

CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 6, 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
Jerry L. Self, Commissioner
R. L. Alexander, County Manager
David Dear, Assistant County Manager/Finance Director
Bob Yelton, County Attorney
Wanda Crotts, CMC, County Clerk
Patricia D. Spangler, Deputy Clerk
Jennipher Hammerstein, Cleveland Headline News
Other individual names on file in the Clerk's Office

ABSENT: Willie B. McIntosh, Commissioner

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: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Tom Bridges, and adopted by a unanimous vote of the Board, to ***adopt the agenda as presented by the County Clerk, with the following changes:***

- (1) Add to the Agenda: Planning Department - Zoning Map Amendment - Maddox Property - Set public hearing (R.L. Alexander)***
- (2) Delete from the Agenda: Item #5 - Board Appointment - Charlotte Region Partnership (R.L. Alexander)***

CITIZENS RECOGNITION

ABANDONED VEHICLES

David Wenger commented on the number of abandoned vehicles throughout the county. He stated he felt considerable tax revenue is being lost due to these vehicles been unaccounted for, monies that he felt could be used toward the deficit of funds mentioned during the recent county budget hearings. Mr. Alexander advised that Chris Green, County Tax Assessor, is conducting an investigation regarding this matter and will present a report of his findings to Commissioners at their July 20, 2004 meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes of ***June 15, 2004***, motion was made by Ronnie Hawkins, seconded by Jerry Self, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***approve*** the minutes as written.

HAZMAT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #002)

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Jerry Self, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***approve the following budget amendments.***

<i>Account Number</i>	<i>Department/Account Name</i>	<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
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010.453.4.310.00	HAZMAT/Federal Government Grant	\$26,250.
010.453.5.210.00	HAZMAT/Departmental Supplies	1,250.
010.453.5.213.00	HAZMAT/Office Supplies	1,900.
010.453.5.490.00	HAZMAT/Professional Services	15,000.
010.453.5.910.00	HAZMAT/Capital Equipment	8,100.
	Project Code 97039-4400	
	Hazmat/In-Kind Services	8,750.
	Total Grant	\$35,000.

Explanation: To budget a Hazard Mitigation Grant from FEMA passing through NC Division of Emergency Management. This grant will allow for a mitigation plan for Cleveland County in the event of a declaration of emergency status for a natural disaster. In-kind personnel services will be provided through the Town of Boiling Springs, Town of Grover, Town of Lawndale, City of Shelby, Emergency Management Personnel and County Manager.

HEALTH PLAN: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #003)

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Jerry Self, 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>
065.981.4.991.00	Health Plan-Fund Transfer/Fund Balance Approp.	\$200,000.	
065.981.5.890.00	Health Plan-Fund Transfer/Interfund Transfers	200,000.	

Balance Sheet Entries:

065.3.996.00	Dental Fund/BCBS Health/Unres Undesignated Fd. Bal.	(Debit)	\$200,000.
065.3.991.67	Dental Fund/BCBS Health/Unres Designated FB 660	(Credit)	200,000.

Explanation: To cover Health Plan's portion of fund transfers to the Wellness Clinic left out of original budget as off-set to expenses incurred at the new clinic that lower the cost to the Health Plan Fund for clinician fees and drug cost previously paid to outside sources. These funds are not General Fund monies and do not increase any expense or revenue to General Fund.

GROVER RESCUE SQUAD: UPDATE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Jerry Self, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to **approve the updated franchise agreement for Grover Rescue Squad** (copy found on Pages _____ of Minute Book 28).

OUTREACH PLAN AND GUIDELINES FOR RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION OF MINORITY-OWNED, WOMAN-OWNED, DISADVANTAGED-OWNED (MWDDBE) BUSINESSES FOR PARTICIPATION FOR COUNTY OF CLEVELAND BUILDING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Jerry Self, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to **approve the plan as found on Pages _____ of Minute Book 28.**

RESOLUTION: SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR QUALITY OF LIFE

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Tom Bridges, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to adopt the following resolution.

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SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR QUALITY OF LIFE

WHEREAS, the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners is keenly aware of the importance of natural resource protection and enhancement within our community;

WHEREAS, the degradation of natural resources, including air and water pollution and the rampant consumption of open space does not recognize political boundaries;

WHEREAS, intergovernmental cooperation, on a regional basis, is essential to any effort to protect and preserve the natural environment;

WHEREAS, the protection and preservation of natural resources within Cleveland County and the greater region are essential to the general health, safety and welfare of community and regional residents;

WHEREAS, improper management of natural resources is contrary to the ideals of a healthy, economically vital and aesthetically pleasing community and region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners adopts this resolution in support of SEQL: Sustainable Environment for Quality of Life; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners through its comprehensive and all other planning efforts, will seek to implement sound environmental planning principles in a manner that furthers the efforts of SEQL to the benefit of Cleveland County and regional citizens.

ADOPTED THIS THE 6 DAY OF JULY 2004.

PATHWAYS AREA BOARD OF DIRECTORS: BOARD APPOINTMENTS

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Tom Bridges, to table the vote on this matter until the July 20, 2004 regular meeting. The motion failed due to a tie vote (*Hawkins and Bridges voted yes and Accor and Self voted no*).

ACTION: Tom Bridges made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***appoint to the Pathways Area Board of Directors: (1) Misty King to complete the unexpired term of Dale Costner, scheduled to conclude on June 30, 2005; and, (2) Roger Gaddis for a term of four-years, scheduled to conclude on June 30, 2008.***

REGION C DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION: BOARD APPOINTMENTS

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Jerry Self, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***reappoint to the Region C Development Corporation: (1) Scott Darnell; and, (2) appoint Raymond Walker and Allan Nichols.*** Each term is for a period of two-years, scheduled to conclude on June 30, 2006.

CLEVELAND COUNTY CHILD PROTECTION TEAM: BOARD APPOINTMENT

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Tom Bridges, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***reappoint Betsy Szumski to serve as a member of the team for a period of three-years, scheduled to conclude on June 30, 2007.***

PLANNING DEPARTMENT: ZONING MAP AMENDMENT - SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING MADDOX AND COBB PROPERTIES (Approximately 40 acres along US-29/Battleground Avenue be rezoned from Light Industrial-LI to Heavy Industrial-HI)

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Tom Bridges, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***schedule a public hearing regarding this rezoning petition for July 20, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.***

CLEVELAND COUNTY MANAGER: R. L. ALEXANDER RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Alexander read the following statement announcing his intent to retire in November of this year:

I would like to thank this Board of Commissioners and the boards that have preceded them for allowing me the opportunity of making my living working for Cleveland County. I am announcing my plans to retire as of the end of November of this year.

I have been blessed to have had the opportunity of working with a significant number of elected officials. I am pleased to say that every one of them ran for office because they wanted to make this special community even more special.

I have also been blessed to have worked with an outstanding group of department heads. Cleveland County is fortunate to have a group of conscientious employees in positions of leadership. These department heads are also blessed because the employees working in these agencies are well trained and qualified to hold these positions of trust.

I have also been blessed to have had the opportunity of working with a number of community leaders. These leaders have been both appointed and volunteers. The desire these individuals have to improve our community is very genuine. The partnerships between units of government and the private sector are examples of our community pulling and working together on the shared vision of making this a better place to live.

I do want to make it clear that my decision to retire will not reduce my desire to influence positive change and that I will continue to work for that cause. I am proud of the accomplishments that have been made during my tenure. These accomplishments were not accomplished through the efforts of any single individual, but are shared with both elected officials and community advocates.

My desire to retire is in no way influenced by the candidates seeking the office of Commissioner. This decision was made more than a year ago and I view this as an opportunity to devote more time to family and to continue to be involved in other ways.

I am thankful to the Commissioners, both past and present who have challenged employees to be all they can be. This challenge serves as a motivation to both department heads and

line employees. This leadership development will continue to serve the citizens of this community.

Mr. Alexander began his career with Cleveland County government on June 16, 1971 as Purchasing Agent (*reference Minute Book 14, Page 497*). On November 16, 1973, he was promoted to the position of Assistant Finance Officer; promoted to Deputy Finance Director on December 15, 1975; and, promoted to Finance Director on February 1, 1979. Mr. Alexander was named Assistant County Manager/Finance Director on July 1, 1987, and appointed County Manager on July 5, 1988 (*reference Minute Book 18, Page 305*).

Mr. Alexander is the third person to officially serve as County Manager for Cleveland County. The official Minutes of the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners reflect the following history of the county manager position:

February 15, 1965: Joseph R. Hendrick was hired by Commissioners as the first County Manager (*reference Minute Book 13, Page 30*) (*April 20, 1965 - Duties of the County Managers set-out in the Minutes*).

March 12, 1965 to Mr. Hendrick served as County Manager (*reference Minute December 1, 1968 Book 14, Page 144*).

February 10, 1969 Commissioners appointed George C. Newman as County Manager, however Mr.

Newman never served (*reference Minute Book 14, Page 190*).

March 17, 1969 Max Hamrick,
County Auditor, appointed to serve
as Temporary

County Manager and served in
the position until December 31,
1969 (*reference Minute Book 14,
Pages 208 and 320*).

January 1, 1970 to Melvin Holmes appointed County
Manager (*reference* *Minute Book 14, Page 321*)
June 21, 1971

November 6, 1972 Joseph R.
Hendrick appointed as County
Manager (*reference*
Minute Book 15, Page 4).

July 5, 1988 Richard Lane
Alexander appointed as County
Manager
(*reference Minute Book 18,
Page 305*).

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time (*6:30 p.m.*), Tom Bridges made the motion, seconded by Jerry Self, and unanimously adopted by the

Board, to adjourn the meeting. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for ***Tuesday, July 20, 2004, at 6:00 p.m.***

Mary S. Accor, Chairwoman
CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wanda Crotts, CMC, Clerk
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