

CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 19, 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: Mary S. Accor, Chairwoman
Ronald J. Hawkins, Vice-Chair
Tom Bridges, Commissioner
Willie B. McIntosh, Commissioner
Jerry L. Self, Commissioner
R. L. Alexander, County Manager
Bob Yelton, County Attorney
Wanda Crotts, CMC, County Clerk
Patricia D. Spangler, Deputy Clerk
Eddie Bailes, Human Resources Director
Bill McCarter, Planning Director
Joy Scott, The Star
Donna Huie-Brooks, Cleveland Headline News
Other individual names on file in the Clerk's Office

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 Ronnie Hawkins, and adopted by a unanimous vote of the Board, to ***adopt the agenda as presented by the County Clerk, with the following additions:***

(1) Software Solutions - Crime Mapping Software (Alexander)

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes of ***October 5, 2004***, motion was made by Willie McIntosh, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, 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 ***September 2004***. The monthly grand total of tax abatements was listed as (\$22,181.61); and, the monthly grand total for tax supplements was listed as \$1,696,854.23.

TAX COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

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

SOCIAL SERVICES: WORK FIRST PLAN 2005-2007

ACTION: Willie McIntosh made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***approve the Work First Plan for 2005-2007, with one correction on Page 1, changing "employment" to "unemployment" (corrected copy of Plan found on Pages _____ of Minute Book 28).***

REGISTER OF DEEDS: TECHNOLOGY LEASE AGREEMENT

ACTION: Willie McIntosh made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***approve the agreement (copy found on Pages _____ of Minute Book 28).***

COUNTY PROPERTY: COUNTY MANAGER'S COMPUTER

ACTION: Willie McIntosh made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***approve allowing the R. L. Alexander, retiring County Manager, to***

purchase the personal computer equipment that was assigned to him for a “fair market price” of \$1,700 (a price determined by the County Information Technology Director).

- 1) Gateway E-6000 desktop. Pentium 4, 2.4Ghz, 512MB RAM, 80GB hard drive, 17-inch monitor, XP pro, Office Small Business (estimated FMV \$575.00).
- 2) HP deskjet 6122 printer. (estimated FMV \$75.00).
- 3) Dell Inspiron 1100 Notebook. (estimated FMV \$1,050.00) Pentium 4, 2.4 Ghz, 512 MB, 30GB hard drive, 14.1 inch screen, XP Pro, Office Professional.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: REQUEST TO HIRE OB/GYN PHYSICIAN

ACTION: Willie McIntosh made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to **approve hiring Joel E. Winker, M.D. at a Salary Grade 92, Step 7a (\$131,232).** Dr. Winker will replace Dr. Richard Hardeman who plans to retire effective December 31, 2004.

SHERIFF’S OFFICE: CRIME ANALYSIS SOFTWARE

Using actual Cleveland County data, Chad Wilson with Software Solutions, provided a demonstration of the types of information which can be derived from the new crime analysis software system. These reports will serve as a vital tool to deputies as they work to develop strategies when assessing crime patterns. Mr. Alexander stated, “The \$46,100 purchase order came from the E-911 monies, that’s a legitimate use of the monies because it enables the communication systems to conform with Phase II of the Cellular Statute that is being placed on our communications communities all across the nation.” Mr. Alexander thanked Commissioners for allowing him the opportunity to see this important project completed before his retirement.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

Commissioners presented certificates of appreciation to the following employees:

5-Years of Service

Lisa H. Brackett (Health Department)
Tammy L. Griffin (Health Department)
Michael T. Hamrick (Health Department)
Tamara W. Lovelace (Health Department)
Karen E. Philbeck (Health Department)
Symantha Franklin (Social Services)
Carla A. Hastings (Social Services)
Misty A. Lemberger (Social Services)
Waylon D. Newman (EMS)

10-Years of Service

Mary R. Bridges (Social Services)
Angela R. McSwain (Social Services)
Angela M. Glenn (Sheriff’s Office)
Nancy H. Haskin (Sheriff’s Office)

15-Years of Service

James A. Norman (Sheriff’s Office)
Mark S. Dellinger (Electronic Equipment)
Evan S. Sealey (Health Department)

The following employees received a plaque:

20-Years of Service

Lucinda G. Cannon (Finance)
Kenneth J. Cloninger (Telecommunications)

25-Years of Service

Teala M. McSwain (Social Services)

30-Years of Service

Joseph A. Cherry (Electronic Equipment)
Jamarica S. Jones (Health Department)

PUBLIC HEARING: SHERIFF'S OFFICE - LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT (\$10,077)

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Jerry Self, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***open the public hearing.*** (Legal advertisement published in the *Star* on October 7, 2004).

ACTION: Hearing no comments, Tom Bridges made the motion, seconded by Willie McIntosh, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***close the public hearing.***

ACTION: Willie McIntosh made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***approve and accept the \$10,077 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funds (LLEBG) from the US Department of Justice to be used for the purchase of ammunition for the Sheriff's Office.*** (Copy of Grant Sharing Agreement found on Page _____ of Minute Book 28.)

CLEVELAND COUNTY RURAL FIRE COMMISSION

Mr. Alexander advised that Frank Burns, President of the Cleveland County Firefighter's Association, has requested the Association be allowed to recommend two additional representatives to the Rural Fire Commission. Mr. Burns has requested these be two-year terms. He emphasized the Association is satisfied with the "excellent job" being done by the Commission "but we would like to have representatives from our organization be a part of the Commission to allow ease of communications between the Association and the Commission."

Mr. Alexander reviewed the Commission was established on December 7, 1959; membership was expanded on December 21, 1992 from five to seven members to include the Cleveland County Fire Marshal and the President of the Cleveland County Fireman's Association as ex-officio, non-voting members.

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Willie McIntosh, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***accept the recommendations (appointments will be made in December).***

800 MHZ COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

Mr. Alexander advised that Senator Walter Dalton secured, last week, \$500,000 in funding in the State budget for the emergency system leading to a third transmitting tower for Cleveland County. Mr. Alexander stated, "There is \$1,206,337.49 now obligated and being spent on an 800 communications system. That will give us three additional towers, the \$500,000 from Senator Dalton can be used in any way we choose, there are no restrictions, we'll own the towers and part of that win/win situation that we had resulted from a July 29 meeting . . . to partner with the State on Viper because I think it was clear from that meeting . . . that we probably wouldn't have agreed to go with the Viper system had we not found this win/win situation . . . so for the record . . . I want it clear that before I left he (Mr. McIntosh) got \$1.2 million and change (for the communications system)."

CLEVELAND COUNTY CHAMBER: AMENDMENT ONE

Stuart Gilbert reviewed the information presented during the October 5, 2004 meeting (reference Pages _____ of Minute Book 28). There was discussion regarding various aspects of the proposed amendment, with Mr. Gilbert emphasizing "this is another tool economic development can use to attract industry to our county."

Commissioner Self expressed his concern, stating "if you look at the Constitution of North Carolina . . . I says that no county, city, town, speciality district or other local government may give or lend it's credit to aid any person association or corporation except for public purposes as authorized by

general law unless approved by a majority of qualified voters.” He said, “Basically, that’s the part we’re trying to get away from, approval from the voters . . . I have some heartburn about us as elected officials partnering in a project that a bank has questions about, so basically sounds like we’re going to be the last person to finance something.”

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Tom Bridges, and adopted by a majority vote of the Board, to **approve supporting Amendment One.** (*Votes were recorded as all Commissioners voting yes, with Commissioner Self voting no.*)

CLEVELAND COUNTY ADMINISTRATION: FINANCE DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Tom Bridges, and unanimously adopted by the Board to **appoint Christopher D. Crepps to the position of Cleveland County Finance Director** (*Mr. Crepps has served as Assistant Finance Director for five years*).

CLEVELAND COUNTY BUILDING AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT: STAFF INCREASE

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Tom Bridges, and unanimously adopted by the Board to **approve the addition of one new position of Maintenance Technician 1 - Grade 67 as requested.** The establishment of this position is necessary due to the addition of the “old Senior Center, the old Red Cross building, and the old mental health building” to the list of buildings under county maintenance.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT: ZONING MAP AMENDMENT - KAY SAULTS (Elm Road)

ACTION: Tom Bridges made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to **schedule a public hearing for November 16, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.** regarding the rezoning petition submitted by Ms. Saults. The petition is to rezone approximately 0.6 acres located along Elm Road (*just outside the city limits of Grover*) from Light Industrial (*LI*) to General Business (*GB*). The petition is supported by the property owner, JoAnn Pollock.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT: ZONING MAP AMENDMENT - DOUGLAS PETTY (Mary’s Grove Church Road)

ACTION: Willie McIntosh made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to **schedule a public hearing for November 16, 2004 at 6:00**

p.m. regarding the rezoning petition submitted by Mr. Petty. The petition is to rezone approximately 41 acres located along Mary’s Grove Church Road from Restricted Residential (*RR*) to Residential (*R*).

PLANNING DEPARTMENT: TEXT AMENDMENT (SECTION 12-124)

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Jerry Self, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to **schedule a public hearing for November 16, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. regarding the proposed amendments to Section 12-124 Table of Permitted Uses - Emergency Medical Services base station locations.**

CLEVELAND COUNTY ADULT CARE HOME ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

ACTION: Jerry Self made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to **reappoint Arthur Grigg to serve as a member of the committee.** The term of this reappointment is for a period of three years, scheduled to conclude on October 31, 2007.

CLEVELAND COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN APPOINTMENTS

ACTION: Willie McIntosh made the motion, seconded by Jerry Self, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to **(1) reappoint Rosaline Hunt; and, (2) appoint Linda Martin to serve as members of the Commission for Women.** Both terms are for a period of three-years, scheduled to conclude on October 31, 2007.

**CLEVELAND COUNTY INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES & POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING
AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

ACTION: Tom Bridges made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***reappoint W. S. Fulton and Jack Palmer to serve as members of the Authority Board.*** Both terms are for a period of six-years, scheduled to conclude on October 31, 2010.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Commissioner Self reported that he attended the Lawndale Town Council meeting and Commissioner Bridges reported he attended the Waco Town Council meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time (7:20 p.m.), Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Tom Bridges, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to adjourn the meeting. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for ***Tuesday, November 2, 2004, at 6:00 p.m.***

Mary S. Accor, Chairwoman

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Wanda Crotts, CMC, Clerk

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