

**CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**May 17, 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  
Willie B. McIntosh, Commissioner  
David C. Dear, County Manager  
Robert Yelton, County Attorney  
Wanda Crotts, CMC, County Clerk  
Pat Spangler, Deputy Clerk  
Sherry Evans, County Manager's Office  
Alex Caban, Cleveland Headline News  
Joy Scott, The Star  
Other individual names on file in the Clerk's Office

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**AGENDA ADOPTION**

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

*(1) Cleveland County Sanitary District: Water Line Easement under Broad River (Tom Martin)*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There being no corrections, additions, or deletions to the Minutes of *May 3, 2005*, motion was made by Willie McIntosh, seconded by Jerry Self, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to *approve the minutes as written.*

**RESOLUTION: TO ADOPT THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AND TO JOIN THE HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST GROUP SELF INSURANCE FUND FOR HEALTH, DENTAL, LIFE AND DISABILITY RISK SHARING**

**ACTION:** Willie McIntosh made the motion, seconded by Jerry Self, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to *adopt the Interlocal Agreement and the Resolution as presented (copy found on Pages \_\_\_\_\_ of Minute Book 28).*

**TAX COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT**

The Tax Collector provided Commissioners with the following detailed written report regarding taxes collected during April 2005 (*copy found on Page \_\_\_\_\_ of Minute Book 28*).

**NUMBER 7 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: BUDGET 2005-2006**

**ACTION:** Willie McIntosh made the motion, seconded by Jerry Self, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***approve the budget for 2005-2006 for the VFD as presented (copy found on Page \_\_\_\_\_ of Minute Book 28).***

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #60)**

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Willie McIntosh, 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>
011.519.4.310.00	AIDS/Donations-Contributions	\$ 100.	
012.531.5.790.00	AIDS/Donations-Contributions	100.	
012.540.4.350.00	WIC/State Government Grants		\$ 621.
012.540.5.121.00	WIC/Salaries-Regular		621.

**Explanation of Revisions:**

531) Budget donation from Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club for HOPE Team expenses.

540) Decrease state WIC funds available thru 9/30/04. Funds were not spent due to vacant position.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #61)**

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Willie McIntosh, 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>
012.542.4.460.00	RABIES CONTROL/Other Units Shared Budget	\$ 2,915.	
012.542.5.210.00	RABIES CONTROL/Departmental Supplies	2,915.	

**Explanation of Revisions:** Budget anticipated revenue for animal control services. Increase billing is based on consumer price index.

**CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT OF THE YEAR 2005 AWARD**

Lori Simpson, Isothermal Planning and Development Commission, stated the Cleveland County Nursing Home Advisory Committee, through the vision of committee member Ginger Poteat, developed the CNA of the Year award to "recognize the front line personnel who have demonstrated outstanding achievements in this long-term health care profession." There are five nursing homes in Cleveland County: Century Care, Cleveland Pines, Kings Mountain Hospital, White Oak of Kings Mountain and White Oak of Shelby - four of which submitted one nominee to be honored, and from those nominees the CNA of the Year was selected.

Commissioners presented certifications of appreciation to the following:

Carolyn Howell - Cleveland Pines Nursing Center  
Charles Putnam - White Oak Manor of Kings Mountain  
Lisa Gordon - Century Care of Shelby

Lily Wray was chosen as winner of the CNA Award for 2005 and was presented a plaque with the following inscribed:

**CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FROM THE  
CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PRESENTED TO  
LILY WRAY  
CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT  
OF THE YEAR 2005  
IN RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION OF HER FAITHFUL AND DEDICATED SERVICE  
TO THE RESIDENTS OF WHITE OAK MANOR OF SHELBY,  
THEIR FAMILIES, THE STAFF AND HER COMMUNITY - SERVING AS A**

**CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT.  
MS. WRAY HAS DEMONSTRATED OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS  
IN THIS LONG-TERM HEALTH CARE PROFESSION.**

A reception to honor the nominees was hosted by Commissioners and Century Care of Shelby in the lobby of the County Administrative Building prior to the presentation.

**RECOGNITION OF UNITED WAY GIVING HEART AWARD RECIPIENTS**

Commissioners presented certifications of appreciation to the following:

Michelle Brennan – 2005 United Way Volunteer of the Year; and, Education Volunteer of the Year

Doris Dedmon – Adult Volunteer of the Year

Josh Beaver – Youth Winner of the Year

Time Warner Cable Employees – Group Award of the Year

Ginger Norman – Volunteer Administrator of the Year

**EMERGENCY 911: SURCHARGE INCREASE – PUBLIC HEARING**

David Dear, County Manager, reviewed background information on this surcharge which was enacted in September 1987. The initial monthly surcharge was set at \$0.97 per phone line; was reduced to \$0.55 in July 1993. He advised the recommended increase in the wire line surcharge is from \$0.55 to \$0.75 per month. This would cost a wire line subscriber an additional \$2.40 per year. Research has shown the monthly rate of \$0.75 is still well below the average of surrounding counties and counties of comparable size across the State. The funds will be used to address necessary upgrades in the Emergency 911 system.

Chairman Hawkins opened the public hearing at 6:40 p.m. (*Public notice of this hearing was accomplished by advertisement in The Star on May 5, 2005.*) Hearing no comments, Chairman Hawkins declared the public hearing closed at 6:41 p.m.

**ACTION:** Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Willie McIntosh, and unanimously adopted by the Board, ***to approve the Emergency 911 surcharge increase from \$0.55 to \$0.75 per month per wire line, effective fiscal year 2005/2006*** (reference *Cleveland County Code of Ordinances, Section 4-1*).

**ALLIANCE FOR HEALTH**

Denese Stallings, Health Director, and Anne Short, Executive Director of Alliance for Health, advised the Department of Health and Human Services requires public health departments to conduct community assessments every four years. In Cleveland County we join forces with several other agencies to produce a comprehensive community report, the most recent one being released in 2002. In the interim years, we are required to produce a "State of the Community" Health Report and that is what we are here present tonight. This report is jointly issued by the Board of Health and the Board of Directors of the Alliance for Health and highlights our major accomplishments (*copy found on Pages \_\_\_\_\_ of Minute Book 28*).

**ACTION:** Willie McIntosh made the motion, seconded by Jerry Self, and unanimously adopted by the Board, ***to adopt the following resolution of Support.***

Number 05-2005

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT  
THE ALLIANCE FOR HEALTH IN CLEVELAND COUNTY, INC.  
BY THE CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Whereas, good health for residents of Cleveland County is necessary for the full enjoyment of life, for success in school and for a more productive workforce;

Whereas, preventable and controllable diseases can be addressed with prevention and education initiatives;

Whereas, the Alliance for Health in Cleveland County, Inc. has worked since 1995 to build a system of preventive health initiatives to improve community health;

Whereas, the Alliance for Health has documented successes in providing preventive health initiatives in cardiovascular health, adolescent pregnancy prevention, substance abuse prevention, child health and safety and injury prevention;

Whereas, the Alliance for Health has chosen to work in preventive health initiatives in cardiovascular health, asthma, overweight and obesity, adolescent pregnancy prevention, substance abuse prevention and litter prevention;

Whereas, the Alliance for Health works to eliminate health disparities in the majority of communities in Cleveland County through its sponsorship of the Minority Health Council;

Whereas, the Alliance for Health enlists agencies, organizations and individuals to participate in task forces, coalitions and councils to address health issues and serves as a community forum for identifying and resolving community health issues;

Whereas, the Alliance for Health has served as the Healthy Carolinas Task Force for Cleveland County since 1998 and generated substantial grant funding for its partner members and their services;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that we, the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim our support for the Alliance for Health in Cleveland County, Inc. and do support the Alliance for Health's application for re-certification as the official Healthy Carolinas Task Force for Cleveland County, North Carolina.

Adopted this the 17 day of May 2005.

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

**Letter of Understanding**

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners will become a key partner in the Alliance for Health in Cleveland County, Inc. focus on prevention by agreeing to:

- ❖ Participate in scheduled activities of the Alliance for Health including workgroups, special events, and quarterly prevention meetings
- ❖ Engage in dialogue to share information about prevention initiatives and relative funding strategies
- ❖ Demonstrate collaboration and cooperation in community-wide planning and specific agency program development
- ❖ Participate in data collection relative to prevention initiatives

The Alliance for Health in Cleveland County, Inc. will maintain its commitment to a comprehensive, unified prevention system in Cleveland County by engaging key partners with a focus on prevention by agreeing to:

- ❖ Provide opportunities for real participation, planning and implementing of programs to meet the needs of targeted populations and improve the health of our community
- ❖ Invite direct collaboration on projects when consistent with agency philosophy, mission, and purpose, and the strategic goals for the Alliance for Health
- ❖ Engage service providers in dialogue to identify opportunities to reduce duplication and maximize resources
- ❖ Share information about initiatives and funding resources

- ❖ Provide leadership and technical assistance in resource development and public awareness

This letter establishes a collaborative relationship between the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners and the Alliance for Health for Health in Cleveland County, Inc. for the purpose of supporting efforts to organize, operate and fund a unified system of preventive health initiatives to improve community health.

This letter of understanding will commence from the date of signing and will be automatically renewable July of each calendar year unless notice of termination is made.

Signed:

<b>Agency:</b>	<b>CEO/Director/Department Head</b>	<b>Board Chair (if applicable)</b>
	Alliance for Health Director	Chair, Board of Directors

**TAX COLLECTOR APPOINTMENT**

Mr. Dear reported that Brenda Gardner has submitted a letter stating her intent to retire from her position as Tax Collector effective August 31, 2005. According to NCGS 105-349, the governing body shall appoint a tax collector to serve for a term to be determined by the appointing body. Mr. Dear recommended Linda Wiggins, Chief Deputy Tax Collector, be considered for appointment, noting “Mrs. Wiggins has done an excellent job and has experience and skills to assume the responsibilities as Tax Collector.” Mrs. Wiggins has been employed at Chief Deputy since January 10, 1994.

**ACTION:** Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***appoint Linda Wiggins to serve as Tax Collector effective September 1, 2005 at pay grade 74/1a (no term length was specified).***

**CLEVELAND COUNTY SANITARY DISTRICT: EASEMENT FOR INSTALLATION, REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF A WATER LINE (BROAD RIVER GREENWAY)**

Tom Martin, attorney representing the Cleveland County Sanitary District (CCSD), explained the CCSD initially wanted to “hang the line under the bridge” but the Department of Transportation anticipates replacing the bridge within the next several years, which would require the estimated \$100,000 to be expended again to reinstall the line. Therefore, the decision was made to channel under the river, making the easement necessary.

Bob Yelton, County Attorney advised he has reviewed the easement and has no objections. Mr. Martin stated the Boiling Springs Town Council will consider the same easement in June.

**ACTION:** Willie McIntosh made the motion, seconded by Jerry Self, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***approve the easement (copy found on Pages \_\_\_\_\_ of Minute Book 28).***

## **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

### **BUDGET DISCUSSIONS**

There was discussion regarding the upcoming budget hearing and the advertisement to be published in The Star, The Shelby Shopper, Kings Mountain Herald and Cleveland Headline News. Commissioner McIntosh suggested in addition to listing the amounts approved, to include wording that shows the amounts requested by each department. Mr. Dear advised he will deliver the recommended budgets to Commissioners this week.

There was discussion about conducting another work session before the public hearing scheduled for June 7, 2005, and the date of May 31, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. was selected.

### **NCDOT PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Vice-Chairman Self announced "tomorrow morning at 9:00 at the County Administrative Offices in the conference room, some people with the NCDOT are going to be here looking at the comprehensive transportation plan for this area." He added, "Tomorrow also, from 2-4 p.m. District 10 and 12, the whole DOT is going to be out for a public hearing in Cornelius . . . that's our chance to tell them we really need the bypass" and encouraged Commissioners to attend.

### **SPORTS AUTHORITY COUNCIL**

Commissioner McIntosh advised he will be conducting a meeting next week to reactivate the Sports Authority Council and will keep Commissioners informed as to their progress.

### **STATISTICS ON EDUCATION**

Vice-Chairman Self reported that he and David Dear attended a meeting in Raleigh "on school boards, school financing and school education results" and distributed a copy of the statistical information on Cleveland County trends.

### **CITY OF SHELBY PARKS AND RECREATION**

Mr. Dear reported he would leave documents he received from the City of Shelby about "should Cleveland County play a bigger role in supporting Shelby parks and recreation" in the Commissioners office for their review.

### **RECESS TO RECONVENE AT A TIME AND PLACE CERTAIN**

**ACTION:** Willie McIntosh made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***recess this meeting until Thursday, May 19, 2005 at***

***noon to hear a presentation from the Gaston County Historical Preservation  
Commission.***

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

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