

## CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 25, 2006

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners reconvened their recessed session of April 18, 2006 on this date, at the hour of 7:00 p.m., at the Boiling Springs Town Hall, 145 South Main Street, Boiling Springs to meet with the Town of Boiling Springs for a roundtable discussion. This meeting was part of a goal which came from the Commission work session held in January 2006. There was no set agenda, allowing Boiling Springs Commissioners to discuss whatever issues they felt were important to their municipality.

**PRESENT:** Ronald J. Hawkins, Chairman  
Jerry L. Self, Vice-Chairman  
Johnny Hutchins, Commissioner  
David C. Dear, County Manager  
Eddie Bailes, Assistant County Manager  
Kerri Melton, Deputy Clerk  
Max J. Hamrick, Mayor  
William K. Elliott, Mayor Pro Tem  
James L. Beason, Commissioner  
John C. Glenn, Commissioner  
Darlene J. Gravett, Commissioner  
Zach Trogdon, Town Manager  
Kim Greene, Town Clerk  
Alex Caban, Cleveland Headline News

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ronald J. Hawkins reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

### DISCUSSION

Planning & Zoning: Mayor Hamrick began by thanking the Cleveland County Commissioners for denying the recent rezoning request on the outskirts of town. It was stated that there has been trouble in this area. The Commissioners felt that the rezoning would have magnified the current problem.

Landfill: David Dear informed the Boiling Springs Board of Commissioners about the new landfill underway. He explained that the landfill is set up as an enterprise fund and this \$6.5 million landfill project will be funded completely by this fund requiring no loans. By setting this up as an enterprise fund, the landfill has been able to keep their tipping rate one of the lowest in the state.

Medicaid: Chairman Hawkins spoke of the increase in Medicaid costs for the county. He noted a number of bills that will come before the Legislature during short session. One bill reads that one cent of sales tax would be given back to the State of North Carolina to pay for Medicaid. Legislature will then give us the option of increasing the current sales tax rate by one cent. This scenario would get the county completely out of the Medicaid business and may be able to reduce the property tax rate by as much as ten cents.

The other option would be to cap Medicaid spending by counties where it is. Counties would still be required to pay for Medicaid, but the costs would never be higher than they are at this time. Savings from Medicaid Part D Prescription Drug Program will make up the difference.

Chairman Hawkins suggested that everyone contact their legislators to push them on this important matter.

Emergency Notification: An emergency notification system was discussed. It was stated that this would be a very expensive and difficult undertaking. With the technology of internet phones, it would be hard to track 911 calls. The issue of 911 funding was also discussed. People using internet phones do not pay standard 911 charges which has decreased County 911 funding. This is a problem that needs to be addressed.

Boiling Springs Library: Discussed possibility of a branch library in Boiling Springs. Vice-Chairman Self explained how the county took over the Cleveland Memorial Library and explained that the county cannot support a library in every community. Commissioners suggested that if a library is something the town wants, they should work to raise the money to build it then come before the Commissioners to request that they take it over.

Animal Control: A recent animal control situation in a neighborhood in Boiling Springs was discussed. The Town of Boiling Springs explained how the service provided by Animal Control was not as good as they expected. Residents were scared to go out of their homes because of a dog that was not on a leash. The Town of Boiling Springs pays for Animal Control to enforce the leash law. The members of the Boiling Springs Board of Commissioners felt that the officers were insensitive. David Dear advised he would look into the situation.

Broad River Greenway: The Broad River Greenway is a great asset to the Town of Boiling Springs and the County. Zach Trogdon and David Dear will look at long-range planning of the Broad River Greenway. David Dear also mentioned that the County may have a surplus vehicle that could be used at the Greenway.

### RECESS

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Jerry Self, and unanimously adopted by the Board (at 8:15 p.m.) to adjourn. The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for ***Tuesday, May 2, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.*** in the Commission Chamber.

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

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*Kerri Melton, Deputy Clerk  
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*