

CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 2, 2007

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: Mary S. Accor, Chairman
Eddie Holbrook, Vice-Chairman
Jo Boggs, Commissioner
Ronald J. Hawkins, Commissioner
Johnny Hutchins, Commissioner
David C. Dear, County Manager
Sam Craig, Deputy County Attorney
Wanda Crotts, CMC, County Clerk
Kerri Melton, Deputy Clerk
Eddie Bailes, Assistant County Manager
Chris Green, Tax Administrator
Bill McCarter, Planning Director
Dewey Cook, Emergency Management Director/Fire Marshal
Pete Delea, *The Star*
Lindsey Allen, *Cleveland Headline News*
Other individual names on file in the Clerk's Office

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mary S. Accor called the meeting to order and led the audience in the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag of the United States of America. Keith Norman, Cleveland County Detention Center Chaplin, provided the invocation for the meeting.

AGENDA ADOPTION

ACTION: Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to *adopt the agenda as presented by the County Clerk, with the following additions/deletions:*

- (1) Kings Mountain Board of Adjustment ETJ appointment (David Dear)*
- (2) Delete item 11 – Comments from Congressman Patrick McHenry (David Dear)*

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no corrections, additions, or deletions to the Minutes of *November 7, 2006*, motion was made by Ronnie Hawkins, 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 *November 2006*. The monthly grand total of tax abatements was listed as (\$12,580.93); and, the monthly grand total for tax supplements was listed as \$1,138.95.

TAX COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

The Tax Collector provided Commissioners with the following detailed written report regarding taxes collected during *November 2006* (copy found on Page _____ of Minute Book 29).

SOCIAL SERVICES: BUDGET AMENDMENTS (BNA #028)

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins 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>
011.508.4.310.00/93558-P238	Income Maintenance/Federal Gov Grant	\$21,860.	
011.508.5.500.01/93558-P238	Income Maintenance/Misc Grant Expense	21,860.	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget amendment necessary to accept new Work First Demonstration Grant funds (100% Federal TANF funds) to identify best practices that can improve the work participation rates for the All-Family Work First caseload.

SOCIAL SERVICES: BUDGET AMENDMENTS (BNA #029)

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins 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>
011.519.4.310.00/93568-P372	Public Assistance/Federal Gov Grants	\$160,524.	
011.519.5.512.05	Public Assistance/Crisis	160,524.	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget amendment necessary to accept additional federal Crisis Intervention funds for FY 2006-07. The current state approved allocation is more than State estimates for Crisis Intervention funding for FY 2006-2007.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENTS (BNA #030)

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, 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>
010.416.5.971.00	Legal/CO foreclosure property	\$10,081.	
010.410.4.991.00	General/FD Balance Appropriated	10,081.	

Explanation of Revisions: To budget for foreclosed property not previously budgeted.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES AND POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY \$10,000,000 INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS (CHRIS CRAFT PROJECT) (Schedule a public hearing for January 16, 2007)

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins and unanimously adopted by the board to *approve scheduling the public hearing as requested.*

JC BRIDGES – CLEVELAND REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER BOARD

Commissioners presented Mr. Bridges with a plaque commending his humanitarian efforts to the community, having served the Cleveland County Healthcare System for over forty-years.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: INCENTIVES FOR ULTRA MACHINE & FABRICATION, INC.

Dave Hart, Vice-President of Economic Development, reviewed the following information.

The grants, in keeping with the Cleveland County Industrial Incentive Grant Program, are being offered for the creation of at least 63 new full-time permanent employment positions over the next 36 months and an anticipated net new valued investment of at least \$4,000,000. The investment and job creation is to take place at 2501 West Dixon Boulevard, Shelby, NC.

The value of the industrial incentive grant is to be approximately \$21,000 per year for three fiscal years. Funding for these grants is to be annually appropriated from the County's General Fund – Fund Reserve. The total expected level of valued investment of Ultra Machine & Fabrication Inc. is \$6,000,000 with a net incentives investment of \$4,000,000. Based upon the total new investment, it is estimated that (County General Fund) property tax revenues received from this project would amount to more than \$69,000 over five tax years. Other economic benefits expected from this industrial project are the creation of 63 new full-time permanent employment positions over the next 36-months with a projected annual payroll of \$2,620,800 for new jobs. It is believed that this project will stimulate and provide stability for the local economy. It is further believed that this project will provide local economic benefits for the citizens of Cleveland County through an increase in sales tax revenues and the increased purchases of local goods and services.

Mr. Hart advised that the Chamber 20/20 has unanimously voted to encourage Commissioners to approve the proposed industrial incentive grants to Ultra Machine & Fabrication Inc. for their economic development project.

Chairwoman Accor declared the public hearing open. (*Public notice of this hearing was accomplished in accordance with NCGS 158-7.1 with legal advertisement published in the Star on December 21, 2006.*)

Frank Stewart, President of Ultra Machines & Fabrication, Inc., told Commissioners they are “thrilled to be expanding” to the “old Kemet building.”

Commissioners thanked John Barker for his help with this project.

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Jo Boggs, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to approve the incentives as proposed (*copy of contract found on Pages _____ of Minute Book 29*).

PLANNING DEPARTMENT: ZONING MAP AMENDMENT – ROBERT L. TRICE (114 LONG BRANCH ROAD) (Case #06-21)

Bill McCarter, Planning Director, reviewed that Robert L. Trice has presented a petition to rezone approximately 7.3 acres located at 115 Long Branch Road from Residential to Heavy Industrial. Since 1988, Mr. Trice has operated Trueco, Inc., manufacturing utility trucks and equipment at this location. This application includes two parcels owned by the petitioner.

He provided background information as follows:

Existing Land Use: Industrial

Future Land Use: Industrial

Utilities: Public water provided by Cleveland County Sanitary District

Transportation: Long Branch Road is classified as an arterial street.

Mr. McCarter also reviewed the following recommendations from the Planning Board and the Planning Consultant:

Chuck Nance, Planning Consultant, Isothermal Planning and Development Commission: Approve
We feel that because a large portion of adjoining property is already zoned HI-Heavy Industrial, and that this request is an extension of an existing zoning district, this request could be approved.

John McCulloch, Chairman, Cleveland County Planning Board: Approve

The Planning Board on December 21 and voted unanimously to recommend that this rezoning request be approved. The 2015 Land Use Plan lists this as classified as “Light Industrial” on our Future Land Use

Map. Surrounding properties are existing heavy industrial uses surround this property, such as: asphalt plant, auto salvage yard, and surface mining operation. Background information was identified as Trueco, a manufacturer of utility vehicles, owned by Mr. Trice, was in operation at this location prior to the adoption of zoning. This industrial use in a residential zoning district is considered a non-conforming use and may continue indefinitely, but cannot be expanded. Mr. Trice would like to expand the business onto an adjoining property, which dictates the need to rezone these properties to the proper zoning classification.

Chairwoman Accor opened the public hearing. (*Public notice of this hearing was accomplished in accordance with the mandates of NCGS 153A-343, with legal advertisements published in the Star on December 20 & 27, 2006.*) Hearing no comments, Chairwoman Accor declared the public hearing closed.

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the rezoning as requested.*

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CLEVELAND COUNTY ZONING MAP

115 Long Branch Road - 7.3 acres
Residential (R) to Heavy Industrial (HI)

WHEREAS, Article 18 of Chapter 153A of the North Carolina General Statutes provides for the planning and regulation of development within the territorial jurisdiction of the county; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland County Planning Board recommended to approve the rezoning of two parcels totaling 7.3 acres on December 21, 2006, as an extension of an existing Heavy Industrial Zoning District; and

WHEREAS, this area is classified as “Industrial” on our 2015+ Future Land Use Plan, and the Heavy Industrial zoning district will be consistent with the comprehensive plan for this area since existing heavy industrial uses surround this property; and

WHEREAS, said amendment will promote the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Cleveland County and said amendment would be beneficial to the orderly growth of Cleveland County.

WHEREAS, notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Shelby Star on December 20, 2006, and December 27, 2006, notices were mailed to adjoining property owners on December 20, 2006 and a sign posted at the property on December 20, 2006; and

WHEREAS, all requirements of the North Carolina General Statutes have been met prior to any action by the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners to amend the Official Zoning Map following a Public Hearing on January 2, 2007; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners that the Cleveland County Zoning Map, as described in Section 12-147 of the Code, be amended to rezone parcels 7726 and 7727, from Residential (R) to Heavy Industrial (HI) as identified on the attached map designated “Rezoning Case 06-21”, being incorporated herein by reference and made part of this ordinance.

Parcel 7726

BEGINNING at a stake in the center of Long Branch Road, thence North 78-46 East 730.81 feet to a stake, thence North 3-23 East 10.34 feet to an iron pin, an old corner; thence North 27-50 West 179.08 feet to an iron pin, thence North 81 West 576.43 feet to a nail and cap in the center of the road; thence with the road, South 9 West 167.5 feet and South 8-49 West 240.27 feet to the place of BEGINNING, containing 4.234 acres.

Parcel 7727

BEGINNING at a nail and cap in the intersection of Long Branch Road and Anthony Road, thence South 75-50 West 82 feet along the center of Anthony Road, and running thence with Anthony Road, North 75-50 East 619 feet to a stake in the road; thence South 89-40 East 132 feet to an iron pin in the road, thence North 3-23 East 300.41 feet to an iron pin, South 78-46 West 730.81 feet to a nail and cap in the center of Long Branch Road, thence South 8-49 West 62.23 feet to a nail and cap in the pavement;

thence continuing South 8-49 West 253.3 feet to the place of BEGINNING, containing 4.745 acres, more or less.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and approval.

Adopted this 2nd day of January 2007.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT: ZONING MAP AMENDMENT – RONALD & TERESA LANCASTER – WHELCHER ROAD (Case #06-20)

Mr. McCarter advised that Mr. and Mrs. Lancaster have presented a petition to rezone approximately 533 acres along Welchel Road, south of the Broad River, from Residential to Rural Agricultural. The petition includes seven parcels owned by either Lancaster or LeMaster, all parties have signed in support of this petition.

He reviewed background information as follows:

Existing Land Use: Agricultural
Future Land Use: Rural Residential
Utilities: Public water provided by Cleveland County Sanitary District
Transportation: Welchel Road is classified as a local street.

He also reviewed the following recommendations presented by the Planning Board and the Planning Consultant:

Chuck Nance, Planning Consultant, Isothermal Planning & Development: Approve

We feel that based upon the size (acreage) and number of parcels (7), that this case probably does not constitute an arbitrary and capricious change in the use of land. We would not consider this “illegal” spot zoning. It is our opinion that this request could be approved.

John McCulloch, Chairman, Cleveland County Planning Board: Approve

The Planning Board met on December 21 and voted unanimously to recommend that this rezoning request be approved. The Board agreed with IPDC that because the area was large enough and consisted of multiple properties, it could therefore stand alone as a separate zoning district. The 2015 Land Use Plan has classified this area as “Rural Residential” on our Future Land Use Map. The surrounding properties are rural low-density residential, with active agricultural.

Chairwoman Accor opened the public hearing. (*Public notice of this hearing was accomplished in accordance with the mandates of NCGS 153A-343, with legal advertisements published in the Star on December 20 & 27, 2006.*) Hearing no comments, Chairwoman Accor declared the public hearing closed.

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Jo Boggs, and unanimously adopted by the Board, ***to approve the rezoning.***

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CLEVELAND COUNTY ZONING MAP
533 Acres - Welchel Road
Residential (R) to Rural Agricultural (RA)

WHEREAS, Article 18 of Chapter 153A of the North Carolina General Statutes provides for the planning and regulation of development within the territorial jurisdiction of the county; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland County Planning Board recommended to approve the rezoning on December 21, 2006 stating that the area was large enough and consisted of multiple properties, therefore it could stand alone as a separate zoning district; and

WHEREAS, this area south of the Broad River is classified as “Rural Residential” on our 2015+ Future Land Use Plan; and

WHEREAS, this map amendment will promote the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Cleveland County and said amendment would be beneficial to the orderly growth of Cleveland County; and

WHEREAS, notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Shelby Star on December 20, 2006, and December 27, 2006, notices were mailed to adjoining property owners on December 20, 2006 and a sign posted at the property on December 20, 2006; and

WHEREAS, all requirements of the North Carolina General Statutes have been met prior to any action by the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners to amend the Official Zoning Map following a Public Hearing on January 2, 2007; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners that the Cleveland County Zoning Map, as described in Section 12-147 of the County Code, be amended to rezone 533 acres, specifically parcels 101, 268, 294, 311, 47500, 50116, and 57309, from Residential (R) to Rural Agricultural (RA) as identified on the attached map designated “Rezoning Case 06-20”, being incorporated herein by reference and made part of this ordinance.

BEGINNING at a point in the Broad River, thence with the following property lines: South 12-0 West 1410 feet, South 0-41 West 695.46 feet, South 69-30 East 1170.76 feet, South 18-36 West 742.50 feet, South 20-07-30 West 1518.00 feet, South 16-45 West 706.20 feet, South 90-00 West 299.64 feet, South 8-30 East 706.20 feet, North 88-30 West 339.90 feet, South 5-15 East 560.34 feet, North 87-45 East 989.85 feet, thence with Whelchel Road, South 16-50-20 East 88.27 feet, South 17-09-08 East 99.91 feet, South 16-44-45 East 29.53 feet, South 16-44-45 East 70.32 feet, South 16-04-46 East 100.00 feet, South 13-58-24 East 50.01 feet, South 10-14-09 East 49.89 feet, South 5-59-08 East 50.02 feet, South 00-11-54 West 43.27 feet, thence with the following property lines, South 66-41-48 East 1657.28 feet, South 34-54-18 West 439.67 feet, South 45-15-34 East 541.18 feet, North 35-14-32 East 693.95 East, North 10-15-28 West 107.25 feet, North 44-44-32 East 549 feet, North 09-18-56 East 841 feet, North 19-10-11 East 596 feet, South 76-45-00 East 994 feet, North 5-00-00 East 1287 feet, North 20-30-00 East 1130 feet, North 80-00-00 West 511 feet, North 6-00-00 West 61 feet, North 80-15-00 West 940 feet, North 80-00-00 West 572 feet, North 5-15-00 West 83 feet, North 79-00-00 West 1017 feet, North 22-30-00 East 1600 feet, North 77-30-00 West 470 feet, North 15-00-00 East 1212 feet, thence with the Broad River, North 64-00-00 West 2740 feet, to the point of BEGINNING containing approximately 533 acres more or less.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and approval.

BOILING SPRINGS PLANNING & ZONING BOARD AND BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: BOARD APPOINTMENT

Chairwoman Accor noted the Town Board has taken action requesting Commissioners appoint John W. Greene to serve as an ETJ member to the Boiling Springs Planning/Zoning Board and Board of Adjustment. Mr. Greene has completed the required board training.

Chairwoman Accor opened the public hearing. (*Public notice of this hearing was accomplished in accordance by legal advertisements published in the Star on December 19 & 26, 2006.*) Hearing no comments or additional nominations, Chairwoman Accor declared the public hearing closed.

ACTION: Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to appoint John W. Greene to serve as ETJ member for a term set to expire on June 30, 2009.*

KINGS MOUNTAIN PLANNING & ZONING BOARD AND BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPOINTMENTS

Chairwoman Accor advised that the Kings Mountain Town Council has requested an ETJ appointment be made to each Board.

Chairwoman Accor opened the public hearing. (*Public notice of this hearing was accomplished in accordance by legal advertisements published in the Star on December 19 & 26, 2006.*) Hearing no comments or additional nominations, Chairwoman Accor declared the public hearing closed.

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to appoint Doug Lawing to serve as ETJ member to Planning & Zoning Board for a term set to expire on December 31, 2009.*

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to appoint Bob Myers to serve as ETJ member to Board of Adjustment for a term set to expire on December 31, 2009.*

BUILDING REUSE AND RESTORATION GRANT

Bill McCarter advised a \$25,000 Building Reuse and Restoration Grant has been awarded by the Rural Center. He advised that Ted Alexander, Mayor of Shelby and Executive Director of the Western District Office of Preservation North Carolina, recommended applying for this grant to assist with salvaging the historic Double Shoals Cotton Mill. He said, "The Rural Center provides us with this economic development tool to help Cleveland County and Preservation North Carolina find a suitable tenant for this historic building."

He advised that Double Shoals Cotton Mill is one of the "oldest remaining textile mills in the county, built in 1874, and is a beautifully crafted brick structure on the banks of the Broad River." He explained the "grant will require a \$5,000 match" and the funds will be used for a "marketing plan" to help put this property back on the tax books.

Mr. Alexander said that, in addition to the plan, the funds would be used to accomplish a Phase I environmental study. He said this property consists of approximately fourteen-acres "in the bend of the First Broad River" and the building contains 40,000 square feet. He reported there has been "a lot of interest in the building" and "we have an option on the building with the current owners."

Mr. Alexander emphasized that when the building is sold, they will refund to the county the money provided for the match, "essentially this will be upfront money."

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Jo Boggs, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the grant as requested.*

Commissioner Hawkins noted that Mr. Alexander has been helpful in the development of the agricultural-tourism plan and that a report will be forthcoming. He noted a meeting will be held Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at the Cooperative Extension office to discuss this tourism tool. Vice-Chairman Holbrook encouraged the group to also pursue “bio-tourism.”

CLEVELAND COUNTY SHRINK DOWN

David Ozmore, Cleveland County Family YMCA, provided statistics regarding the overweight and clinically obese population in Cleveland County and how Cleveland County ranks among other counties.

Mr. Ozmore stated, “In an effort to combat the lifestyle issues and illnesses that are affecting so many Cleveland County residents . . . the Cleveland County YMCA and our corporate sponsors are supporting a new initiative for our citizens – Cleveland County Shrinkdown.” He stated this free, 10-week program, will “kickoff” on January 8, 2007 at Cleveland Community College at 12:30 p.m. He said this program will provide nutritional guidance, exercise programs, personal coaching, weight management, healthy recipes and shopping guides for all participants. Each week, participants will come to a consultation site for one-on-one counseling.

He encouraged Commissioners to participate in the “Shrinkdown” program by encouraging employees and residents to “take the challenge.” Mr. Ozmore said there will be “lots of incentives and prizes – we want to make this fun.”

LATE APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTION

Chris Green, County Tax Administrator, explained that, per NCGS 105-282.1, property owners claiming exemption or exclusion have the burden of establishing that the property is entitled thereto. Application is to be filed during the listing period which runs from January 1-31 each year. Upon showing of good cause by the applicant for failure to comply, the application may be approved by the Board of Commissioners. Finding of good cause is at the Board’s discretion. Applications approved under this provision are effective for the current tax year (2006) and are not-retro-active.

Mr. Green stated the following property owners have requested approval of applications submitted after the allowable filing period for 2006 and representatives from these organizations are present to explain their appeal.

New Wilderness Adventures, Inc.
Parcel No. 17146
Application filed February 21, 2006

Mark Folk, Director of New Wilderness Adventures, stated he is a “one man show” at the office and missed the deadline. He said this organization has “non-profit” status.

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Jo Boggs, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to grant the exemption.*

Second Baptist Church (Shelby)
Parcel No. 20580
Application filed August 8, 2006

Jerry Greene stated the church purchased this property, which is located adjacent to the church, early in 2006 and did not realize they needed to file, stating it was an oversight.

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to grant the exemption.*

Sulphur Springs United Methodist Church
Parcel No. 45784
Application filed August 17, 2006

Tommy Nestlerode advised this property serves as a parsonage and he “thought he had filed, but realized he had not when he received the bill.”

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to grant the exemption.*

Fellowship Baptist Church
203 Lily Street
Parcel No. 27701
Application filed August 21, 2006

Jeff Parker said the church “has never had an address, since 1978” and “has paid the back taxes after getting the letter from the attorney.” He reported a proper address has now been obtained and the paperwork is “in place after audit.”

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to grant the exemption.*

Love Valley Baptist Church
2032 Bethlehem Road
Parcel No. 12930
Application filed September 12, 2006

Ben Mayo, Assistant Pastor, said the church has been located at this address since the 1940’s and they purchased the adjoining property in December 2005 and were “unaware of the requirements.”

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Jo Boggs, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to grant the exemption.*

Canaan Memorial Ministries
Ross Grove Road
Parcel No. 52861
Application filed September 18, 2006

Reverend DeVoe, Minister, stated he was “unaware of the procedure” since there “was already a church there when they moved in” so he did not think they need to “do anything else.”

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to grant the exemption.*

JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL BYLAWS

Greg Traywick, JCPC Chairman, advised the Council is requesting the Board approve an amendment to their bylaws, adding Article 10 – Conflict of Interest statement. He stated that all council members have signed a Conflict of Interest form.

ACTION: Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, ***to approve the amendment as presented*** (copy of bylaws found on Pages _____ of Minute Book 29).

RURAL FIRE COMMISSION REPORT

Dewey Cook, Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Director, and Chair of the Rural Fire Commission, presented a PowerPoint report regarding the findings of the Fire Commission during their annual inspection of the departments. Some of the highlights are listed below:

- ***Departments inspected:*** Bethlehem, Boiling Springs Rural, Casar, Cleveland, Fallston, Grover, Number Three, Number Seven, Oak Grove, Polkville, Shanghai, Waco.
- ***Building values were listed as:*** Bethlehem \$144,000; Boiling Springs Rural \$500,000; Casar \$175,000; Cleveland \$563,210; Fallston \$535,353; Grover \$221,242; Number Three \$175,000; Number Seven \$281,970; Oak Grove \$170,972; Polkville \$146,000; Shanghai \$200,000; Waco \$200,000. Total value of buildings: \$3,312,747.
- ***Other building values:*** Bethlehem \$3,000; Boiling Springs \$60,000; Casar \$32,000; Number Seven \$50,000; Waco \$50,000. Total value of other buildings: \$195,000.
- ***Real estate values:*** Bethlehem \$11,400; Boiling Springs Rural \$130,000; Casar \$20,000; Cleveland \$144,720; Fallston \$17,268; Grover \$33,007; Number Three \$11,587; Number Seven \$24,158; Oak Grove \$18,600; Polkville \$34,000; Shanghai \$30,000; Waco \$100,000. Total real estate values: \$574,740.
- ***Pumpers:*** Bethlehem \$285,000; Cleveland \$690,000; Fallston \$618,000; Grover \$10,000; Number Three \$245,000; Number Seven \$450,000; Oak Grove \$180,000; Polkville \$560,000; Shanghai \$225,000; Waco \$200,000. Total value: \$3,463,000.
- ***Pumper/Tankers:*** Bethlehem \$655,000; Boiling Springs Rural \$215,000; Casar \$495,000; Cleveland \$250,000; Grover \$425,000; Number Three \$395,000; Oak Grove \$685,000; Polkville \$525,000; Shanghai \$475,000; Waco \$350,000. Total value: \$4,470,000.
- ***Tankers:*** Bethlehem \$107,000; Fallston \$200,000; Number Seven \$250,000; Waco \$5,000. Total value: \$562,000.
- ***Utility/Light Units:*** Bethlehem \$170,000; Boiling Springs Rural \$50,000; Casar \$40,000; Cleveland \$150,000; Fallston \$200,000; Grover \$10,000; Number Three \$180,000; Number Seven \$285,000; Polkville \$15,000; Shanghai \$100,000. Totals: \$1,200,000.
- ***Brush Trucks:*** Bethlehem \$95,000; Boiling Springs Rural \$40,000; Casar \$105,000; Cleveland \$75,000; Fallston \$130,000; Grover \$9,000; Number Three \$195,000; Number Seven \$150,000; Oak Grove \$114,000; Polkville \$180,000; Shanghai \$80,000; Waco \$110,000. Totals: \$1,283,000.
- ***Other Equipment:*** Bethlehem \$15,000; Boiling Springs Rural \$15,000; Casar \$5,000; Cleveland \$3,000; Grover \$750; Oak Grove \$15,000; Waco \$370,000. Totals: \$423,750.
- ***Number of members:*** Bethlehem 31; Boiling Springs Rural 36; Casar 41; Cleveland 42; Fallston 38; Grover 25; Number Three 33; Number Seven 31; Oak Grove 32; Polkville 36; Shanghai 44; Waco 26. Total: 415
- ***Number of fire calls:*** Bethlehem 352; Boiling Springs Rural 151; Casar 129; Cleveland 337; Fallston 173; Grover 173; Number Three 226; Number Seven 165; Oak Grove 267; Polkville 223; Shanghai 82; Waco 358. Total 2636
- ***Response hours:*** Bethlehem 1700; Boiling Springs Rural 1100; Casar 1340; Cleveland 2345; Fallston 1585; Grover 2750; Number Three 1950; Number Seven 2363; Oak Grove 1068; Polkville 1560; Shanghai 1968; Waco 752. Total: 20481
- ***Training hours:*** Bethlehem 2400; Boiling Springs Rural 1600; Casar 1575; Cleveland 2508; Fallston 4435; Grover 1900; Number Three 1675; Number Seven 2418; Oak Grove 1152; Polkville 2200; Shanghai 3578; Waco 2638. Total: 28079

- Total man hours: Response hours and training hours equal 48,480 – at a rate of \$20 per hour, these volunteer hours have saved the county \$969,600 this year.
- All 16 departments joined forces to apply for a regional DHS Fire Act radio grant. Chief Kevin Gordon of the Waco Community VFD hosted the grant through his department. Kevin wrote the grant and filed the application with DHS Fire Act Grant. The grant was awarded in the amount of \$1,236,275. This was a 80/20 match grant (\$989,020/\$247,255). This will make it possible for the fire departments in Cleveland County to purchase needed radios for the 800 system. Mr. Cook and Commissioners thanked Mr. Gordon.
- Equipment purchases: Bethlehem – pumper/tanker; Fallston – pumper and a brush truck; Oak Grove – pumper/tanker; Polkville – pumper/tanker.
- Challenges and concerns: Annexation; day time firefighters; recruitment and retention; some type incentive to retain firefighters; increased responsibilities; funding increase was very much appreciated; future increases needed to keep up with rising cost of equipment.

Commissioners requested Mr. Cook bring them ideas regarding recruitment and retention incentives. They thanked Mr. Cook and his entire department for their dedicated service to the county.

BID FOR PURCHASE OF FORECLOSURE REAL ESTATE (PARCEL #765, TAX ID #114-1-6)

This agenda item was postponed to the January 16, 2007 agenda, at the request of the County Attorney.

DISCUSSION OF TARP ORDINANCE

This agenda item was postponed to the February 5, 2007 work session agenda.

NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS LEGISLATIVE GOALS CONFERENCE VOTING DELEGATE

ACTION: Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Jo Boggs, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to appoint Vice-Chairman Eddie Holbrook* to serve as the voting delegate.

NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

The Association of County Commissioners has requested that all 100 counties appoint one county commissioner to serve as Legislative Liaison. Each county’s liaison will serve as a “conduit of information between the Association and the Board of Commissioners.”

According to information supplied by the NCACC, responsibilities will include:

- Ensuring other county commissioners are aware of legislative developments concerning issues of importance to counties.
- Placing items of statewide importance on county Board of Commissioners agenda to generate discussion and elevate public awareness.
- Providing a local voice that local media can rely upon for information on legislative issues.
- Setting up or making sure regular meetings with local legislators are taking place.
- Providing feedback to your county’s Association District Director on what local legislators, fellow Board members, other officials and the general public are saying about bills and issues, and what issues are elevated in your county.

ACTION: Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to appoint Eddie Holbrook to serve as Legislative Liaison representative.*

NURSING HOME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Jo Boggs, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to reappoint Hal Dedmon, Allen Jolley and Ginger Poteat* to serve as members of this

committee, for a term of three-years, scheduled to conclude December 31, 2009; and, to **appoint Jason Falls** to serve as a member of this committee, for a term of one-year, scheduled to conclude December 31, 2007.

ADULT CARE HOME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, to **appoint Mike Putnam** to serve as a member of this committee, for a term of one-year, scheduled to conclude on December 31, 2007.

CHILD FATALITY PREVENTION TEAM – CHILD PROTECTION TEAM

ACTION: Jo Boggs made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to **reappoint Raymond Hamrick and Melvin Proctor** to serve as members of the team. Each reappointment is for a term of three-years, scheduled to conclude December 31, 2009.

EMPLOYEE PRODUCTIVITY AWARD

ACTION: Jo Boggs made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to **appoint Chris Green (Tax Administrator)** to serve as citizen representative to the committee. (*Alexis Pearson, Human Resource Director, was appointed to serve as county department head representative by the County Manager.*) This appointment is for a period of one-year, scheduled to conclude December 31, 2007.

COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to **reappoint Diane Davis and Valerie Boyd; and, appoint Betty McKesson** to serve as members of the Commission, for a period of three-years, scheduled to conclude December 31, 2009.

REGION C WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to **reappoint Phillip Bunch** to serve as a member of this Board, for a term of three-years, scheduled to conclude June 30, 2009.

COMMUNITY CARE BLOCK GRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ACTION: Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Jo Boggs, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to **reappoint Chris Crepps, Wilson Griffin, Shirley Wright, Glenda Childers; and, appoint, Kitty Hoyle**, to serve as members of this committee, for a period of three-years, scheduled to conclude December 31, 2009.

FIREMAN'S RELIEF FUND – SHANGHAI

ACTION: Jo Boggs made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***appoint Floyd Queen*** to serve as Shanghai representative to this board. This appointment carries no term expiration date.

PATHWAYS

ACTION: Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***appoint Willie McIntosh*** to serve as a member of Pathways Board of Directors as an at-large member. The term of this appointment is for a period of four-years, scheduled to conclude on December 31, 2010.

JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***appoint Nelson Connor*** to serve as a member of the council to complete the unexpired term of Bob Davis. The term is scheduled to conclude on June 30, 2007.

PATHWAYS

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***appoint Jo Boggs*** to serve as a member of the Board of Directors, as Commissioner representative.

CLEVELAND 20/20 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***appoint Johnny Hutchins*** as Commission representative to this board.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM – RESOURCE CENTER

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Jo Boggs, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***appoint Eddie Holbrook*** to serve as Commission representative to this board, for a term of three-years, scheduled to conclude on June 30, 2009.

EMPLOYEE PRODUCTIVITY AWARD COMMITTEE

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***appoint Jo Boggs*** to serve as Commission representative to this board.

UPTOWN SHELBY ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ACTION: Jo Boggs made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***appoint Eddie Holbrook (or his designee – Denise McKinney)*** to serve as Commission representative to this board. The term of this appointment is for a period of one-year, scheduled to conclude December 31, 2007.

COMMUNITY CARE BLOCK GRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Jo Boggs, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to appoint Eddie Holbrook* to serve as Commission representative to this board, for a term of three-years, scheduled to conclude on December 31, 2009.

ISOTHERMAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ACTION: Eddie Holbrook made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to appoint Jo Boggs* to serve as Commission representative to this board, for a term of three-years, scheduled to conclude on December 31, 2009.

RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION – TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LAKE NORMAN RPO)

ACTION: Eddie Holbrook made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to appoint Jo Boggs* to serve as Commission representative to this board. The term of this appointment is for a period of three-years, scheduled to conclude on December 31, 2009.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Commissioner Hawkins reiterated the invitation to participate in the upcoming agri-tourism meeting to be held Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at the Cooperative Extension office.
- Commissioner Hawkins also extended the sympathy of the Board to the Jim and Kay Chitty family, who, along with their two sons, died December 31, 2006 in a plane crash in Charlotte.
- Commissioner Hutchins stated he is “looking forward to the new year” and the Board working toward goals as a team.
- Commissioner Boggs advised she will represent the Commission at an upcoming school work session at UNC-Charlotte.
- Vice-Chairman Holbrook referenced a recent *Star* editorial pertaining to their “vision for 2007” and commended them for their positive comments.
- Vice-Chairman Holbrook stated that Senator David Hoyle serves as the Chair of the Finance Committee and has said he is “open to new ideas.” He encouraged both elected officials and citizens to contact Senator Hoyle and other state representatives regarding the desperate need of Medicaid relief “so the county budget can be used for other important needs.”
- Chairwoman Accor echoed the Vice-Chairman’s comments regarding Medicaid relief. She noted “additional legislative goals can be added from the floor, so this is our opportunity.”
- Chairwoman Accor advised she attended a candlelight service for veterans from the county, stating “keep them in your prayers.” She stated she also participated in the “Giving Back” Children’s Miracle Network by wrapping Christmas gifts at Wal-Mart.
- Chairwoman Accor requested Commissioners select two dates for a possible work session and let the Clerk know those dates tomorrow (*date selected was February 5, 2007*).
- Mr. Dear reminded Commissioners about the Destination Cleveland County function scheduled for Friday night and the Chamber annual meeting scheduled next week.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Jo Boggs, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to adjourn the meeting (at 8:05p.m.)*. The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for *Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.* in this Commission Chamber.

*Mary S. Accor, Chairwoman
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*

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