

CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 19, 2008

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: Jo Boggs, Chairwoman
Eddie Holbrook, Vice-Chairman
Mary Accor, Commissioner
Ronald J. Hawkins, Commissioner
Johnny Hutchins, Commissioner
David C. Dear, County Manager
Bob Yelton, County Attorney
Kerri Melton, County Clerk
April Crotts, Deputy Clerk
Eddie Bailes, Assistant County Manager
Chris Green, Tax Administrator
Bill McCarter, Planning Director
Chris Crepps, Finance Director
Denese Stallings, Health Director
Dewey Cook, Emergency Management Director
Alexis Pearson, Human Resources Director
Marti Glaser, *Cleveland Headline News*
Other individual names on file in the Clerk's Office

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Jo Boggs called the meeting to order and led the audience in the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag of the United States of America. Reverend William Thompson, Pastor of St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church, provided the invocation.

AGENDA ADOPTION

ACTION: Ronald Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to *adopt the agenda as presented by the County Clerk, with the following additions/deletions:*

(12) *Commissioner Reports*

CITIZENS RECOGNITION

No citizens came before the board.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no corrections, additions or deletions to the minutes of *January 15, 2008*, motion was made by Mary Accor, 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 *January 2008* (copy found on Page _____ of Minute Book 30).

TAX ABATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS

The Tax Assessor provided Commissioners with a detailed written report regarding tax abatements and supplements during *January 2008*. The monthly grand total of tax abatements was listed as (\$14,553.93); and, the monthly grand total for tax supplements was listed as \$41,015.87.

CLEVELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE: BUDGET AMENDMENTS (BNA #037)

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the following budget amendment:*

<u>Account Number/Project Code</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
010.432.4.350.00/CCPEG-8432	3 rd Party Grants/State Grants	\$25,000.	
010.432.4.409.00/CCPEG-8432	3 rd Party Grants/Local Revenues	\$25,000.	
010.432.4.910.00/CCPEG-8432	3 rd Party Grants/Capital Equipment	\$50,000.	

Explanation of Revisions: To budget grant award from NC Rural Economic Development Center for the purchase of PEG Channel capital equipment. Cleveland Community College (CCC) provides programming for Channel 19. A local match on a dollar for dollar basis is required by the grantor, CCC will provide the match.

CLEVELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE: BUDGET AMENDMENTS (BNA #038)

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the following budget amendment:*

<u>Account Number/Project Code</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
023.604.4.710.00	CCC Bond Fund	\$ 13,878.	
023.604.4.991.00	CCC Bond Fund	\$ 98,122.	
023.604.5.991.23	CCC Bond Fund	\$112,000.	

Explanation of Revisions: To budget additional earned revenues for the construction of the Allied Health Building at Cleveland Community College. \$12,178 of interest earned to date with \$1,700 interest estimated to be earned Jan-Mar.

SOCIAL SERVICES: BUDGET AMENDMENTS (BNA #039)

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the following budget amendment:*

<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/Fed Govt. Grants	\$43,872.	
011.519.5.512.05	Public Assistance/Crisis	\$43,872.	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget Amendment necessary to accept additional Federal Crisis Intervention Funds for FY 2007/2008. The current state approved allocation is more than state estimates and previously amended budget for Crisis Intervention Funding for FY 2007-2008.

COMMUNICATIONS: BUDGET AMENDMENTS (BNA #040)

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the following budget amendment:*

<u>Account Number/Project Code</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
026.454.5.890.00	E911/Interfund Transfers	\$316,105.	
026.454.4.991.00	E911/Fund Balance Approp.	\$316,105.	
040.219.4.980.26	E911 Dispatch Eq/Transfers fm E911	\$316,105.	
040.219.5.910.00	E911 Dispatch Eq/Capital Equip	\$316,105.	

Explanation of Revisions: Move fund balance from E911 to use for dispatch equipment.

TAX DEPARTMENT: ADVERTISE OF TAX LIENS ON REAL PROPERTY

Per NCGS 105-369, uncollected taxes for the current year that are a lien on real property must be advertised in a newspaper having general circulation in the taxing unit. Upon receipt of the Tax Collector's report in February, the governing body must order the Tax Collector to advertise tax liens.

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to authorize the tax collector to, on or about March 17th, 2008, advertise tax liens on real property that remain unpaid as of March 8, 2008.*

PLANNING DEPARTMENT: TEXT AMENDMENT- CASE 08-06; CHARLES EDWARDS, 3705 ST. REGIS DRIVE (Schedule a public hearing for March 18, 2008)

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

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

ADELAIDE CRAVER, 20/20 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

Commissioners presented Adelaide Craver with a shadow box in recognition of her service to the Cleveland 20/20 Economic Development Partnership. Commissioner Hutchins said, "This shadow box is given to someone who has done something great in the community." He read the plaque engraved in the shadow box. It read as follows:

*In Appreciation
of
Adelaide Craver*

*For your dedicated service
to the Cleveland 20/20 Economic Development
Partnership ~ Without your vision,
Cleveland 20/20 would not be the success that it is today.
We commend you!*

*Presented by: The Cleveland County
Board of Commissioners*

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Commissioners asked the family and "work" family of Mrs. Craver to stand up in support of her. Many people were in attendance to share this time with her. Ms. Craver told Commissioners that she was honored to be recognized by the Commissioners and said that Cleveland 20/20 Economic Development Partnership could not be as successful as it is without their support.

DEPUTY JODY SEAGLE

Commissioner Eddie Holbrook introduced Deputy Jody Seagle and asked him to come forward. In November, Deputy Jody Seagle, while off-duty, freed a child stuck in a car just moments

before the car erupted in flames. Commissioners presented Mr. Seagle with a framed certificate of recognition for his bravery. The certificate read as follows:

**CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION
FROM THE
CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

PRESENTED TO

DEPUTY JODY SEAGLE

**FOR HIS BRAVERY AND QUICK THINKING ~ FOR RESCUING A CHILD FROM
A WRECKED VEHICLE THAT MOMENTS LATER BURST INTO FLAMES ~ THE
CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IS PROUD TO
RECOGNIZE DEPUTY JODY SEAGLE AS A CLEVELAND COUNTY
GOOD SAMARITAN. WE COMMEND YOU!**

Presented this the 19th day of February 2008.

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

February 1-29th, 2008 has been designated Career Technical Education (CTE) Month by the Association for Career and Technical Education. Commissioner Ronnie Hawkins explained that Commissioners like to recognize people who make a difference in Cleveland County. The CTE programs offered through the Cleveland County Schools are making a difference. Commissioner Hawkins introduced Tony Fogleman, Cleveland County Schools Career Technical Education Director, who thanked Commissioners for their support of Cleveland County Schools.

Mr. Fogleman gave a presentation on Career-Technical Education in Cleveland County. The mission of CTE is “*to empower students for effective participation in the international economy as world class workers and citizens.*” Statistics show that 56.4% of students say that CTE is the main reason that they stay in school and 78.7% of students continue their education after high school. CTE offers programs such as Allied Health Science & Biotechnology, Business & Marketing, Agriculture Science, Family Consumer Sciences, Welding & Metals Manufacturing and Technology Systems. CTE impacts the economy in Cleveland County by having a positive impact through workforce development, positive collaboration with current business & industry to foster a skilled workforce, having a positive impact on the future economic development of our county and by having a positive impact on the overall lives of people in Cleveland County. In 1950, 20% of the workforce was skilled while 60% of the workforce was unskilled. In 1997, 65% of the workforce was skilled while 15% of the workforce was unskilled. Today, 71% of the workforce is skilled while 8% of the workforce is unskilled making CTE critical for students today. Mr. Fogleman believes that with the continued growth and continuation of the CTE programs, in five years there will be an increase in high school graduation rates, technology in our schools, industry credentials attained and an increase in overall collaboration of business & industry, educators and the community to prepare for future growth.

Mr. Fogleman then introduced Phyllis Elmore, Health & Allied Sciences teacher at Burns High School. Ms. Elmore has been teaching Health Occupations for over twenty years. She shared some of her positive experiences being a CTE teacher and how this program has affected the lives of so many students. Ed Herndon, Welding & Manufacturing teacher at Kings Mountain High School, stressed the importance of the welding & manufacturing program. He also thanked Commissioners for their support of the new building located on the Kings Mountain High School campus. When Mr. Herndon began teaching, there were thirty-eight students in his program. Today, there are over 200.

Commissioner Accor read the following proclamation celebrating Career Technical Education Month.

Number 01-2008

CELEBRATING CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

WHEREAS: February 1-29, 2008, has been designated Career and Technical Education Month by the Association for Career and Technical Education; and

WHEREAS: profound economic and technological changes in our society are rapidly reflected in the structure and nature of work, thereby placing new and additional responsibilities on our educational system; and

WHEREAS: career and technical education provides Americans with a school-to-careers connection and is the backbone of a strong, well-educated workforce, which fosters productivity in business and industry and contributes to America's leadership in the international marketplace; and

WHEREAS: career and technical education gives high school students experience in practical, meaningful applications of basic skills such as reading, writing and mathematics, thus improving the quality of their education, motivating potential dropouts and giving all students leadership opportunities in their fields and in their communities; and

WHEREAS: career and technical education offers individuals lifelong opportunities to learn new skills, which provide them with career choices and potential satisfaction; and

WHEREAS: the ever-increasing cooperative efforts of career and technical educators, business and industry stimulate the growth and vitality of our local economy and that of the entire nation by preparing graduates for career fields forecast to experience the largest and fastest growth in the next decade;

NOW THEREFORE, THE CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS do hereby proclaim February 1-29, 2008, as *Career and Technical Education Month* in Cleveland County and urge all citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits Cleveland County Schools offers by the career and technical education programs in this community and to support and participate in these programs to enhance their individual work skills and productivity.

SIGNED THIS THE 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2008.

PROCLAMATION HONORING EZRA BRIDGES

The month of February is also African American History Month. Commissioner Accor felt it fitting to celebrate the life and dedication of Ms. Ezra Bridges. Mr. Les Roark, former mayor of the City of Shelby spoke a few words about the life of Ms. Bridges. Ms. Bridges was unable to attend the meeting. Commissioners will deliver a proclamation to Ms. Bridges at Cleveland Pines Nursing Home. The proclamation read as follows:

Number 02-2008

**CELEBRATING THE
LIFE AND COMMUNITY DEDICATION
OF EZRA BRIDGES**

WHEREAS, Miss Ezra Bridges served forty six years as a public school teacher; and

WHEREAS, Miss Ezra Bridges, now 102 years old, was sixty years old when she began working to bring the Head Start program to Cleveland County. In 1965, Head Start became a reality, and has been serving the children of Cleveland County for over forty two years; and

WHEREAS, in her own words, local philanthropist Ezra Bridges calls her work “God inspired”; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments and achievements of Miss Ezra Bridges deserve recognition and commendation; and

WHEREAS, Miss Ezra Bridges contributed to the growth and development of our community and her influence is still being felt today; and

WHEREAS, Miss Ezra Bridges has always placed her concern for the public good ahead of personal interests thus, earning the admiration and high regard of other civic leaders and the affection of Cleveland County residents; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland County is honored to pay tribute to a person who personifies the true meaning of “Champion” and whose compassion and genuine commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Cleveland County is a source of inspiration to everyone;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, express our sincere appreciation and thanks to **MISS EZRA BRIDGES** for her distinguished service to Cleveland County.

SIGNED THIS THE 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2008.

REGULAR AGENDA

NORTH CAROLINA’S NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

Denese Stallings, Health Director, began by introducing Cleveland County Health Department’s new Nursing Director, Dorothea Wyant. She then explained that, Cleveland County has been offered an opportunity to apply for a grant which will fund an evidence-based nurse/family program which significantly increases the health and well being of low-income, first-time parents and their children. This program, known as the North Carolina Nurse-Family Partnership, will receive funding from entities like State Public Health, Duke Endowment, Kate B. Reynolds Foundation and Smart Start. This program will be piloted in four or five counties in North Carolina.

Grant awards will be announced in July. If awarded, Cleveland County will receive a seven-year grant in the amount of \$500,000 per year which will require the hiring of three BSN Nurses and a masters level nurse supervisor to visit homes of first-time mothers. Each nurse will have a caseload of twenty-five mothers who they will work with through their pregnancy until the child is age two, totaling approximately seventy-six visits. Statistics show that this program improves school readiness, reduces child abuse and neglect, improves economic self-sufficiency and reduces crime and substances abuse for the parents and children.

Ms. Stallings told Commissioners that this grant would be very competitive and asked Commissioners for a letter of endorsement.

ACTION: Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook and unanimously adopted by the board to, ***issue a letter of endorsement for the Nurse-Family Partnership grant application.***

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. (A copy of the report can be found on Page _____ of Minute Book 30)

Mr. Cook informed Commissioners that the six mile district maps have been completed and approved by Raleigh. They are currently awaiting approval from the Department of Insurance. Upon approval, those residences between 5-6 miles of a fire department will get a reduction on their insurance premium.

Commissioner Hawkins asked Dewey Cook to again bring a recommendation from the Volunteer Firefighters Association before the Commissioners with regards to recruitment/retention.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT: FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS- INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

Bill McCarter, Planning Director reminded Commissioners that at the last several meetings they have been discussing Flood Insurance Rate Maps. This information has been sent to FEMA and has been approved. At their February 5, 2008 meeting, Commissioners approved a zoning map amendment and text amendment adopting the revised Flood Insurance Rate Maps. Several municipalities in Cleveland County have requested that the Cleveland County Planning Department assist them in administering the new text amendment. This process will be similar to the current agreement regarding building inspections and zoning. Mr. McCarter presented Commissioners with copies of the inter-local agreements already adopted by each town and recommended that Commissioners adopt the agreements.

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins and unanimously adopted by the board to, *adopt the inter-local agreements between Cleveland County and the Town of Grover, Belwood, Polkville, Kingstown, Mooresboro, Casar, Lawndale and Waco.* (copies found on Page _____ of Minute Book 30)

RESOLUTION: CHANGE IN REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board *to adopt the following resolution:*

NUMBER 04-2008

CHANGE IN REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners have determined that it is necessary to cancel their regular meeting of **Tuesday, March 4, 2008 in** order that Commissioners may attend the NACO Legislative Conference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT, public notification of this change will be conducted in accordance with the mandates of North Carolina General Statute 153A-40 and 143-318.12. The regular meeting schedule, as adopted by the Board, will remain in place for all other regular meetings of the Commission.

ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2008.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Accor attended the second session of Teen Court and recommended Commissioners to visit if they have not visited. She explained that it is a wonderful program. She also asked Commissioners to be watching Senate Bill 15-13 regarding Transportation and Roads stating the legislature may try and impose road maintenance mandates on counties.

Chairwoman Boggs asked Commissioners to consider scheduling meetings throughout the county to give those people who cannot get to Shelby a chance to attend a meeting. She also reminded Commissioners of the Litter Sweep to be held May 3, 2008.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to adjourn the meeting. The next regular meeting of the Commissioners is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.** in this Commission Chamber.

*Rebecca Jo Powell Boggs, Chairwoman
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*

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