

**CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**September 20, 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:** 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  
Pat Spangler, Deputy Clerk  
Eddie Bailes, Human Resources Director  
Chris Crepps, Finance Director  
Joy Scott, The Star  
Other individual names on file in the Clerk's Office

**ABSENT:** Ronald J. Hawkins, Chairman

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chairman Jerry Self called the meeting to order and led the audience in the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag of the United States of America. Commissioner Mary Accor 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 6, 2005*, motion was made by Mary Accor, 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 *August 2005*. The monthly grand total of tax abatements was listed as (\$39,220.46); and, the monthly grand total for tax supplements was listed as \$46,004.79

**TAX COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT**

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

**SOCIAL SERVICES: BUDGET AMENDMENTS (BNA #011)**

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, 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>
011.504.4.410.00	Title XX/Local funds-grants	\$ 2,320.	
011.504.5.500.01	Title XX/Miscellaneous grant expense	2,320.	

*Explanation of Revisions: Budget amendment necessary to accept United Way Youth Grants for "Project Back to School" (\$500) and "Foster Care High School Senior Recognition Project" (\$1,820).*

**PROCLAMATION: OCTOBER 2005 – FAITH AND HEALTH MONTH**

**ACTION:** Willie McIntosh made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to adopt the following proclamation, as presented by Rev. Dr. Carroll Page, Boiling Springs Baptist Church and member of Healing Link.*

**NUMBER 05-2005**

**PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2005  
AS FAITH AND HEALTH MONTH  
IN CLEVELAND COUNTY**

**WHEREAS,** Cleveland County has a strong faith community made up of loving churches and other houses of worship; and,

**WHEREAS,** Cleveland County has good medical facilities and excellent, dedicated doctors and medical personnel; and,

**WHEREAS,** the two, the faith community and the health care community, are learning that they must partner together in order to provide care of the total person in order to meet the needs of all the people of Cleveland County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,** proclaim October 2005 as **FAITH AND HEALTH MONTH** in Cleveland County in recognition of this need to see this partnership become reality; and,

**FURTHERMORE,** we encourage all Cleveland County citizens to support "Healing Link" - an organization of individuals committed to bridging the gap between faith and medicine here in Cleveland County.

**ADOPTED THIS THE 20 DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2005.**

*/S/ Original signed by each Commissioner*

**RESOLUTION: FRIENDSHIP FORCE**

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Willie McIntosh, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to adopt the following resolution.*

**NUMBER 12-2005**

**FRIENDSHIP FORCE - AUSTRALIA**

**WHEREAS,** President Jimmy Carter announced the formation of Friendship Force International on March 1, 1977; and,

**WHEREAS,** Friendship Force is an international organization to promote world peace; and,

**WHEREAS,** Friendship Force International believes that "a world of friends is a world of peace;"

**WHEREAS,** the Cleveland County Chapter of Friendship Force International has been for many years a strong and active chapter.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners encourages all citizens to recognize Friendship Force International for promoting world peace through friendship and extend a warm welcome to our friends visiting from Australia!

**ADOPTED THIS THE 20 DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2005.**

*/S/ Original signed by each Commissioner*

**PROCLAMATION: NOVEMBER 6, 2005 – MOUNT ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH DAY**

**ACTION:** Willie McIntosh made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the following proclamation.*

**NUMBER 06-2005**

**PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 6, 2005  
AS MOUNT ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH DAY  
IN CLEVELAND COUNTY**

**WHEREAS,** Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church was formed in Kings Mountain, North Carolina in 1880;

**WHEREAS,** the membership of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church has always believed that the church and community should be mutually supportive, having faithfully served this community in various capacities too numerous to list, supporting programs to benefit people of all ages and walks of life;

**WHEREAS,** the work of this congregation has touched our lives and we are immeasurably better for having Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church as a part of our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,** hereby proclaim November 6, 2005 as “**MOUNT ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH DAY**” in Cleveland County; and,

**FURTHER,** ask all our citizens to join us in congratulating Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church as they celebrate their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**ADOPTED THIS THE 13 DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2005.**

*/S/ Signed by all Commissioners*

**ISOTHERMAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: A COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE ISOTHERMAL PLANNING REGION**

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Willie McIntosh, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the plan as presented by Jim Edwards, Isothermal Planning & Development (copy found on Pages \_\_\_\_\_ of Minute Book 28).*

**JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL (JCPD): BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

**ACTION:** Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Willie McIntosh, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to appoint Will Troutman to serve as a County Commission representative (Position #20) for a term of one-year, scheduled to conclude on June 30, 2006.*

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Willie McIntosh, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to appoint those members listed on the roster found on Page \_\_\_\_\_ of Minute Book 28 (terms are also found on the roster).*

**PATHWAYS: BOARD APPOINTMENT**

**ACTION:** Willie McIntosh made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to appoint Jennifer Lackey to serve as a member of the Pathways Board. The term of this appointment is for a period of four-years, scheduled to conclude on June 30, 2009.*

**COMMISSION FOR WOMEN: BOARD APPOINTMENT**

**ACTION:** Willie McIntosh made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to reappoint Kay Wallace, Debra Blanton, Esther Plummer, and Betsy Wells to serve as members of the Commission. Each reappointment is for a period of three-years, scheduled to conclude on September 30, 2008.*

**ISOTHERMAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Willie McIntosh, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to reappoint Bobby Rogers to serve as a member of the Board of Directors. The term of this reappointment is for a period of three-years, scheduled to conclude on April 30, 2008.*

**CLEVELAND MEMORIAL LIBRARY: BYLAWS AND BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Bob Yelton, County Attorney, requested direction from the Commission regarding the bylaws, such as length of terms, number of members, if they should be staggered terms, and number of required meetings.

**CONSENSUS:** It was the unanimous consensus of the Board, to table action on this matter until the next regular meeting of the Board, *to allow the County Attorney ample time to develop the bylaws.*

**WORK SESSION: SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

It was the consensus of the Board to delay this decision until the next regular meeting of the Board.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

**4-H CLUB**

Commissioner Accor reported that she and Eddie Bailes had attended the recent 4-H Club meeting and requested Commissioners mark their calendars for January 12, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. for the 4-H awards night to be held at the County Office building.

**CHAMBER PLANNING SESSION**

Commissioner Accor reported on the recent Chamber planning session, stating the keynote speaker, Ron Morgan, was well received, as he discussed the “seven steps” of the “cycle of change.” She also advised the members were “encouraging” regarding her idea of developing a water park in Cleveland County.

### **UNITED WAY**

Commissioner Hutchins discussed the upcoming “Make a Difference Day” in Cleveland County on October 22, 2005, advising Commissioners he has committed them to help build shelves at Hospice at Wendover, partnering with Cleveland Home Health staff.

### **RURAL FIRE COMMISSION**

Commissioner Hutchins reported on the recent Fire Commission visits to county fire stations. He said the Commission has determined that dividing the stations between two separate visits will provide more time to spend at each station to more adequately inspect the stations and hear the accomplishments and concerns of the firemen. He said the major concerns of the departments are “retaining volunteers” and “money and equipment.”

### **EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

Commissioner Hutchins said “after talking with the firemen” and his brother-in-law who is a volunteer fireman in another county, he now has “more questions than before as to are we really prepared” for such a disaster as Hurricane Katrina. He said, “With no reflection on the County Manager or anyone at this time, but I think in the past we haven’t give enough emphasis on responsibility, who is actually responsible for the emergency service in our county, that we’ve got a couple three departments that’s got parts in each one of them but in looking at what happened in New Orleans and so forth, it seems like they maybe had some of the same problems we had, that they had people that wanted to be responsible, but when it come time, there was nobody to coordinate it, nobody to do it, for example.”

He said, “In looking at the books that was given to some of the teams that we’ve got divided up, my question is have we got all this in the right departments, I’m not putting or trying to take nothing away from nobody because we’ve got a great system, but in the event that we do have a major problem, do we have the individual or a group that is exactly responsible.” He said he feels a plan should be developed to determine “who is actually responsible for what and sort of put it in line so when we do ever need them then those people are responsible because I personally think, in just looking at some of the departments, you know, its no different than the rescue squads we got, fire departments, EMS, or Emergency Management, I think we’ve got questions of turf problems . . . “

He also expressed concern that the State calls several employees from the same county to assist affected areas during disasters. He also suggested “combining departments” in an effort to “streamline to make things better.”

He said, “So, this is one area that I’d like to make the Commissioners aware that I have been doing some calling, doing some checking on it, and I would like David (*Dear*) or David’s appointee to help me with it before we have the next work session because this is one of the issues that we were going to bring

up in the work session and some of the questions that grow from it just create more questions. Like I say, the statements I've made, I'm not trying to take anything away from anyone, it's just looking at can we improve and should we improve or is there a need to improve."

**COMMUNICATIONS TOWER: GROUND BREAKING**

Commissioner McIntosh stated the ground-breaking ceremony for the Kings Mountain tower has been scheduled for September 29<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner McIntosh stated this is the first of four towers and commended Joe Cherry, Cleveland County Electronic Engineer, for the "tremendous amount of work he has done on this project."

**BELWOOD TRACTOR PULL**

Commissioner McIntosh commented on the Commissioners participation in the Belwood Tractor parade, stating it was an event that was enjoyed by all.

**FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

Vice-Chairman Self advised discussions are underway regarding a possible "satellite" fire department of Casar Volunteer Fire Department to be located in the Toluca community.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Willie McIntosh made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to adjourn the meeting (at 7:10 p.m.). The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for ***Tuesday, October 4, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.*** in this Commission Chamber.

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

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*Patricia D. Spangler, Deputy Clerk  
(Transcribed by: Wanda Crotts, CMC, Clerk)  
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