

CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 6, 2004

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners ***reconvened their recessed regular session of November 16, 2004*** on this date, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., in the Commission Chamber of the Cleveland County Administrative Offices for the purpose of conducting the Commission organization meeting.

PRESENT: Mary S. Accor, Chairwoman
Ronald J. Hawkins, Vice-Chair
Tom Bridges, Commissioner*
Willie B. McIntosh, Commissioner
Jerry L. Self, Commissioner
Johnny Hutchins, Commissioner*
David C. Dear, County Manager
Robert Yelton, County Attorney
Chris Crepps, Finance Director
Wanda Crotts, CMC, County Clerk
Patricia D. Spangler, Deputy Clerk
Other individual names on file in the Clerk's Office
(*Mr. Bridges outgoing Commissioner; Mr. Hutchins Commissioner elect)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Accor called the meeting to order and led the audience in the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag of the United States of America. Commissioner Accor's minister, the Reverend William Thompson, Minister of St. Peter's Missionary Church in Grover, provided the invocation for the meeting.

PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARD: TOM BRIDGES

Chairwoman Accor presented Commissioner Bridges with a plaque and a framed picture of the Commission, thanking him for his dedicated service to Cleveland County citizens.

ADJOURN SINE DIE

COUNTY COMMISSIONER: OATH OF OFFICE

Linda Cline Thrift, Clerk of Superior Court, administered the oath of office to Mary S. Accor, Ronald J. Hawkins, and Johnny Hutchins for the office of Cleveland County Commissioner.

REGISTER OF DEEDS: OATH OF OFFICE

Linda Cline Thrift, Clerk of Superior Court, administered the oath of office to Bonnie E. Reece for the office of Cleveland County Register of Deeds. Mrs. Reece then administered the oath of office to her Deputy Registers.

COUNTY CORONER AND DEPUTY CORONER: OATH OF OFFICE

Linda Cline Thrift, Clerk of Superior Court, administered the oath of office to Douglas Tysinger for the office of Cleveland County Coroner, and to Dwight Tessneer for the office of Deputy Coroner.

CALL TO ORDER

David Dear, County Manager, reconvened the meeting.

NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIR

Mr. Dear opened the floor to accept nominations for Commission Chair.

NOMINATIONS: Willie McIntosh nominated Ronald J. Hawkins for Chairman. Hearing no further nominations, Mr. Dear declared the nominations closed. ***Ronald J. Hawkins was elected Chairman by a unanimous vote.***

PRESENTATION TO MARY ACCOR

Chairman Hawkins presented outgoing Chairwoman Accor with a plaque which displayed her gavel, recognizing her as the first woman to serve as Commission Chair for Cleveland County.

NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION OF COMMISSION VICE-CHAIR

Chairman Hawkins opened the floor to accept nominations for Commission Vice-Chair.

NOMINATIONS: Mary Accor nominated Jerry L. Self for Vice-Chair. Hearing no further nominations, Chairman Hawkins declared the floor closed to nominations. ***Jerry L. Self was elected Vice-Chair by a unanimous vote.***

CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CODE OF ETHICS

ACTION: Willie McIntosh made the motion, seconded by Jerry Self, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***adopt the Code of Ethics of the Cleveland County Commission as recorded on Pages 63 - 65 of Minute Book 20.***

CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RULES OF PROCEDURE

Chairman Hawkins recognized Vice-Chair Self who had researched the Rules of Procedure currently used by the Commission (*adopted January 7, 1997, found in Minute Book 23, Pages 260-268; amended February 2, 1999, Book 24, Page 476*). There was discussion regarding several suggested amendments.

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Willie McIntosh, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***adopt the Rules of Procedure as currently used with amendments found on Pages _____ of Minute Book 28.***

COUNTY ATTORNEY AND CLERK

Chairman Hawkins noted that North Carolina General Statutes provide for the appointment of the County Clerk and the County Attorney during the annual organizational meeting. Mr. Dear advised that historically that has not been done on a yearly basis in Cleveland County. He recommended that Wanda Crotts and Robert Yelton continue to serve without being reaffirmed until such time that a change becomes necessary.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time (*10:35 a.m.*), Willie McIntosh made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to adjourn the meeting.

Ronald J. Hawkins, Chairman
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Wanda Crotts, CMC, Clerk
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