

CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 15, 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: 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, County Clerk
Kerri Melton, Deputy Clerk
Eddie Bailes, Assistant County Manager
Chris Crepps, Finance Director
Chris Green, Tax Administrator
Bill McCarter, Planning Director
Alan Jenkins, The Star
Lindsey Allen, Cleveland Headline News
Other individual names on file in the Clerk's Office

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. 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 **August 1, 2006**, motion was made by Mary Accor, seconded by Jerry Self 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 **July 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 **July 2006**. The monthly grand total of tax abatements was listed as (\$50,287.12); and, the monthly grand total for tax supplements was listed as \$138,399.51.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT : CODE AMENDMENT- CORRIDOR PROTECTION DISTRICT (Case # 06-14) (Schedule a public hearing for September 5, 2006)

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Jerry Self, and unanimously adopted by the board to *approve scheduling the public hearing as requested.*

PLANNING DEPARTMENT : ZONING MAP AMENDMENT- CLEVELAND COUNTY - PLATO LEE ROAD (Case # 06-15) (Schedule a public hearing for September 5, 2006)

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Jerry Self, and unanimously adopted by the board to *approve scheduling the public hearing as requested.*

PLANNING DEPARTMENT : ZONING MAP AMENDMENT- CHAD WATTS- ROYSTER ROAD (Case # 06-16) (Schedule a public hearing for September 5, 2006)

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Jerry Self, and unanimously adopted by the board to *approve scheduling the public hearing as requested.*

3 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: RE-ADOPTION OF CONTRACT

During a recent review of fire department records by the State, it was noted that the above contract was executed incorrectly. It was necessary to re-adopt the #3 Volunteer Fire Department contract to make it valid.

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Jerry Self, and unanimously adopted by the board to *re-adopt the #3 Volunteer Fire Department Contract. (copy found on Page _____ of Minute Book 29).*

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: INDIAN MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRIAL INCENTIVE GRANTS PUBLIC HEARING

Stuart Gilbert, President of the Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce, presented the incentive grant contract to the Commissioners. Mr. Gilbert explained that the County will give Indian Motorcycle an up front amount of money for a number of high quality jobs, in return, they will be required to pay at least a set amount of property tax annually for the next ten years. The purpose of this contract is to finalize the terms of the incentive agreement.

Chairman Hawkins opened the public hearing at 6:13 pm (*public notice was accomplished in accordance with the mandates of NCGS 158-7.1, with an advertisement published in The Star on August 4, 2006*)

Les Roarke, Philips Street, commended the Board, Cleveland County Chamber, City of Kings Mountain and all others involved in bringing this industry to the county. He stated that economic development is promoted through incentives and it is a competitive process. Mr. Roarke stated, "When you have a cost benefit ratio that is productive for all, it is simply good business."

Mr. Roarke also commended Commissioner Willie McIntosh and Commissioner Jerry Self for their years of dedicated service.

Tim Mathis, Rucker Rd, works for PPG Industries. Mr. Mathis spoke in support of the incentive package. He said that, “Incentives are a necessity to manufacturing in the United States.” He believed this project would be a great benefit for the people of Cleveland County. He stated, “PPG is not as big as it used to be. We support other industries moving into Cleveland County.”

Eddie Holbrook, Troon Place, commended the Board for being diligent in pursuing new industry in the county especially these two companies which are bringing such high quality jobs to the county. He expressed that he hopes that this is only the first step of many more to come and congratulate the Commissioners on a job well done.

John McBrayer, Ormond Beach, Florida, spoke of how Cleveland County has been in dire stress of getting industry in the county for ten years. He told the Commissioners, “Keep up the good work. I hope this will open doors for the future for more industry in Cleveland County. I thank each one of you individually and God Bless You.”

Steve Padgett, Persimmon Creek Road, thanked the Commissioners for their hard work. He encouraged the Commissioners to approve the grant package and stated that this approval would be best for the citizens of Cleveland County.

Larry Kane, North Oak Drive, explained, “I worked for Kemet and lost my job, I worked for Axle Alliance and lost my job, I worked for Honeywell and they moved. I am working in Burke County driving eighty miles per day. Thank you for bringing this to Cleveland County.”

Chairman Hawkins closed the public hearing at 6:20 pm and asked the Commissioners for comments.

Commissioner Johnny Hutchins began by saying, “We need to give our 20/20 partners a pat on the back. Without them, we couldn’t have had the funds to do this.”

Commissioner Jerry Self explained that the County actually gets some up front money. This is a win/win for both the County and Indian Motorcycle.

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Willie McIntosh, and unanimously adopted by the board, to ***approve the incentive grant for Indian Motorcycle Company (copy found on Page _____ of Minute Book 29).***

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: CHRIS CRAFT CORPORATION INDUSTRIAL INCENTIVE GRANTS PUBLIC HEARING

Stuart Gilbert, President of the Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce, presented the incentive grant contract to the Commissioners. Mr. Gilbert explained that the County will give Chris Craft Corporation an up front amount of money, in return, they will be required to pay at least a set amount of

property tax for the next ten years. The purpose of this contract is to finalize the terms of the incentive agreement.

Chairman Hawkins opened the public hearing at 6:25 pm (*public notice was accomplished in accordance with the mandates of NCGS 158-7.1, with an advertisement published in The Star on August 4, 2006*)

Steve Padgett, Persimmon Creek Road, spoke of how manufacturing jobs are very important and stated that it is important that we keep the jobs in Cleveland County.

Tim Mathis, Rucker Rd, affirmed his comments on the Indian Motorcycle Company and thanked the Commissioners for their hard work.

Eddie Holbrook, Troon Place, confirmed his earlier comments and commended the Commissioners for their work.

Chairman Hawkins closed the public hearing at 6:27 pm and asked for comments from the Board.

Commissioner Willie McIntosh told the citizens that the Board would do all they could do to use Cleveland County citizens for these jobs.

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Jerry Self, and unanimously adopted by the board to ***approve the incentive grant for Chris Craft Corporation*** (*copy found on Page _____ of Minute Book 29*).

SHELBY ETJ: ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS APPOINTMENTS: PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Hawkins opened the public hearing at 6:29 pm. (*public notice was accomplished in accordance with the mandates of NCGS 160A-362, with an advertisement published in The Star on August 4, 2006 and August 11, 2006.*)

Hearing no comments or nominations from the floor, Chairman Hawkins closed the public hearing at 6:30pm.

ACTION: Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Willie McIntosh, and unanimously adopted by the board to ***appoint Paula Kunka and David Banks to the City of Shelby Zoning Board of Adjustment for a three year term to expire July, 2009.***

LAKE NORMAN RPO: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Commissioner Jerry Self stated that the purpose of the Lake Norman RPO is to set transportation improvements for the area (Cleveland County, Gaston County, Iredell County and Lincoln County). The Memorandum between the RPO and the other entities involved has been reviewed by the state and the state recommended a few minor changes. Commissioner Self recommended approving the changes.

ACTION: Jerry Self made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, ***to approve the signing of the revised Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperative ,***

Comprehensive and Continuing Transportation Planning and the Establishment of a Rural Planning Organization (copy found on Page _____ of Minute Book 29).

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Self shared that he has received approximately eight to ten calls opposing the **County Leash Law**.

Chairman Hawkins reported that he had attended a Council on Aging meeting earlier that morning. He shared the fact that there are 150 people on the waiting list for **Meals on Wheels**. The Council on Aging would appreciate any additional help the County could give. Chairman Hawkins said that what we have given the Council on Aging is working to help the citizens of Cleveland County.

Chairman also noted that he had met with Mayor Ted Alexander regarding agri-tourism in Cleveland County. Mayor Alexander is trying to set up a committee to help with is effort.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to adjourn the meeting (at 6:40 pm). The next regular meeting of the Commissioners is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 5, 2006** in this Commission Chamber.

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

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