

CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 20, 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 Kings Mountain City Council Chamber in Kings Mountain.

PRESENT: Jo Boggs, Chairwoman
Eddie Holbrook, Vice-Chairman
Mary S. Accor, 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
Chris Crepps, Finance Director
Alexis Pearson, Human Resource Director
Marti Glaser, Cleveland Headline News
David Allen, The Star
Emily Weaver, Kings Mountain Herald
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 Billy Houze of Lawndale First Baptist Church provided the invocation for the meeting.

AGENDA ADOPTION

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins 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:*

- F. Health Department:*** Budget Amendment (BNA #065)
- G. Health Department:*** Budget Amendment (BNA #066)
- 6. PATHWAYS TORNADO REPORT***

CONSENT AGENDA

TAX ABATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS

The Tax Assessor provided Commissioners with a detailed written report regarding tax abatements and supplements during *April 2008*. The monthly grand total of tax abatements was listed as (\$14,403.16); and, the monthly grand total for tax supplements was listed as \$13,000.13.

TAX COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

The Tax Collector provided Commissioners with the following detailed written report regarding taxes collected during *April 2008* (copy found on Page _____ of Minute Book 30).

CAROLINA THREAD TRAIL RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

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

NUMBER 15-2008

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

Whereas Cleveland County is committed to maintaining and enhancing quality of life for its citizens and recognizes that the Carolina Thread Trail will contribute to quality of life by weaving together communities via a regional network of trails and greenways eventually connecting fifteen counties and millions of citizens; and

Whereas, many communities in our region have taken a lead in planning and/or building local trails and greenways, and those efforts can be greatly enhanced by being connected to a larger regional network of trails; and

Whereas, trails and their green buffer areas will help improve the quality of the air we breathe by preserving trees and vegetation and by promoting non-motorized transportation, and will enhance the quality of our water through natural buffers and mitigation of storm water run-off; and

Whereas, trails and greenways provide key amenities to neighborhoods and safe areas for our citizens and children to travel, exercise, play and connect with nature away from heavily trafficked areas; and

Whereas, trails have significant impact on the economic viability of the region through increased levels of tourism, enhanced property values, added jobs related to the construction of and along the trail, as well as enhanced ability to attract and retain businesses to the region due to improved quality of life; and

Whereas, trails and greenways are freely accessible community assets offering opportunities for recreation and exercise to everyone, including children, youth and families, and provide safe places for people to experience a sense of community and create stronger social and family ties; and

Whereas, there is no second chance to protect the Carolinas' great resources in this unique way for our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, and the cost of these invaluable resources will only increase in the future; and

Whereas, private funding is available to communities from the Carolina Thread Trail for planning and construction of regional trails, and this private funding will leverage public funding from federal, state and various sources.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that Cleveland County supports the Carolina Thread Trail and is committed in concept to working with neighboring communities and with the Carolina Thread Trail to plan, design and build a system of trails that will connect our communities, people and special regional points of interest for years to come.

ADOPTED THIS THE 20th DAY OF MAY 2008.

DIXON SCHOOL ROAD RESURFACING RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT (SENATE)

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

NUMBER 14-2008

In Support of
Resurfacing a Portion of Dixon School Road

WHEREAS, The North Carolina Department of Transportation has received several complaints regarding the pavement on approximately 1.5 miles of Dixon School Road in Kings Mountain; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation has investigated the paving on this road and has determined it to be in need of resurfacing; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project would include resurfacing of Dixon School Road from Kings Mountain Blvd./Dixon School Road to the Bethlehem Church Road intersection; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is expected to cost \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners realizes that the safety of our citizens is a top priority;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners hereby request \$150,000 from the North Carolina Office of the President Pro Tem of the Senate, Marc Basnight, for funding the recommended resurfacing and milling of Dixon School Road.

ADOPTED THIS THE 20th DAY OF MAY 2008.

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WHEREAS, The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners realizes that the safety of our citizens is a top priority;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners hereby request \$150,000 from the North Carolina Office of the Speaker of the House, Joe Hackney, for funding the recommended resurfacing and milling of Dixon School Road.

ADOPTED THIS THE 20th DAY OF MAY 2008.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENTS (BNA #065)

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, 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>
012.533.4.350.00/93919-5452	ADULT HEALTH/State Grants	\$ 9,405.	
012.533.5.490.00	ADULT HEALTH/Profess. Services	\$ 9,405.	

Explanation of Revisions: To budget additional Breast and Cervical cancer screening funds for laboratory and mammogram.

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012.539.4.350.00	Family Planning/State Grants	\$ 2,500.	
012.539.5.230.01	Family Planning/Prescrip Drugs	\$ 2,500	

Explanation of Revisions: To budget family funds waiver clinical innovations funding for family planning expenses.

REGULAR AGENDA

CLEVELAND COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL (JCPC) ANNUAL PLAN FOR 2008-2009

Nelson Connor, JCPC Chairman, reviewed the following information regarding this year's plan. Each year, JCPC completes a comprehensive planning process where they look at the situation in Cleveland County as it relates to youth crime, risk factors and existing factors. He explained that eight proposals were received requesting funding.

Mr. Connor referenced the plan and recommended Commissioners approval of the plan :

- * Substance Abuse
- * Mental Health Needs
- * School Behavior
- * Peer Relationships
- * Family Needs – Parental Supervision, History of Domestic Violence and Family Criminality

The committee proposed that the following services, ranked in order, be used as funding priorities for the FY 2008-2009:

1. Community Services/Restitution
2. Parental Supervision/Family Support Services
3. Peer Relationship
4. Substance Abuse assessment/treatment
5. School Behavior
6. Mental Health

JCPC advertised request for proposals and received eight proposals. The risk factors guided this committee in making recommendations to Commissioners regarding the allocations of \$284,516 provided to Cleveland County by the North Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (**subject to approval by the General Assembly**). Recommendations for funding are:

- \$10,134 Restitution and Community Service: Administered through Communities in Schools the program will allow the juvenile an option to give back to the community as well as offer them a chance to be held accountable and to repair some of the harm caused by his or her conduct. Monetary restitution is a process that offenders are held accountable, either partially or fully, for the financial losses suffered by the victims of their crimes.
- \$15,332 Teen Court: Administered through Communities in Schools the program is designed to reduce likelihood of re-offense and educate youth about the Criminal Justice System. Offenders are screened through Juvenile Court Counselors. Jurors are peers, however, jurors do not know the offender. Misdemeanor cases will be heard. Offenders are required to plead guilty and accept the sentence which will take three months to complete. Local lawyers act as judges and cases are heard in a real courtroom.
- \$84,553 Roots and Wings – Parent/Youth Skill Development: Administered by the Cleveland County Health Department is a program that deals with high percentage of court involved youth and their families. They provide counseling and work on family dynamics throughout a 12 session program.
- \$10,000 Multisystemic Therapy: Administered through Alexander Youth Network is a community based program which focuses on and works with court involved youth. An evidence based program with Master-leveled clinicians work in the homes of these youth. The goal is to track progress in school or work and avoid re-arrest. Statistics show that 50%-80% of youth who completed this program had no re-arrest five years out.
- \$15,621 Juvenile Mediation: Administered through Mediaton Center of the Southern Piedmont is a program that will serve youth referred by Juvenile Court and school resource officers. Through mediation the program teaches and encourages juveniles to deal with conflict in a positive manner, encourages young offenders to take responsibility for their actions, and helps victims develop a sense of justice being served.
- \$72,992 Roots and Wings – Substance Abuse Assessment: Administered by Cleveland County Health Department is a program that provides preliminary assessment to determine the level of substance abuse or risk for future substance use by adjudicated youth.
- \$75,884 Cleveland Early Intervention Initiative – Phoenix Program: Administered by Cleveland County Schools is a program that provides a therapeutic alternative educational option to long-term suspended students and to students who are administratively placed in an alternative setting because of serious behavioral concerns. Life skill coordinators provide instruction and counseling to ensure successful re-enrollment in the regular school setting at the completion of the Phoenix program.

These allocations, require a 20% local match in the form of local cash and in-kind services. There will be no direct cost to Cleveland County.

ACTION: Eddie Holbrook made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, ***to approve the plan as presented.*** (copy found on Pages _____ of Minute Book 30).

Mr. Connor then presented a resolution to Commissioners regarding continuation of JCPC funding for Cleveland County.

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

NUMBER 16-2008

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUATION
OF JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL FUNDING
FOR CLEVELAND COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) funding has been removed from the continuation budget and is now subject to continuation review; and

WHEREAS, the non-recurring status of JCPC funding and subsequent continuation review will delay the annual appropriation and may result in the loss of qualified professionals to provide diversion and dispositional alternatives at the local level; and

WHEREAS, since 1977 the State of North Carolina and county governments have been partners in providing effective and necessary community based juvenile delinquency prevention and intervention services; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with legislative mandates, the Cleveland County JCPC is comprised of representatives of juvenile court, mental health, social service, schools, law enforcement, district judges, faith community, county manger, nonprofit sector and other concerned citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland County JCPC diligently carries out its charge of planning for those needs to be met, recommending programs for funding to meet the needs and evaluating the performance of those programs; and

WHEREAS, the loss of JCPC program services in Cleveland County will result in 325 juveniles being without intervention and prevention services such as (*restitution and community service, interpersonal skills, summer tutoring and academic enrichment, and home based family, counseling services, in-home therapy, mediation, parent accountability, teen court;*) and

WHEREAS, a lack of sanctioned programs and dispositional alternatives in Cleveland County will result in a potential cost of \$90.00 per juvenile/per day for juvenile detention intermittent confinement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE Cleveland County Board of Commissioners strongly endorses full reinstatement of funding for Juvenile Crime Prevention Council programs to the continuation budget and the allocation of funds to support legislative mandates to protect the community and provide a juvenile justice continuum at the local level.

Adopted this 20th day of May, 2008

DESTINATION CLEVELAND COUNTY UPDATE

Marta Holden, Destination Cleveland County (DCC) Executive Director described 2008 as “a year of action.” She explained that the Scruggs Center Master Plan is in the last stages of completion. Ms. Cissy Anklem, Museum Designer, visited Cleveland County to present her ideas to the citizens. Four community meetings were held to give Ms. Anklem and the design team an opportunity to hear from Cleveland County residents. DCC received a \$400,000 grant from the Rural Center for construction of the Don Gibson Theatre. Construction is scheduled to begin this summer.

Ms. Holden informed Commissioners that the artifacts and archives from the Historic Courthouse have been safely moved to the Old Hunter School where they will be stored and inventoried. She thanked David Dear and his staff for their help in the process. “The new facility will be much safer and more efficient.” DCC will have two interns working with them this summer to help with the inventory.

DCC is hoping to wrap up the capital campaign in June. Ms. Holden described the campaign as “very successful.”

Lastly, Ms. Holden shared the preliminary Master Planning design with Commissioners
(*copy found on Pages _____ of Minute Book 30.*)

PATHWAYS TORNADO REPORT

Chairwoman Jo Boggs presented Rhett Melton, Pathways Executive Director, with a letter of commendation for the efforts of the Pathway staff following a tornado disaster on May 9th. (*copy found on Page _____ of Minute Book 30*). Chairwoman Boggs then introduced Rhett Melton who showed a slideshow presentation of the disaster from the tornado. Mr. Melton praised his staff for their hard work stating that by 10:00 a.m. they had a plan, and by that afternoon, computers were up and running.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Hutchins thanked Commissioners and county staff for keeping him informed of information regarding the county while he has been recovering from his accident.

Commissioner Hawkins, who now serves on the Cleveland Community College Board of Trustees, participated in the recent graduation exercise. He explained, "Until you sit there, you don't understand all of the things that Cleveland Community College offers in this community." At the last meeting, Commissioner Hawkins shared information about a recent visit to the Catawba County Humane Society. Catawba County Humane Society will be making a presentation to Cleveland County residents on Thursday, May 22nd at Cleveland Community College.

Commissioner Accor attended the NCACC Board meeting. She said, "The more I sit in Raleigh and listen to the problems that other counties face, the happier I am to be a citizen of Cleveland County."

Vice-Chair Holbrook congratulated Kings Mountain Gateway Trails on their recent \$500,000 grant award from the NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund.

In closing, Chairwoman Boggs thanked the City of Kings Mountain for hosting the meeting and again welcomed Commissioner Hutchins back following his skydiving accident.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to adjourn the meeting (*at 6:45 p.m.*). The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for ***Tuesday, June 3, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.*** in the Commission Chamber.

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

*Kerri Melton, Clerk
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*