

**CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**September 21, 2004**

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, Vice-Chair  
Tom Bridges, Commissioner  
Willie B. McIntosh, Commissioner  
Jerry L. Self, Commissioner  
David Dear, Assistant County Manager/Finance Director  
Bob Yelton, County Attorney  
Wanda Crotts, CMC, County Clerk  
Patricia D. Spangler, Deputy Clerk  
Bill McCarter, Planning Director  
Joy Scott, The Star  
Jennipher Hammerstein, Cleveland Headline News  
Other individual names on file in the Clerk's Office

**ABSENT:** Mary S. Accor, Chairwoman

**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. Vice-Chairman Hawkins provided the invocation for the meeting.

**AGENDA ADOPTION**

**ACTION:** Tom Bridges made the motion, seconded by Jerry Self, and adopted by a unanimous vote of the Board, to ***adopt the agenda as presented by the County Clerk.***

**CITIZENS RECOGNITION**

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET AMENDMENT**

***Johnny Hutchins*** questioned Budget Amendment #020, asking if approved, once the "money runs out" for the requested school nurses then "where will the money come from?" Vice-Chair Hawkins advised it would be the school systems responsibility to fund these positions if the funding is not renewed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There being no corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes of ***September 7, 2004***, motion was made by Tom Bridges, 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 ***August 2004***. The monthly grand total of tax abatements was listed as (\$243,530.69); and, the monthly grand total for tax supplements was listed as \$107,314,26.

**TAX COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT**

The Tax Collector provided Commissioners with the following detailed written report regarding taxes collected during ***August 2004*** (copy found on Page \_\_\_\_\_ of Minute Book 28).

**FOREST RANGER'S REPORT**

The Forest Ranger provided a summary of activity from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 (copy found on Pages \_\_\_\_\_ of Minute Book 28).

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #018)**

**ACTION:** Tom Bridges made the motion, seconded by Willie McIntosh, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***approve the following budget amendments.***

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
10.445.4.460.00	EM/Other units share budget	\$10,000	
10.445.5.210.00	EM/Departmental Supply	2,200.	
10.445.5.211.00	EM/Controlled Property Exp	2,500.	
10.445.5.213.00	EM/Office Supply	500.	
10.445.5.310.00	EM/Travel-training	2,500.	
10.445.5.321.00	EM/Telecommunications	1,000.	
10.445.5.322.00	EM/Postage	300.	
10.445.5.421.00	EM/Maintenance Contract-equipment	1,000.	

(P/C 0Duke-P445)

Explanation: To budget Duke Power grant award for the Catawba Nuclear Plant.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #019)**

**ACTION:** Tom Bridges made the motion, seconded by Willie McIntosh, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***approve the following budget amendments.***

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
010.441.4.810.16	SHERIFF/K-9 Fundraiser	\$ 7,500.	
010.441.5.790.16	SHERIFF/K-9 Fundraiser	7,500.	

Explanation of Revisions: Request approval to budget K9 funding earned from the 2004 Cleveland County Fair (will earn funds from dunking booth, sale of K-9 tee shirts and sweatshirts). Funds to be earned are an estimated amount.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #020)**

**ACTION:** Tom Bridges made the motion, seconded by Willie McIntosh, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***approve the following budget amendments.***

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
012.534.4.540.00	SCHOOL HEALTH/Contracted Revenue	\$43,530.	
012.534.5.121.00	SCHOOL HEALTH/Salaries-Reg.	25,298.	
012.534.5.131.00	SCHOOL HEALTH/FICA	1,569.	
012.534.5.132.00	SCHOOL HEALTH/Retirement	1,237.	
012.534.5.133.00	SCHOOL HEALTH/Hospitalization	2,344.	
012.534.5.134.00	SCHOOL HEALTH/Dental Insurance	104.	
012.534.5.135.00	SCHOOL HEALTH/Employer 401K	1,265.	
012.534.5.136.00	SCHOOL HEALTH/Medicare Insurance	367.	
012.534.5.210.00	SCHOOL HEALTH/Departmental Supplies	2,000.	
012.534.5.211.00	SCHOOL HEALTH/Controlled Property Exp.	860.	
012.534.5.213.00	SCHOOL HEALTH/Office Supplies	1,240.	
012.534.5.230.00	SCHOOL HEALTH/Medicine & Supplies	4,000.	
012.534.5.310.00	SCHOOL HEALTH/Travel	1,000.	
012.534.5.910.00	SCHOOL HEALTH/C.O. Equipment	2,236.	
012.534.4.350.00	SCHOOL HEALTH/State Government Grants	98,530.	
012.534.5.121.00	SCHOOL HEALTH/Salaries-Reg	60,958.	
012.534.5.131.00	SCHOOL HEALTH/FICA	3,780.	
012.534.5.132.00	SCHOOL HEALTH/Retirement	2,982.	
012.534.5.133.00	SCHOOL HEALTH/Hospitalization Ins.	5,274.	
012.534.5.134.00	SCHOOL HEALTH/Dental Ins.	234.	
012.534.5.135.00	SCHOOL HEALTH/Employer 401K	3,048.	
012.534.5.136.00	SCHOOL HEALTH/Medicare Ins.	884.	
012.534.5.211.00	SCHOOL HEALTH/Controlled Property Exp.	1,720.	
012.534.5.230.00	SCHOOL HEALTH/Medicine & Supplies	16,450.	
012.534.5.310.00	SCHOOL HEALTH/Travel	800.	
012.534.5.311.00	SCHOOL HEALTH/Education Expense	2,500.	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget revenue from Cleveland County Schools to assume school health responsibilities for the Kings Mountain Elementary Schools. Budget PHN II (83%) and purchase appropriate supplies, laptop, audiometer and travel to support the position. Also, budget new state grant funding for two 100% PHN II positions. This funding is allocated to reduce student/nurse ratio. One position is permanent and the other is for two-years. Funding is also for travel, medical equipment,

medical supplies, medications, and educational materials. These funds cannot be used to supplant existing revenue.

### **CLEVELAND COUNTY UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN**

**ACTION:** Tom Bridges made the motion, seconded by Willie McIntosh, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***approve the continuing authorization for a day off with pay for an employee fair share contribution to the United Way. The day off with pay may be taken, with supervisory approval, from January to December of the following year.***

### **LIGHT POLLUTION**

Roger Ivester and Tommy Forney, accompanied by other members of the Cleveland County Astronomical Society, presented information regarding “good and bad outdoor lighting” and encouraged the consideration of ordinances that are being developed nationwide to “deal fairly with the problems associated with too much light in the wrong places.” Mr. Forney explained society members feel this is important since it is “every citizen’s right” to enjoy the night sky and to determine the lighting levels that they are comfortable with to the extent possible. He said, “Those interested in the beauty and enjoyment of the night sky were the first to notice the degradation of traditionally dark skies. By nature interested in science and facts, many amateur and professional astronomers began to study outdoor lighting to understand how to differentiate good and bad lighting.” He explained this is a universal problem, as relatively cheap power and lighting equipment has enabled the darkest rural areas and small and large cities to blanket areas with light that is often counterproductive for safety, efficiency, and respect for those who appreciate and enjoy natural nighttime darkness on their own or public properties.

He stated that over lighting should be broken down into the three major components:

**Glare:** A light source is visible from unshielded fixtures. Instead of an area being lit, light shines directly in the viewer’s eye, making it harder, not easier to see at night.

**Light Trespass:** Light spills from improperly shielded or aimed luminaries onto the property or into the windows of neighboring properties. This includes glare and leaves the neighbor with no choice of having a naturally dark area. Can interfere with sleep and be generally annoying.

**Sky Glow:** This is the wasteful spewing of light into the atmosphere, causing a dome of light that is visible over long distances and interferes with the natural enjoyment of the sky. In more and more areas, the Milky Way, our home galaxy, the sight of which has amazed humans for millennia, is no longer visible. A historic heritage is being lost.

The group emphasized the solutions are “fairly simple” - lights aimed downward whenever possible with full cutoff shielding; light levels should be reasonable according to the type of area; install motion activation and timed controls which cut back lighting after business hours; controls to advertising related lighting and transitional lighting can reduce problems near roadways; lighted canopies can be side shielded and limited in overall luminance to achieve balance and safety. The group showed pictures taken throughout Cleveland County as examples, as well as alternative lighting methods and fixtures.

Vice-Chair Hawkins suggested the group approach the Chamber of Commerce regarding the possibility of making a similar presentation during the upcoming fall planning conference, stating the best way to approach such changes is often through public awareness rather than an implementing an ordinance at this time.

### **REGION C WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

Bill Robertson, Isothermal Planning and Development Commission, reviewed the criteria for membership on this Commission. Commissioners emphasized their policy is to have membership representative of all townships throughout the county.

**ACTION:** Jerry Self made the motion, seconded by Tom Bridges, and ***adopted by a majority vote*** (*Commissioner McIntosh voted no*), to ***reappoint Suzi Kennedy, Lewis Whiteside, and Beverly Shuford to serve as members of the Commission.*** Each term is for a period of three-years, scheduled to conclude on September 30, 2007.

### **CLEVELAND COUNTY CHILD FATALITY PREVENTION TEAM - CHILD PROTECTION TEAM**

Leslie Richardson, Chairperson for the Team, reviewed the teams composition, duties and sensitive situations and issues of confidentiality deal with by the team, the mandated membership categories. Dr. Richardson requested Commissioners reconsider their recent decision not to reappoint Margie Christopher to the team, citing her expertise had been extremely beneficial to the team over her many years of membership. Commissioners again emphasized that their policy is to have membership of boards and committees representative of all townships throughout the county, regardless of other mandates.

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time (*6:55 p.m.*), Jerry Self made the motion, seconded by Willie McIntosh, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to adjourn the meeting. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for ***Tuesday, October 5, 2004, at 6:00 p.m.***

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*Ronald J. Hawkins, Vice-Chairman*  
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*Wanda Crotts, CMC, Clerk*  
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