

CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 23, 2009

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners reconvened their recessed session of January 20, 2009 on this date, at the hour of 1:00 p.m., at City of Shelby Utilities Operations Center.

Present:

Cleveland County Board of Commissioners:

Chairwoman- Jo Boggs

Vice-Chairman- Johnny Hutchins

Commissioner- Mary Accor

Commissioner- Ronald Hawkins

Commissioner- Eddie Holbrook

City of Shelby City Council:

Mayor- Ted Alexander

Andrew Hopper

Chris Mabry

Jeanette Patterson

Mike Royster

Joel Shores

Larry Ware

Others present included: County Manager David Dear, County/City Attorney Robert W. Yelton, County Clerk Kerri Melton, City Manager Rick Howell, City Clerk Bernadette Parduski.

Chairwoman Jo Boggs reconvened the meeting of January 20, 2009, at the hour of 1:00 p.m. She led the audience in the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag of the United States of America. County Attorney, Bob Yelton provided the invocation for the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a proposed industrial park in Western Cleveland County.

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to add to the agenda, a discussion on the sale of county owned property.*

SALE OF COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY

In 1992, Cleveland County conveyed several properties to the City of Shelby. These properties housed utility infrastructure. These properties were never "officially" deeded to the City of Shelby. The City of Shelby is in negotiations with PPG Industries for sale of one of these properties. The City of Shelby cannot proceed with negotiations because they have never gotten title to the property. County/City Attorney Bob Yelton recommended that Commissioners transfer this property (Parcel#21897 Parcel#32698 Parcel#32575) to the City of Shelby.

ACTION: Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to transfer Parcel # 21897, 32698 and 32575 to the City of Shelby and waive the right of first refusal on said properties (copy of deeds found on Page ____ of Minute Book 31).*

WESTSIDE WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

Currently, the area from PPG Industries to Highway 74 is not served with sewer. Also, the water system in this area is in need of improvements. The City of Shelby has been proactive over the last

several years in researching grants to provide updated infrastructure to the area. The City of Shelby has received \$2.6 Million from the Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF). The CWMTF funding must be used to eliminate discharges. The installation of this line will eliminate discharges at Smurfit Stone, PPG, Specialty Lighting and several other industries. The City of Shelby also received a \$1 Million from the North Carolina Rural Center. The funding from the Rural Center must be used to help with economic development in the area. The total cost of the water and sewer improvements is \$5.7 Million. The remaining \$2.1 Million in financing will come from the City of Shelby. The project has been designed, bid and awarded. Construction has begun. This project is expected to take approximately one year to complete. It will serve approximately 2,400 acres of property including 210 acres owned by Cleveland County. County Manager David Dear explained that the 210 acre property, known as the “Clorox” site, has been hard to market due to the lack of sewer. Upon completion of the sewer line, Economic Development will have an excellent product to market.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The City of Shelby has, for the past three years, been interested in purchasing property to develop an industrial park in Western Cleveland County. The City of Shelby has located a 148 acre site which will be served with water and sewer upon completion of the Westside Sewer and Water Improvements Project. City Council has approved the purchase of this property.

Mayor Ted Alexander extended an invitation to Cleveland County to participate in the development of this proposed industrial park. Mr. Dear further explained that this would mean that the city and county would be equal partners in the industrial park project.

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to become equal partners with the City of Shelby for the purpose of developing an industrial park in Western Cleveland County.*

Commissioner Hutchins, who previously served as the Commissioner representative on the 20/20 Economic Development Partnership stated, “We need to be ready when the economy picks up.”

Mr. Dear echoed Commissioner Hutchins thoughts and added, “The infrastructure projects already in place puts us way ahead of the game.”

All Commissioners agreed that this project was very important to recruit new industry to Cleveland County. Commissioner Accor spoke about preparing the site, “If you build it, they will come.”

City Council Member Joel Shores commended City Manager Rick Howell and County Manager David Dear for getting the boards together for the purpose of “getting something done” for the citizens of Cleveland County.

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.***

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

*Kerri Melton, Clerk
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*