

**CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**May 16, 2006**

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  
Bob Yelton, County Attorney  
Wanda Crotts, County Clerk  
Eddie Bailes, Assistant County Manager  
Chris Green, Tax Administrator  
Bill McCarter, Planning Director  
Pete DeLea, *The Star*  
Lindsey Allen, *Cleveland Headline News*  
Robert Williams, *Citizens for Good Government*  
Other individual names on file in the Clerk's Office

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Ronnie Hawkins called the meeting to order and led the audience in the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag of the United States of America. Commissioner Mary Accor provided the invocation for the meeting.

**AGENDA ADOPTION**

**ACTION:** Willie McIntosh made the motion, seconded by Jerry Self, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to *adopt the agenda as presented by the County Clerk, with the following additions:*

- (1) Resolution: Medicaid Relief (Hawkins)*
- (2) Budget Advertisement: Discussion (Hawkins)*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There being no corrections, additions, or deletions to the Minutes of *April 18, 2006 and May 2, 2006*, motion was made by Johnny Hutchins, seconded by Willie McIntosh, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to *approve the minutes as written.*

**TAX ABATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS**

The Tax Assessor provided Commissioners with a detailed written report regarding tax abatements and supplements during *April 2006*. The monthly grand total of tax abatements was listed as (\$18,739.77); and, the monthly grand total for tax supplements was listed as \$54,825.70.

**TAX COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT**

The Tax Collector provided Commissioners with the following detailed written report regarding taxes collected during *April 2006* (copy found on Page \_\_\_\_\_ of Minute Book 29).

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT: PROPOSED ZONING MAP AMENDMENT (Case #06-08; Chad Wilson) – Schedule Public Hearing for June 6, 2006**

**ACTION:** Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Willie McIntosh, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to schedule the public hearing as requested.*

**RECOGNITION OF THE “DO THE RIGHT THING” WINNERS**

Commissioners presented a Certificate of Recognition to the following students for having won the March 2006 “Do the Right Thing” awards given by *The Star*. These students were nominated by their teachers and were accompanied tonight by their family.

Katie Scism (*Elizabeth Elementary – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade*)  
Brandy Wiley (*Crest High – Senior*)  
Takeria Sims (*Crest Middle – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade*)

**WORKPLACE VIOLENCE POLICY: CONCEALED WEAPONS**

**ACTION:** Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Jerry Self, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the following amendments to the Workplace Violence Policy.*

County policies that prohibit violent acts or activity, which could potentially lead to violence.

~~County Ordinance prohibits possession of any concealed handguns on County property.~~

***County employees are prohibited from possessing any concealed weapons on County property and in the performance of their official duties.*** ~~Carrying a concealed weapon as defined in the North Carolina General Statutes 14-269, states, it shall be unlawful for any person, except on his own premises, to willfully and intentionally to carry concealed about his person any bowie knife, dirk, dagger, sling shot, loaded cane, metallic knuckles, razor, shuriken, stun gun, pistol, gun, or other deadly weapon of like kind.~~ This prohibition shall not apply to individuals who are charged with the execution of the laws of the State, while acting in the discharge of their official duties if authorized by law to carry weapons.

The participation of all County employees is necessary for a successful policy against violence in the workplace. The procedures set forth below help define responsibilities of all County employees and offer guidance in support of the County’s Workplace Violence Policy.

**VIOLENCE PREVENTION STRATEGIES**

Each County Department should periodically assess its current security measures or processes and conduct a worksite analysis of work areas to determine what security is needed to help prevent workplace violence.

The County will provide managerial training in violence prevention techniques, such as applicant screening and exit interviews. Advanced training for Key Response Personnel will be conducted. Employees will receive orientation to the Workplace Violence Policy.

The County’s Workplace Violence Policy will be displayed within each County Department.

**MANAGERIAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Support the County’s principle of, and rationale for, encouraging work environments that are safe from violence, threats, and harassing/aggressive behavior.
2. Select Key Response Personnel will include (1) individuals chosen by each Department Head as the person(s) within each department who will handle violent incidents/threats and (2) individuals from across the County, due to the nature of their jobs, will be involved in violent incidents/threats such as the Human Resources Director, Sheriff (and/or additional law enforcement personnel), Director of Emergency Management, County Attorney, and Employee Assistance Program representative.

### **MEDICAID RELIEF: RESOLUTION**

Commissioners noted they will travel to Raleigh tomorrow to join other Commissioners from across the State to appear before the Legislative delegation to stress the importance of Medicaid relief for counties. There was discussion regarding the importance of including wording in the proposed resolution emphasizing the impact that rising Medicaid costs has on Cleveland County, such as no cost-of-living raise for employees and the possible loss of services.

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Willie McIntosh, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the resolution, with the addition of local impact wording (copy found on Page \_\_\_\_\_ of Minute Book 29).*

### **BUDGET ADVERTISEMENT**

Mr. Dear presented Commissioners with a draft copy of the advertisement developed to inform citizens of the upcoming public hearing on the fiscal year budget, as well as explain the budget. It was the consensus of the Board to direct Mr. Dear to publish the ads in *The Star*, *The Shelby Shopper*, the *Kings Mountain Herald*, and on *TV-33*.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Accor reported that she had served as guest speaker for the Shelby Breakfast Rotary Club this week. Her program was geared to the high school seniors who were attending as special guests, encouraging them to “come back home” to Cleveland County after graduation from college.

Commissioner Hutchins stated he had read a recent article in *The Star* reporting that the Cleveland County Health Department has received a \$100,000 grant to hire an “HIV manager.” He wondered if the grant funding was discontinued, would the county be expected to pick up the salary. Mr. Dear advised this would be a decision of the Commission.

Commissioner Hutchins noted that Dewey Cook, Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Director, is coordinating the preparations for a ceremony honoring the “fallen firefighters” to be held at noon on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner McIntosh reported he had presented a program this week for the Women’s Book Club regarding general knowledge of the county and “personal safety.”

He also reminded those present to encourage folks to submit their application at the Chamber for the boat manufacturer who is considering locating in Cleveland County. He said 3,000 – 4,000 applications are needed.

Vice-Chairman Self reported he had attended the Waco Town Council meeting, where they had approved the solid waste plan and discussed the equestrian park, stating “they have a bid on the property that would satisfy their obligations.”

He stated he had recently participated in the Shelby High School Roark Scholarship panel, where six seniors were interviewed.

Chairman Hawkins reported that he and Commissioner Hutchins had attended the fundraising dinner for the 505<sup>th</sup> Unit homecoming celebration and had presented the resolution of continued support recently adopted by the Commission.

**RECESS TO RECONVENE**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Willie McIntosh, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to recess this meeting (at 6:45 p.m.) to reconvene on Thursday, May 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Belwood Town Hall for the purpose of having a “round-table” discussion meeting with Belwood Town Council members.*

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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*