

**CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**April 18, 2006**

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  
Sam Craig, Deputy County Attorney  
Wanda Crotts, County Clerk  
Eddie Bailes, Assistant County Manager  
Chris Green, Tax Administrator  
Bill McCarter, Planning Director  
Pete DeLea, The Star  
Lindsey Allen, Cleveland Headline News  
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 Johnny Hutchins provided the invocation for the meeting.

**AGENDA ADOPTION**

**ACTION:** Willie McIntosh made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, 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 *March 21, 2006* motion was made by Mary Accor, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to *approve the minutes as written.*

**TAX COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT**

The Tax Collector provided Commissioners with a detailed written report regarding taxes collected during *March 2006* (copy found on Page \_\_\_\_\_ of Minute Book 29).

**TAX ABATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS**

The Tax Assessor provided Commissioners with a detailed written report regarding tax abatements and supplements during *March 2006*. The monthly grand total of tax abatements was listed as (\$60,990.67); and, the monthly grand total for tax supplements was listed as \$19,870.81.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENTS (BNA #052)**

**ACTION:** Mary Accor 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>
012.516.4.350.01/SSCCC-5106	Smart Start/State Government Grants		\$ 97.
012.516.4.350.01/SSDEN-5407	Smart Start/State Government Grants		10,899.
012.516.4.350.01/SSHDS-5411	Smart Start/State Government Grants		14,225.
012.516.4.350.01/SSIHC-5401	Smart Start/State Government Grants		7,293.
012.516.5.311.00/SSCCC-5106	Smart Start/Education Expenses		97.
012.516.5.490.00/SSDEN-5407	Smart Start/Professional Services		10,899.
012.516.5.311.00/SSHDS-5411	Smart Start/Education Expenses		3,500.
012.516.5.490.00/SSHDS-5411	Smart Start/Professional Services		10,725.
012.516.5.121.00/SSIHC-5401	Smart Start/Salary-Regular		6,200.
012.516.5.490.00/SSIHC-5401	Smart Start/Professional Services		1,093.

*Explanation of Revisions: Decrease Smart Start budget by \$32,514 to align the county budget with the approved amount from Cleveland County Partnership for Children.*

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION: PROPOSED CODE AMENDMENT**  
**(Scheduled public hearing for May 2, 2006)**

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded Johnny Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve scheduling the public hearing regard Section 12-401 Authority, as requested for May 2, 2006.*

**RECOGNITION OF THE "TRADITIONAL MEN ORGANIZATION" 2006 HONOREES**

Commissioner McIntosh advised this organization "provides a vehicle for business, civic and social organizations to support and develop linkages with African American youth." The group also wants to establish a "concerned male presence in the community, thereby strengthening African American families and neighborhoods." The following men were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from Commissioners, congratulated them for their "hard work and commitment to family, and for serving as positive role models for today's youth."

James Bradshaw, Jr.	Reverend James Jefferies
Harvey Degree, Sr.	Ford Lawrence
Carl Lee Gaston, Jr.	Paul Littlejohn
Darryll Griffin	Shannon Portee
Harvey Kee	Donald Wells, Jr.
Carlos Meritt	Joseph Crosby
Curtis Pressley	
Donnie Thurman	
Eddie Williams	
Ben Griffin	
Henry Griffin	
Ben Hush	
Robert L. Hillman	
Albert Ford	
Thomasine Crosby	
Ronnie Fullerwiner	
Darius Griffin	
Tott Griffin	

**PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL GOVERNMENT WEEK (April 23 – 29, 2006) IN CLEVELAND COUNTY**

**ACTION:** Willie McIntosh made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the following proclamation:*

NUMBER 12-2006  
PROCLAIMING APRIL 23 – 29, 2006  
NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK  
IN CLEVELAND COUNTY

WHEREAS, America's counties provide a variety of essential services – many of which work to protect our communities;

WHEREAS, counties protect residents from natural disasters, terrorist attacks, crime and drug abuse. Counties are the first to respond to emergency situations and are primarily responsible for planning for disasters. Counties also work to protect families, children and youth;

WHEREAS, there are 3,066 counties in the United States, collectively responsible for the well-being of more than 250 million residents;

WHEREAS, counties provide services that make America's communities stronger, safer places to live and raise families. Counties police our streets, fight fires, save lives in hospitals, keep families healthy, repair bridges, plow snow, help troubled youth, train laid-off workers and perform countless other jobs;

WHEREAS, counties have a long history of providing critical services. County governments are the citizen's local government voice, providing solutions that bring communities together.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, hereby proclaim April 23 – 29, 2006 as "National County Government Week" in Cleveland County, in recognition of the leadership, innovation and valuable service provided by our nation's counties.

ADOPTED THIS THE 18th DAY OF APRIL 2006.

**CITIZENS RECOGNITION**

**SOLID WASTE ENFORCEMENT VIOLATION**

**Walker Cassidy**, speaking on behalf of **Darvin Yarbrow**, advised Mr. Yarbrow had received a letter from the Solid Waste Enforcement Officer informing him he had 30-days to bring his property into compliance with ordinance or be fined \$100.00 per day. The property in question is located at 1835 Fairview Road, Shelby (*Parcel #24359*).

Mr. Cassidy stated that Mr. Yarbrow is 84-years-old and lives with him in Pageland, South Carolina. He said he is willing to clean-up the property, but will need an extension on the time. Commissioners advised him the Enforcement Officer would be willing to work with him and instructed Mr. Dear to contact her regarding the situation.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioners Accor and McIntosh advised they had been a part of the "Liberty Day" program at Burns Middle School, where 360 sixth-graders participated in activities.

Commissioner Accor reported she has also served on the Lutz Scholarship committee.

She reported she will also be attending the upcoming North Carolina Association of County Commissioners conference for black elected official.

Commissioner Hutchins stated he attended the State welding competition for high school students held in Greensboro last week, where Cleveland County students won first and third place in the high school division. The winning students will travel to the national finals in Kansas.

### **MEDICAID RELIEF**

Mr. Dear provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the need for Medicaid relief. He said the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) are urging elected official and citizens to lobby our legislative delegation for their support for counties to get relief from Medicaid mandates. He said Commissioners will travel "as a group" to Raleigh to lobby for a bill providing this much needed relief.

The following facts were presented:

- **NCACC #1 Goal:** All 100 counties have adopted – cap county costs; target additional relief to counties with high Medicaid populations; phase out county share of Medicaid.
- **Why are we here:** Not a federal requirement; counties pay 5.2% of total Medicaid costs; NC is the only state that requires counties to pay portion of all of state's Medicaid service costs.
- **Counties can't influence Medicaid eligibility:** Counties don't set Medicaid policy, eligibility, service, provider rates (*state and federal decisions alone and must be uniform statewide*); counties have no control over biggest county budget driver.
- **What will it cost counties:** 2006-07 estimated county share is \$488 million; 85% increase since 2000; national estimates project a 9% annual increase; counties also fund entire non-federal costs for administration - \$80 million.
- **What is it doing to counties:** 45 counties raised property taxes in 2005-06 (*19 counties had increases of at least 10%*); 50 counties spend more in Medicaid than school construction, renovation and other capital (*5 counties spent more than current expense*); 40 counties spend more than 7.5% of budget on Medicaid; Cleveland County is at 11%.
- **What can you do?** Numerous Medicaid relief bills in House and Senate; 69% of General Assembly member signed onto at least one of the proposals introduced in 2005; help elevate priority.

### **BUDGET WORK SESSION**

It was the unanimous consensus of the Board, to schedule a budget work session for May 9, 2006 at 4:30 p.m.

### **BELWOOD TOWN MEETING**

It was the unanimous consensus of the Board, to schedule the Belwood town meeting for May 18, 2006 and to let the Belwood Town Council set the time (*Clerk's note – time was scheduled for 7:00 p.m.*)

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

Willie McIntosh made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to recess this meeting (at 6:55 p.m.) to reconvene on 7:00 p.m. at the Boiling Springs Town Hall, to meet with the Boiling Springs Council for a “roundtable discussion” meeting.*

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*Jerry L. Self, Vice-Chairman  
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*

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