

**CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**September 17, 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, Chairwoman  
Eddie Holbrook, Vice-Chairman  
Jo Boggs, Commissioner  
Ronald J. Hawkins, Commissioner  
Johnny Hutchins, Commissioner  
David C. Dear, County Manager  
Robert Yelton, County Attorney  
Kerri Melton, County Clerk  
April Crotts, Deputy Clerk  
Eddie Bailes, Assistant County Manager  
Chris Green, Tax Administrator  
Bill McCarter, Planning Director  
Kathryn Larson, Cleveland Headline News  
Other individual names on file in the Clerk's Office

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairwoman Mary Accor called the meeting to order and led the audience in the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag of the United States of America. Reverend Albert Petty of St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church provided the invocation for the meeting.

**AGENDA ADOPTION**

**ACTION:** Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Jo Boggs, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to *adopt the agenda as presented by the County Clerk.*

**CITIZEN RECOGNITION**

**MA Andrews** spoke about the possibility of placing a flag on top of the Old Cleveland County Courthouse. He presented Commissioners with a digitized picture of the Courthouse with a flag on top. He told Commissioners that he believed this project would "enhance the look of downtown Shelby." Mr. Andrews stated, "It is what we are about. This should be a focal point of the county. It is disgraceful that there is no flag in the center of Shelby." He explained that the flag would be lit up twenty-four hours per day.

**ACTION:** It was the consensus of Commissioners to ask County Manager, David Dear, to look into placing a flag on top of the courthouse.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There being no corrections, additions or deletions to the minutes of **August 7, 2007**, motion was made by Ronnie Hawkins, seconded by Eddie Holbrook 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 *August 2007* (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 *August 2007*. The monthly grand total of tax abatements was listed as (\$35,919.01); and, the monthly grand total for tax supplements was listed as \$43,619.41.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS)**

NIMS is the first-ever standardized approach to incident management and response. It was developed by the US Department of Homeland Security. It establishes a uniform set of processes and procedures that emergency responders at all levels of government will use to conduct response operations. The adoption of a formal NIMS resolution is required to apply for a number of grants through the Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the board, *to adopt the following resolution.*

**NUMBER 27-2007**

**RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM NIMS)**

**WHEREAS**, In Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD#5), the President of the United States directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (**NIMS**), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for federal, state, local and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, or complexity, and

**WHEREAS**, the collective input and guidance from all federal, state, local and tribal homeland security partners has been, and will continue to be, vital to the development, effective implementation and utilization of a comprehensive **NIMS**; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary that all federal, state, local and tribal emergency management agencies and personnel coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management; and

**WHEREAS**, to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management it is critical that federal, state, local and tribal organizations utilize standardized terminology, standardized organizational structure, uniform personnel qualifications standards, uniform standards for planning, training and exercising, comprehensive resource management, and designated facilities during emergencies or disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, the **NIMS** standardized procedure for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve Cleveland County's ability to utilize federal funding to enhance local agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Incident Command System components of **NIMS** are already and integral part of various incident management activities throughout Cleveland County, including all public safety and emergency response organizations training programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized Incident Command System.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Cleveland, North Carolina, that (1) The National Incident Management System (NIMS) shall be utilized for all incident management within Cleveland County.

***ADOPTED THIS THE 17th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2007.***

**NUMBER SEVEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT- APPOINTMENT TO FIREMAN'S RELIEF FUND**

**ACTION:** Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, ***to appoint Glenn Link and Richard Morgan to serve as members of this board.***

There is no term for this appointment.

**NUMBER THREE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT- APPOINTMENT TO FIREMAN'S RELIEF FUND**

**ACTION:** Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, ***to appoint James Gibson to serve as a member of this board.*** There is no term for this appointment.

**POLKVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT- APPOINTMENT TO FIREMAN'S RELIEF FUND**

**ACTION:** Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, ***to appoint Jim Stamey to serve as a member of this board.*** There is no term for this appointment.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**CARLEY CLARY- GOOD SAMARITAN**

Commissioners presented Carley Clary of Cleveland County with a certificate for her act of bravery when her father inhaled chlorine. Miss Clary's parents, sister and grandparents attended the presentation. The certificate read as follows:

***CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION  
FROM THE  
CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PRESENTED TO  
CARLEY CLARY***

***FOR HER BRAVERY AND QUICK THINKING ~ FOR KNOWING WHAT TO DO WHEN  
HER FATHER INHALED CHLORINE~ RESPONDING QUICKLY BY GETTING HIM  
OXYGEN AND HAVING HER MOTHER CALL 911 WHICH SAVED HER FATHER'S  
LIFE. ~ THE CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IS PROUD TO  
RECOGNIZE CARLEY CLARY AS A CLEVELAND COUNTY  
GOOD SAMARITAN. WE COMMEND YOU!***

***Presented this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2007.***

**2008 REVALUATION: SCHEDULE, STANDARDS AND RULES**

Chris Green, Tax Administrator, explained to Commissioners that NC General Statutes require that the County Assessor submit to the Board of Commissioners, the proposed Schedules, Standards and Rules to be used in the 2008 Revaluation. Cleveland County is currently on a four-year revaluation schedule. Revaluation carries out over a year and a half. Mr. Green informed Commissioners that he will be conducting informational meetings throughout the county to answer questions that citizens may have regarding revaluation. At these meetings, they will also give out information on exemptions, farm uses and a variety of other topics. In January, individual tax notices will be mailed. Shortly thereafter, the Assessors office will begin reviewing “informal” appeals. All appeals that cannot be resolved at the informal level will be brought before the Board of Equalization and Review. Mr. Green presented the Schedules, Standards, and Rules for Market Value and the Schedule, Standards, and Rules for Present Use Value. A copy of each manual will be available for public inspection in the Assessor’s office during regular operating hours each day. Mr. Green requested Commissioners schedule a public hearing for 6:00 pm on Tuesday, October 2, 2007 for those wishing to speak on the proposed schedules. At that time, Commissioners will vote to approve or deny the Schedule of Values.

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

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Hutchins taught six classes of sixth graders at Shelby Middle School last week. He enjoyed it and commended teachers for their service. Chairwoman Accor asked Commissioners to mark their calendars for a work session on January 22, 2008.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Jo Boggs, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to adjourn the meeting (at 6:30 pm). The next regular meeting of the Commissioners is scheduled for *Tuesday, October 2, 2007* in this Commission Chamber.

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

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*Kerri Melton, Clerk  
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*