

CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 18, 2005

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
Robert Yelton, County Attorney
Pat Spangler, Deputy Clerk
Eddie Bailes, Human Resources Director
Chris Crepps, Finance Director
Anne Short, Alliance for Health
Chris Green, Tax Administrator
Lindsey Allen, Cleveland Headline News
Other individual names on file in the Clerk's Office

ABSENT: Willie B. McIntosh, Commissioner
David C. Dear, County Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ronald J. Hawkins called the meeting to order, led the audience in the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag of the United States of America, and provided the invocation for the meeting.

AGENDA ADOPTION

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to *adopt the agenda as presented by the County Clerk, with the following additions:*

(1) **Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation** (Johnny Hutchins)

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no corrections, additions, or deletions to the Minutes of *September 20, 2005*, motion was made by Jerry Self, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, 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 2005*. The monthly grand total of tax abatements was listed as (\$142,131.80); and, the monthly grand total for tax supplements was listed as \$1,984,707.76.

TAX COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

The Tax Collector provided Commissioners with a detailed written report regarding taxes collected during *September 2005* (copy found on Page _____ of Minute Book 28).

SOCIAL SERVICES: BUDGET AMENDMENTS (BNA #006)

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

<u>Account Number/Project Code</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
010.418.4.310.00/93617-6418	Board of Elections/Federal Grants	\$ 1,461.	
010.418.4.211.00/93617-6418	Board of Elections/Controlled Property		1,461.

Explanation of Revisions: To budget grant funds awarded to Cleveland County from the State Board of Elections for the 2005 Public Workstation Grant. All expenditures from the grant should go toward the purchase of a computer and printer to facilitate voter registration. Expenditures should be made prior to December 31, 2005.

PROCLAMATION: BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Commissioner Hutchins' daughter, Tammy Hogue, who serves as Chair of Kings Mountain Relay for Life, read the proclamation. She was presented with three copies, one to be delivered to each chapter of the Relay for Life organizations - Kings Mountain, Boiling Springs, and Shelby.

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Jerry Self, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the following proclamation.*

NUMBER 10-2005

**PROCLAIMING OCTOBER, 2005
AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
IN CLEVELAND COUNTY**

WHEREAS, an estimated 211,240 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to occur among women in the United States during 2005;

WHEREAS, excluding skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women, accounting for nearly 1 in 3 cancers diagnosed in US women - one woman is diagnosed with breast cancer every three minutes;

WHEREAS, an estimated 1,690 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in men in 2005 - the incidence rate among men increased 1.1 percent per year between 1975 and 2002;

WHEREAS, October marks the 21st year of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Since the program began in 1985, mammography rates have more than doubled for women age 50 and older; and,

WHEREAS, the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month program is dedicated to increasing public knowledge about the importance of early detection of breast cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, proclaim **October 2005** as "**Breast Cancer Awareness Month**" in Cleveland County and encourage everyone to join the "**Race for a Cure.**"

ADOPTED THIS THE 18th DAY OF OCTOBER 2005.

RECOGNITION: JACQUELINE BLANTON

Commissioner Accor praised Ms. Blanton for her "gift of teaching," which she has shared with Cleveland County students for over 50 years. Commissioner Accor described Ms. Blanton as "an angel sent to children" and that she believes "Ms. Blanton exemplifies the traits we would all want in a teacher." She said the greatest compliment she can give Ms. Blanton is that she wishes her own son could have been in her class.

Betsy Wells, a retired teacher, said Ms. Blanton has been her mentor throughout her teaching career, but more importantly, has been her friend. She stated that on August 31, 2005, Ms. Blanton was honored in Raleigh at the State Department of Education by the North Carolina State Board of Education for her years as a classroom teacher.

Mrs. Wells said, "Ms. Blanton was lauded for her students' above-grade-level performance on State tests and her continuing to volunteer at Kings Mountain Intermediate School one day a week, helping prepare fifth graders for the end-of-course tests. Not a week goes by that Ms. Blanton is not offered a job to return to the classroom – she is that effective as a classroom teacher."

Ms. Blanton was also honored with the highest award given by the State, the Long Leaf Pine Award, which was presented to her by Governor Mike Easley.

Commissioners presented Ms. Blanton with a plaque honoring her accomplishments.

RECOGNITION: 2005 DISTINGUISHED WOMEN OF CLEVELAND COUNTY
BETTY JEAN JEFFRIES MAUNEY – ALOYSE JONES – ANNIE FARLEY DAWKINS

Commissioners presented each of these ladies with another copy of a resolution presented to them during the Commission for Women banquet, along with a Cleveland County silver commemorative coin.

NUMBER 09-2005

HONORING ALOYSE JONES

WHEREAS, the contributions of Aloyse Jones will forever be recorded in the history of Cleveland County - recorded not only on the pages of newspapers and through her numerous community contributions, but written on the hearts of the countless children to whom she has served as foster mother since 1972;

WHEREAS, by loving and nurturing children, not only has she significantly affected present day history, but she has also reached into the future by helping children develop and build self-esteem that will be carried to adulthood and passed on to future generations;

WHEREAS, Social Services staff has been quoted as saying that "no matter what the circumstances Mrs. Jones gives the children a good home . . . from the cradle to adulthood, she has loved them all." What greater legacy could one hope to leave - knowing you have made such a positive difference in the world;

WHEREAS, Aloyse Jones has continually demonstrated her willingness to place her concern for children and the betterment of their future foremost in her life, and by doing so, she has enhanced the quality of life for all Cleveland County citizens.

THEREFORE, it is fitting that we, the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners, recognize and congratulate her on her most recent honor, being named as one of the **2005 Distinguished Women of Cleveland County**, by the Cleveland County Commission for Women.

***Adopted this the 16th day of August 2005; and,
Adopted at a second reading on the 18th day of October 2005.***

NUMBER 10-2005

HONORING ANNIE FARLEY DAWKINS

WHEREAS, Annie Farley Dawkins, born July 6, 1905, has experienced history in a way that few will have the opportunity to share;

WHEREAS, during her long and productive lifetime,

Mrs. Dawkins has demonstrated, in countless ways, her dedication to the welfare of others and has earned the respect and affection of people from all walks of life and all ages;

WHEREAS, Annie Farley Dawkins is a blessing to our county by sharing her knowledge, experience, wisdom, and community spirit.

THEREFORE, it is fitting that we, the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners, recognize and congratulate her on her most recent honor, being named as one of the **2005 Distinguished Women of Cleveland County**, by the Cleveland County Commission for Women.

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NUMBER 11-2005

HONORING BETTY JEAN JEFFRIES MAUNEY

WHEREAS, the programs developed and implemented by Betty Jean Jeffries Mauney through her work as founder of the Olsen Courts - Ramblewood Community Center has forever changed the lives of countless children in Cleveland County, by providing them with opportunities which would have never been available to them had it not been for her sincere dedication to children;

WHEREAS, her involvement as a community activist, having focused on community services which promote the welfare of children, exhibits her dedication to the betterment of life for all Cleveland County citizens;

WHEREAS, through her caring nature, spirit and enthusiasm, Betty Jean has touched the lives of so many in our County, and continues to serve as an inspiration to us all by living her philosophy - "Always striving to make our best better, and be as professional as you can."

THEREFORE, it is fitting that we, the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners, recognize and congratulate her on her most recent honor, being named as one of the **2005 Distinguished Women of Cleveland County**, by the Cleveland County Commission for Women.

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PROCLAMATION: RED RIBBON WEEK (OCTOBER 23-20, 2005) – "SAFE AND DRUG FREE COMMUNITIES"

ACTION: Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the following proclamation, presented by Anne Short, Alliance for Health.*

PROCLAMATION FOR RED RIBBON WEEK
OCTOBER 23 – 31, 2005

Whereas, cities and towns across America have been plagued by the numerous problems associated with alcohol, tobacco and other drug use; and

Whereas, there is hope for winning the war on drugs, and the hope lies in the hard work and determination of our communities to create a safe and drug-free environment; and

Whereas, local leaders in government and in the community know that the support of people in the neighborhoods is the most effective tool they can have in their efforts to reduce the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs; and

Whereas, success will not occur overnight, and our patience and continued commitment to drug education and prevention are imperative; and

Whereas, the Red Ribbon was chosen as a symbol commemorating the work of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration agent, who was murdered in the line of duty and has come to represent the belief that one person CAN make a difference; and

Whereas, the Red Ribbon Campaign was established by Congress in 1988 to promote this belief and encourage a drug-free lifestyle and involvement in drug prevention efforts; and

Whereas, October 23-31, 2005 has been designated National Red Ribbon Week calling on all Americans to show their support for a drug-free state by wearing a red ribbon and participating in drug-free activities during that week;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Commissioners for Cleveland County, North Carolina do hereby proclaim October 23-31, 2005 as Red Ribbon Week in Cleveland County and encourage all citizens, businesses, public and private agencies, media, religious and educational institutions to wear and display red ribbons and participate in drug-free activities throughout that week, joining the rest of the nation in promoting the Red Ribbon Celebration and a drug-free America.

RECOGNITION: PATRICIA D. SPANGLER

Commissioners honored Patricia D. Spangler, who has served as Administrative Assistant to the County Manager and Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, since January 6, 1991. Mrs. Spangler has been a county employee since October 16, 1985, having worked at the Health Department prior to her service in the County Manager's Office. She has announced her retirement, effective November 2005.

Retired County Manager, R. L. Alexander, stated, "It has been a privilege and an opportunity to work with Pat Spangler. She is just an unusual person who really tries to do the best that she can with everybody she come into contact with. I've heard her on numerous occasions talking to people who were not exactly happy when they called, they were upset about something and they needed a sounding board and the patience that Pat exhibited when she talked with a person, male or female, who might be angry, she took great care to listen, to offer the guidance to get them to the solution, to get them to the right person to get the right answer. That patience and diligence with everyone, it was typical of Pat and her personality. She would go out of her way to help someone, whether it be a community leader . . . she deals with everyone she came in contact with in a very dignified way. It has just been a pleasure for me to see her operate and to see that patience and that loving attitude and that ability to go the extra mile. Pat, I've told you how much I appreciate you before, but it's an honor to get to say that in a setting like this."

On behalf of the Commissioners, Mr. Alexander presented Mrs. Spangler with a plaque that read:

Presented to Patricia D. Spangler, County Manager's Office, in appreciation of 20 years of County service, by the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners. November 30, 2005.

Commissioners told Mrs. Spangler they are naming the flower garden in the lobby of the Charles F. Harry Administrative Building in her honor. Chairman Hawkins read the wording of the plaque which will be placed in the garden:

“Pat’s Garden”

This garden has been lovingly cared for and nurtured by Pat Spangler since the building was opened in August 1992. Pat Spangler, an employee of Cleveland County for 20-years, served as Administrative Assistant to the County Manager and Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners from January 1991 until her retirement in November 2005.

Vice-Chairman Self stated, “I just appreciate every thing you have done. She is a person who makes things happen. She keeps up with our meetings, reminds us of meetings, schedules things, registers us, she does everything to make things happen . . . particularly for new commissioners, it’s very helpful to have you there to answer questions . . . she knows all the players, communicates well, and gets things done. We appreciate you.”

Commissioner Hutchins stated, “I’m the newest one on the Board, and I think I appreciate her as much as anyone. The first time I talked to her I said now Pat, you know I’m just and old country boy and she said, I knew that the first time I met you . . . Pat you’ve been great. She keeps me up-to-date, let’s me know where I’m supposed to be.”

Commissioner Accor said, “When I came it was 1995 . . . I’ve never heard Pat say anything negative and, you know, people don’t have to be nice, and I came to the Board under different circumstances the first time around, but Pat was always there to inspire me. I just want you to know, Pat, that I don’t know whose going to take care of us. I don’t know whose going to take care of us because, like Johnny was saying about being a country boy, Pat is very honest – if you don’t want to know, don’t ask. So, we love you Pat, we’re going to miss you.”

Chairman Hawkins said, “Pat, I’ve known you for six years now. I think this has been the best year because I’ve gotten to know you better. As I think about it, it’s not so much what we see, it’s what is in your heart and you’ve got it . . . I know that when I call and I can hear your voice everything just kinda calms down, I kinda just cool it a little bit, and I think that helps a lot when people call you . . . we know it’s all from your heart and that’s the main thing and we love you.”

Bob Yelton said, “Pat, we do appreciate you. I think one of the things that I will miss most about calling down here, and I call here a lot, but as soon as she answers the phone I’ll say Pat and she always says well hi Bob, how are you, I don’t have to say who it is . . . you can just see her attitude, her smile, and her pleasant nature, it comes through the telephone just perfect through her voice. We will miss you and we do appreciate everything you’ve done and all the help you’ve given me over the years.”

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY

Mr. Bailes reminded Commissioners of the upcoming Volunteer Appreciation Day this Saturday, October 22, 2005, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., to be held at the fairground. He said 528 have responded that they plan to attend.

LITERACY GRANTS

Commissioner Accor reported that Commissioners are on the Board of Education agenda for October 24, 2005 to present them with a check for the literacy grants.

AMERICAN LEADERSHIP CLASS

Commissioner Accor stated that Shearra Miller and Chris Turner will host Class 6 of the American Leadership class, in which she participated last year, here in Cleveland County on Friday, October 21.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Commissioner Hutchins reminded Commissioners they are to install shelves and a cabinet at Hospice Wendover on Saturday, October 22, 2005, as their project for Make a Difference Day.

NCDOT – BYPASS

Vice-Chairman Self reported that he attended today, a DOT meeting in Mooresboro, where discussion centered around “limited access for the new bypass . . . up to the county line, there will be an interchange somewhere around Mooresboro . . . they had one meeting and the residents didn’t like that so this was their second meeting with four alternatives.” He said this is a project that would happen after the bypass, so “it’s at least 2012 or later”; however he reported there was good participation at the meeting.

RECESS TO RECONVENE AT TIME AND PLACE CERTAIN
OCTOBER 25, 2005 AT 5:00 P.M. - COMMISSION PLANNING SESSION

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Jerry Self, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to recess this meeting (at 6:50 p.m.) to reconvene on Tuesday, October 25, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. in this Commission Chamber for a Commission planning session.*

Ronald J. Hawkins, Chairman
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners

Wanda Crotts, CMC, Clerk
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners