

CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 15, 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
Willie B. McIntosh, Commissioner
David C. Dear, County Manager
Robert Yelton, County Attorney
Kerri Melton, Deputy Clerk
Eddie Bailes, Assistant County Manager
Chris Crepps, Finance Director
Chris Green, Tax Administrator
Lindsey Allen, Cleveland Headline News
Other individual names on file in the Clerk's Office

ABSENT: Johnny Hutchins, Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER

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

AGENDA ADOPTION

ACTION: Willie McIntosh made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to *adopt the agenda as presented by the County Clerk.*

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no corrections, additions, or deletions to the Minutes of *September 13, 2005 and October 25, 2005*, motion was made by Jerry Self, seconded by Mary Accor, 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 *October 2005*. The monthly grand total of tax abatements was listed as (\$119,606.91); and, the monthly grand total for tax supplements was listed as \$18,639.53.

TAX COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

The Tax Collector provided Commissioners with the following detailed written report regarding taxes collected during *October 2005* (copy found on Page _____ of Minute Book 29).

CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRANT: BUDGET AMENDMENTS (BNA #017)

ACTION: Jerry Self made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, 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>
010.439.4.350.00/OCJPP-P439	Criminal Justice Grants/State Grant Revenue	\$ 2,240.	
010.439.5.420.00	Criminal Justice Grants/Contract Services		2,240.

Explanation of Revisions: To align with the state budget from the Department of Corrections. We increased the contract services account due to the increase in fuel costs for the transportation provided by Transportation Administration of Cleveland County.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: FEE CHANGES

ACTION: Jerry Self made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the following fee changes as requested by the Health Department:*

- *Establish a fee for duplication of dental x-rays of patients seeking routine treatment at another dental practice or other dental practices requesting release of x-rays. If our clinic refers a patient for further treatment of dental problems, the duplication fee will not be charged. This fee will help offset expenses for the costs of x-ray films, staff time, postage and mailers.*
- *Increase CODAP fees from \$35.00 to \$50.00 for the initial assessment of a four-part series. These fees have not changed in the past twelve years.*

FOREST RANGER'S QUARTERLY REPORT

ACTION: Jerry Self made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the report for July 1, 2005 – September 30, 2005 (copy found on Pages _____ of Minute Book 29).*

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: SUSAN BEAM – CLEVELAND COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2005

Commissioners congratulated Susan Beam, science teacher at Washington Elementary, for having been named Teacher of the Year 2005. Mrs. Beam has taught for 26 years.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: VICKI LEE – NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY MEDIA ASSOCIATION MEDIA COORDINATOR OF THE YEAR 2005

Commissioners congratulated Vicki Lee, named North Carolina Library Media Association Media Coordinator of the Year 2005. Mrs. Lee has worked as media coordinator at Washington Elementary since 2003.

RESOLUTION: PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS – SHELBY

ACTION: Jerry Self made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the following resolution*, which was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cloyd and other members of the organization.

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RESOLUTION
PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS - SHELBY

WHEREAS, Project Safe Neighborhoods - Shelby is an inspired group of citizens from all over Shelby, in partnership with leadership and volunteers from the City of Shelby, Shelby Police, Cleveland

County Sheriff's Department, the District Attorney's Office, Probation Office, churches, area news media, Habitat for Humanity, Cleveland Regional Hospital, Cleveland County Schools, and numerous area businesses;

WHEREAS, each person is dedicated to getting results - getting the illegal guns off of our streets and reduce crime;

WHEREAS, their strategy is to get the target area under control, then expand into other areas, with an overall goal to make all of Shelby a safer, better place to live for everyone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners commend the members of this grassroots neighborhood initiative and encourages all citizens to recognize and support the efforts of this group, who have dedicated themselves to making a difference in Shelby and Cleveland County.

ADOPTED THIS THE 15 DAY OF NOVEMBER 2005.

TAX ADMINISTRATION: LATE APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION

Chris Green, Tax Administrator, reviewed that, per NCGS 105-282.1, property owners claiming exemption or exclusion have the burden of establishing that the property is entitled thereto. Application is to be filed during the listing period that runs from January 1 to January 31 each year. He said, "Upon showing of good cause by the applicant for failure to comply, the application may be approved by the Board of Commissioners." Applications approved under this provision are effective for the current tax year and are not retroactive. Mr. Green said the property owners making requests tonight do meet the criteria for exemption.

Cleveland County Abuse Prevention Council
Parcel numbers: 71349 and 17536
Application received August 2005

Dottie Leatherwood spoke on behalf of the Abuse Prevention Council, stating the agency had undergone staff changes during this period of time and the failure to apply was an oversight.

ACTION: Willie McIntosh made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, ***to approve and accept the application.***

New Buffalo Baptist Church
Parcel number: 58048
Application received August 2005

Reverend Forrest Ridings advised he had undergone "open heart surgery" and the application had been misplaced. He said this is a "multi-purpose building to be used by the community under the supervision of the church."

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

Lawndale Lodge #486
Parcel number: 42649
Application received July 2005

Gerald Ledwell requested an exemption for this “108-year-old non-tax organization”, stating they “have been paying tax on the land and do have a building on it.”

ACTION: Willie McIntosh made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve and accept the application.*

Walls Memorial Baptist Church
Parcel number: 49192
Application received October 2005

Carolyn Sharp, Church Secretary, said the church has been paying tax on the property but didn’t realize that once the building was constructed they had to request exemption.

ACTION: Willie McIntosh made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve and accept the application.*

GARDNER-WEBB STUDENTS

Chairman Hawkins recognized Justin Short, Tallmadge Strickland, and April Greene, Gardner-Webb University students attending this meeting as a part of a US government class assignment.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

CASE FARMS TOUR

Commissioner Accor reported on the Case Farms tour conducted today, coordinated by Greg Traywick, Cooperative Extension Director. Vice-Chairman Self commented on the “spin-off” industry created by the Case Farms feed mill located near the county landfill, stating this is a “great economic benefit to the county.”

SCHOOL GRANTS

Commissioner Accor read a note from Gloria Sherman, Principal of Jefferson Elementary, thanking Commissioners for their recent allocation of grant funds to be used toward literacy.

VETERANS – TAX EXEMPTION

Commissioner McIntosh advised he was recently asked by a veteran’s group about the possibility of a fixed tax rate with no increase for the elderly and disabled, 65-years old or older, instead of the homestead exemption. Mr. Yelton advised that “under current law” this cannot be done. He said a change of this type would need to be adopted by the legislature and would be statewide.

ELECTION STATISTICS

Chairman Hawkins noted only one 18-year old and one 19-year old voted in the recent election. He stated “we need to do a better job of getting the word out” to younger citizens about the

importance of voting. Vice-Chairman Self stated the younger generation needs to be active, as they have more to gain at this point of their life.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Jerry Self, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to adjourn the meeting (*at 6:45 p.m.*). The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for ***Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.*** in this Commission Chamber.

*Ronald J. Hawkins, Chairman
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*

*Wanda Crotts, CMC, Clerk
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*