

CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 18, 2004

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners met in a **Special Called Meeting** for the purpose of holding a "town meeting" to allow citizens the opportunity to hear **an explanation of the tax revaluation process** for Cleveland County, on this date at the hour of 6:00 p.m., at the **Boiling Springs Town Council Chamber**, Boiling Springs, North Carolina

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
David Dear, Assistant County Manager/Finance Director
Wanda Crotts, CMC, County Clerk
Pat Spangler, Deputy County Clerk
Chris Green, County Tax Assessor
Jean Mayes, Assistant Tax Assessor
Other individual names on file in the Clerk's Office

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Accor called the meeting to order.

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to **move the meeting across the street to Gardner-Webb University, Ritch Banquet Hall, in order to accommodate a larger audience.**

CLEVELAND COUNTY 2004 PROPERTY REVALUATION

Mr. Green reviewed the information presented during the February 2, 2004 meeting (reference Pages _____ of Minute Book _____).

Chairwoman Accor opened the floor for questions, which were basically the same as those brought up during the previous town meetings (reference February 2, 2004, February 11, 2004, and February 12). Other points were also discussed, such as uniform assessment standards; distribution of public utilities revenue; loss of industry and what is being done to attract new industry to Cleveland County; school merger legal fees; the fact that 1999 was a scheduled revaluation year but Commissioner at that time decided to delay until 2000; it was noted that if revaluations only occurred every eight years, judging from current reaction to revalue, "imagine the reaction if it was done every eight years." Some concerns were expressed that citizens did not always know of meetings held by Commissioners, and the "sunshine" list was explained. It was also noted that exemptions needed to be publicized (copy of exemptions found on Pages _____ of Minute Book _____).

Commissioners thanked Mr. Alexander and Mr. Dear for their dedication to keeping the county financially responsible. Commissioners said they will meet with county department heads to stress citizen budget concerns as they prepare their requests for fiscal year 2004-2005.

Chairwoman Accor made the same closing remarks as found on Page _____ of Minute Book _____.

ADJOURN

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Jerry Self, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Mary S. Accor, Chairwoman
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Wanda Crotts, CMC, Clerk
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