a branch; thence N 83-30 E, 15.5 poles to an iron on the south bank of a branch; thence S 24 E, 19.5 poles to the place of BEGINNING, containing 14 acres.

The above-described area is further identified on the attached map designated as "Rezoning Case 05-17, being incorporated herein by reference and made part of this ordinance.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and approval.

Adopted this 4th day of October, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

**CITY OF SHELBY: PLANNING AND ZONING ADVISORY BOARD – ETJ MEMBER**

Mr. Dear reviewed that the Shelby City Council has submitted a recommendation that Janet W. Berry be appointed to the Shelby Planning and Zoning Advisory Board to serve as an ETJ representative.

Chairman Hawkins declared the public hearing open at 6:42 p.m. (*Public notice of this hearing was accomplished in accordance with NCGS 160A-362, with legal advertisements published in The Star on September 23 and 30, 2005.*)

**ACTION:** Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to appoint Janet W. Berry as requested. The term of this appointment is for a period of three-years, scheduled to conclude in June 2008.*

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT: PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION – SHEREE LANE**  
**(Schedule public hearing for November 1, 2005)**

Mr. McCarter reviewed that property owners in the Cleveland County Farms subdivision have presented a petition requesting to participate in the paving assessment program. He said property owners abutting Sheree Lane are requesting to be assessed at an "equal rate per lot" to pave this street in accordance with NCDOT standards; however, the two corner lot owners did not sign the petition. He advised the petition represents 79% of the lots and 79% of the road frontage, exceeding the minimum 75% required by NCGS 153A-205.

Mr. McCarter explained that fifteen area contractors were sent a "Request For Proposal" to solicit bids on this project. Only one bid was received by the due date. The project will be re-bid and the results presented at the public hearing on November 1, 2005.

I am requesting that a "Preliminary Assessment Resolution" be adopted that will set a public hearing date of November 1, 2005. A copy of this resolution will be mailed to each property owner, announcing the date of the public hearing.

It was requested that Mr. McCarter obtain a written explanation from the NCDOT as to why Brooks Chapel Church Road and Ernie Road have not been paved, since they have been listed on the Secondary Road Improvement Plan for several years.

**ACTION:** Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to adopt the following Preliminary Assessment Resolution.*

*Number 13-2005*

**PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION  
PAVING OF SHEREE LANE**

*WHEREAS*, the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners have the authority to make special assessments for the purpose of paving streets as set forth and described in NCGS 153A-185; and

*WHEREAS*, property owners abutting Sheree Lane have presented a petition requesting the County of Cleveland, North Carolina, to assess said property owners for the purpose of paving; and

*WHEREAS*, the County of Cleveland shall assess each lot abutting said street(s) as shown on PB 15 Page 83, at an equal rate per lot, plus an administrative fee of one dollar (\$1.00) per linear foot, one hundred percent (100%) of the total project costs shall be assessed against each lot, and assessments may be financed at an annual interest rate of eight percent (8%) payable in annual installments and collected in the same manner as property taxes; and

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners hereby intend to assess said project as described in this resolution and hereby orders that a Public Hearing on this matter be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1, 2005, in the Cleveland County Administrative Building, 311 East Marion Street, Shelby, North Carolina. Notice of this Public Hearing will be conducted in accordance with the mandates of NCGS 153A-191.

*Adopted the 4 day of October 2005.*

**CLEVELAND MEMORIAL LIBRARY: BYLAWS**

Bob Yelton, County Attorney, reviewed the proposed bylaws and there was discussion regarding different aspects, with Commissioners making suggestions as to minor wording changes and term clarification. It was reiterated that the Librarian is now a County department head, and as such, is supervised by the County Manager, and the Library Board will now serve in an advisory capacity. It was also noted that the bylaws require the Advisory Board to make an annual report to the Commission.

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Jerry Self, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the adoption of the bylaws, to include the suggested amendments. (The following bylaws are the final version compiled by Mr. Yelton.)*

*Cleveland Memorial Library  
Board of Trustees  
Bylaws*

**Article 1. Powers and Duties.**

The members of the Board of Trustees shall be appointed by the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners. The Board of Trustees shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) To advise the Board of Commissioners on the formulation of programs, policies, and regulations for the government of the Cleveland County Memorial Library.

- (2) To make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners concerning the construction and improvement of buildings and other structures for the library system.
- (3) To assist in the raising of funds from the community to help finance the operations and programs of the library system.
- (4) To otherwise advise the Board of Commissioners on library matters.
- (5) To make an annual report on the operations of the library to the Board of Commissioners and to make an annual report to the Department of Cultural Resources as required by N.C.G.S. 125-5.

#### **Article 2. Appointment and Terms of Trustees.**

- (1) The Board of Trustees shall consist of nine (9) members who shall be appointed by the Board of Commissioners for terms of three (3) years beginning July 1 in the year of appointment. Provided, that in the appointment of the initial Board of Trustees in 2005, three (3) Trustees shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years, three (3) Trustees shall be appointed for a term of two(2) years, and three (3) Trustees shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year.
- (2) No trustee shall serve more than two (2) successive three (3) year terms.
- (3) At least one (1) member of the Board of Trustees must be a current member of the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners.
- (4) Any vacancy on the Board of Trustees regardless of how created shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Commissioners for the unexpired term of the vacant position.
- (5) As provided in N.C.G.S. 153A-265 the Board of Commissioners may remove a trustee at any time for incapacity, unfitness, misconduct, or neglect of duty.

#### **Article 3. Meetings.**

- (1) The Board of Trustees shall meet at least quarterly at a time and place to be determined from time to time by said Board.
- (2) An annual meeting shall be held at the time of the regular quarterly meeting for the third quarter of each calendar year.
- (3) Special meetings may be called by the Chairman or on written request of three (3) trustees or on motion by the Board of Commissioners for the transaction of business stated in the call for the meeting.
- (4) The Secretary of the Board of Trustees shall give at least five (5) days written notice to all trustees of all meetings, whether regular or special.

#### **Article 4. Officers.**

- (1) Board of Trustee officers shall be elected at its regular annual meeting. They shall be as follows: Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary.
- (2) The Board Chairman shall preside at all meetings, appoint all committees, certify all actions approved by the Board, authorize calls for special meetings, and generally perform the duties of a presiding officer.
- (3) When the Chairman is absent from a Board meeting, the Vice-Chairman shall preside.
- (4) The Board Secretary shall keep a true and accurate account of all proceedings of the Board meetings; issue notices of all regular meetings and, on the Chairman's authorization, of all special meetings; have custody of the minutes and the other records of the Board; and notify the Board of Commissioners of any vacancies on the Board of Trustees.

#### **Article 5. Committees.**

Special committees for the study and investigation of special situations may be appointed by the Chairman to serve until they have completed the work for which they were appointed.



**Article 6. Quorum.**

A quorum for the transaction of business shall be a simple majority of the Board Members.

**Article 7. Amendments.**

These Bylaws may be amended from time to time by the Board of County Commissioners.

**CLEVELAND MEMORIAL LIBRARY: ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

**ACTION:** Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Willie McIntosh, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to appoint Yvonne Boggs, Nancy Hamrick and Mary Accor to serve as members of the Library Advisory Board. Each appointment is for a period of three-years, scheduled to conclude June 30, 2008. Mrs. Accor serves as Commissioner representative, therefore she will serve a three-year term or her term will track her term as Commissioner, whichever ends first.*

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Willie McIntosh, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to appoint Linda Cabaniss, Ken Miller and Glenda O'Shields to serve as members of the Library Advisory Board. Each appointment is for a period of two-years, scheduled to conclude June 30, 2007.*

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Jerry Self, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to appoint Patsy Pennington, Wendy Clary and Carol Wood to serve as members of the Library Advisory Board. Each appointment is for a period of one-year, scheduled to conclude June 30, 2006.*

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

**MINORITY ENTERPRISE WEEK/CLOSE THE GAP**

Commissioner Accor advised that she “moderated the meeting (Close the Gap Youth Summit) on Saturday” stating, “The theme was Celebrating Success and Exploring Opportunities, the Journey Continues.” She shared a book which “tells about Cleveland County Schools and all of the data concerning the students and the achievement gap.” She advised that a representative from NASA conducted a part of the program.

**LITERACY PROGRAM**

Commissioner Accor advised she has received the third grade “pre-test scores today and I do have the percentages, so we’ll probably need to take these and pro-rate the money we are going to present” to the schools. Commissioner Accor stated she felt it would be most appropriate for the Commissioners to present the checks to the School Board members during one of their meetings.

**KINGS MOUNTAIN ETJ**

Commissioner Hutchins stated he attended the Kings Mountain City Council meeting, where Planning and Zoning Board extra-territorial jurisdiction representation was discussed. He advised they wish to “add more ETJ members.”

### **PATHWAYS**

Mr. Dear stated, “We received notification from Rhett Melton, who is the director of Pathways . . . that funding they had previously been using for the developmental day care called Beginnings on Airport Road, has been disallowed in the future as far as an eligible source of funds for that day care. They have been in contact with the State about using some of their alternative funds for that, but as of yet they have not found an alternative source.” He said Beginnings serves developmentally disabled children, ages 1 – 3 years old. A meeting between Pathways and Beginnings staff and the parents will be scheduled in the near future to discuss funding issues.

Commissioner McIntosh stated that Pathways has continued to serve these children for over a year longer than other agencies across the State due to their commitment to search for alternative funding to support the program. However, that alternative funding has now been disallowed.

### **BOILING SPRINGS COMMUNICATIONS TOWER**

Vice-Chairman Self advised he recently visited the Boiling Springs communications tower site and “grading has started.” He commented on the “great elevation . . . that is a lot better site than I suspected.” Mr. Dear advised the county landfill staff are being utilized to develop this site, helping the county to realize a significant savings.

### **HIGHWAY 74-BYPASS**

Vice-Chairman Self stated, “The County Manager, myself, Stuart Gilbert, Bill Chambliss from the Chamber Transportation Committee, the City Manager . . . Senator Dalton made arrangement for us to go make our case for the bypass with Secretary Tippet, Department of Transportation, which was a good session, we got to make a lot of good points about our bypass and how long it’s been on the TIP program and how significant it is for economic development. In particular, Senator Dalton made a very passionate plea for that bypass.”

### **WORK SESSION**

*It was the unanimous consensus of the Board to schedule the work session for Tuesday, October 25, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.* Topics for discussion will include emergency preparedness, with Chairman Hawkins advising “someone from the State will be here to talk about emergency preparedness, an open ended meeting, just talk in general about preparedness, where we’re at, where we need to go.”

Commissioner Accor thanked Mr. Dear and The Star for their recent article regarding emergency preparedness.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Willie McIntosh made the motion, seconded by Jerry Self, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to adjourn the meeting (*at 7:30 p.m.*). The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for ***Tuesday, October 18, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.*** in this Commission Chamber.

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*Ronald J. Hawkins, Chairman  
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*

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*Wanda Crotts, CMC, Clerk  
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*