

CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 6, 2009

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
Johnny Hutchins, Vice-Chairman
Mary S. Accor, Commissioner
Ronald J. Hawkins, Commissioner
Eddie Holbrook, 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
Bill McCarter, Planning Director
David Allen, The Star
Danielle Anzelone, 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. Assistant County Manager Eddie Bailes provided the invocation for the meeting.

Commissioner Ronnie Hawkins asked the Chair to call for a moment of silence in honor of the passing of David Banks and his service to Cleveland County.

AGENDA ADOPTION

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to *adopt the agenda as presented by the County Clerk.*

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no corrections, additions or deletions to the minutes of the *September 1st and September 15, 2009 Regular Meetings*, motion was made by Johnny Hutchins, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to *approve the minutes as written.*

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: BUDGET AMENDMENTS (BNA #014)

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

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
010.442.4.311.00/USICE-P442	Fed. Forfeited Property/Fed-Other Rev.	\$31,354.	
010.442.5.700.00/USICE-P442	Fed. Forfeited Property/Grants	5,000.	
010.442.5.910.00/USICE-P442	Fed. Forfeited Property/Capital Equipment	26,354.	

Explanation of Revisions: Request approval to budget funding to support SAFE KIDS (purchasing supplies & materials; undercover narcotic's vehicle tore up and could not be repaired and we purchased

one 2006 Ford Mustang as replacement additional budget needed to reinstate budget designated for 2010 vehicles; lastly, request funding for replacement Panasonic Toughbook needed for COP officer.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: BUDGET AMENDMENTS (BNA #015)

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

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
010.441.4.810.15	Sheriff/Donations-Sheriff K-9	\$ 1,800.	
010.441.5.790.15	Sheriff/Donations-Sheriff K-9	1,800.	

Explanation of Revisions: Request approval to budget two public donations (Ann Thompson, long time supporter of K-9 Division of CCSO (\$1,000) and Shelby Women's Club (\$800). Funds will be used solely for purchasing additional supplies for K-9's care/training needs.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENTS (BNA #018)

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

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
012.543.4.410.00/KATEB-8104	Health Dept. Grants/Local & Other	\$10,000.	
012.543.5.490.00/KATEB-8104	Health Dept. Grants/Prof. Serv.	10,000.	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget funds from Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust for Healthy Carolinians activities. Will contract with Alliance for Health to carry out objectives.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENTS (BNA #019)

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

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
012.541.4.350.00/01120-1873	Env. Health/State Govt. Grants	\$ 887.	
012.541.5.240.00	Env. Health/Motor Fuels	443.	
012.541.5.310.00	Env. Health/Travel/Training	444.	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget Summer Food Establishment Inspection Funds for operating expenses.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT: GRAYSTONE DRIVE PAVING ASSESSMENT (Schedule a public hearing for October 20, 2009)

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

CITIZEN RECOGNITION

MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to adopt the following proclamation, as presented by Richard Hooker.*

Number: 05-2009

**MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK
OCTOBER 10-17, 2009**

WHEREAS, Minority Enterprise Development Week, is an annual observance that has been proclaimed by the President of the United States since 1983 to highlight the important role and contributions minority business enterprises bring to our local, national and global economy;

WHEREAS, in recognition of this year's theme, "**Energizing the American Economy with Minority Businesses**" represents this nation's continuous commitment to our free enterprise system through innovation, competitiveness, and inclusiveness to help rebuild and reinvest in America's infrastructure and promote economic viability;

WHEREAS, the 14th Annual Awards Luncheon will bring together small business owners, local business and government officials, and community stakeholders to honor and commemorate the accomplishments of small business owners, individuals and community partners who give of their time to make a difference in our local community;

WHEREAS, the Cleveland County Business Development Center in collaboration with Cleveland Community College, Edward Jones Investment, The Star, the Alliance for Health and Minority Health Council, and other local sponsors have teamed up to promote greater awareness in business education, healthy lifestyles, strategies for youth development, and access to opportunities and information that improve the overall quality of life and self-sufficiency for its citizens, and;

NOW THEREFORE, the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 10-17, 2009 as "Minority Enterprise Development Week" in Cleveland County in recognition of the cooperative efforts of the above sponsoring organizations and individuals to enhance, promote and support the success of minority owned businesses and community partners.

ADOPTED THIS THE 6th DAY OF OCTOBER 2009.

FAITH AND HEALTH MONTH

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to adopt the following proclamation, as presented by Linda Page.*

NUMBER 04-2009

**PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2009
AS FAITH AND HEALTH MONTH
IN CLEVELAND COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Cleveland County has a strong faith community made up of loving churches and other houses of worship; and,

WHEREAS, Cleveland County has good medical facilities and excellent, dedicated doctors and medical personnel; and,

WHEREAS, the two, the faith community and the health care community, are learning that they must partner together in order to provide care of the total person in order to meet the needs of all the people of Cleveland County.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, proclaim October 2009 as **FAITH AND HEALTH MONTH** in recognition of the need to see this partnership flourish; and,

FURTHERMORE, we encourage all Cleveland County citizens to support "Healing Link" – an organization of individuals committed to bridging the gap between faith and medicine here in Cleveland County.

ADOPTED THIS THE 6th DAY OF OCTOBER 2009.

PUBLIC HEARING

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; KERNS TRUCKING INCENTIVE AGREEMENT

Kristin Fletcher, Executive Vice-President of Economic Development, presented an incentive grant contract to Commissioners. Kerns Trucking will be relocating but maintaining their business in Cleveland County and investing an additional \$150,000 in their existing business. The company will be located at 703 S. Battleground Road, Kings Mountain. Ms. Fletcher shared details of the agreement, some of which included:

- **\$150,000 Investment**
- **Five year grant term**
- **Tax value at least \$861,810**

Chairwoman Boggs opened the public hearing at 6:20 p.m. (*public notice was accomplished in accordance with the mandates of NCGS 158-7.1, with an advertisement published in The Star on September 24, 2009*)

Michael Chrisawn, Cleveland County Chamber President, spoke in support of the project by stating the importance of keeping small business owners in business and keeping existing businesses in Cleveland County. He also thanked Mr. Kerns for his additional investment in Cleveland County.

Hearing no additional comments, Chairwoman Boggs closed the public hearing at 6:22 p.m.

Commissioner Hawkins has known the Kern's family for many years and stated that they are a very well respected family who have been involved in Kings Mountain for many years.

Commissioner Hutchins added, "This is what I have wanted to see, Commissioners partnering with small businesses to keep them in Cleveland County."

Commissioner Holbrook thanked Mr. Kerns for remaining in Cleveland County when he had the opportunity to go elsewhere.

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the board, to ***approve the incentive contract for Kerns Trucking, Inc.*** (*copy found on Page _____ of Minute Book 31.*)

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST MEN TRAINING CENTER

David Brown began by showing a brief video about a Baptist Men Training Center located in Red Springs, North Carolina. Mr. Brown is currently serving Elizabeth Church in their handyman ministry and understands that there are many in need in Cleveland County.

The Baptist Men Training Center will be located off of Lafayette Street behind Kates Skating Rink. Forty-three acres were purchased for this project. Twelve acres have been cleared and fenced in. Roads have been graveled and a metal building is currently under contract. The site could house approximately 200 people. Here, they could eat, shower and worship. Another building will be built for housing of building materials. The plans also call for a trailer park for those with campers or trailers and a sports facility.

Mr. Brown said, "Instead of our residents going to other places for mission trips, people will come to Shelby." Mr. Brown described the project as an economic development tool. Special events including trainings and regional meetings will be held here. People will shop and visit restaurants while in Cleveland County. This facility could also be used as for emergency housing and a staging area in case of disaster.

Harold Causby also spoke of the benefits of this project. He was then followed by Mayor of Shelby, Ted Alexander. He explained the positive effects this project will have on the community.

Some of which include:

- An increased tax base as houses are re-habbed
- Community Development
- Economic Stimulus
- This project will complement the Weed & Seed Program and Project Safe Neighborhoods
- Stimulating local volunteerism
- Helping churches in mission

Mayor Alexander explained that the City of Shelby has helped in many ways with respect to street paving and utilities and have saved the Baptist Men approximately \$35,000 to date. Lastly, Keith Dixon with the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association spoke. “We are excited about the work camp becoming a reality. No one entity in our county can meet the housing needs of our community. Many other counties wanted to be considered for this camp. This project will be here for the next fifteen to twenty years.” Mr. Dixon closed by asking Commissioners to help with this effort. The total project cost will be approximately \$1.5 Million.

Commissioners thanked the Baptist Men for what they are doing and noted that they will possibly review this request at a worksession.

KINGS MOUNTAIN GATEWAY TRAILS

Shirley Brutko offered greetings from the Kings Mountain Chamber Office. She invited Commissioners to the Grand Opening of the Kings Mountain Gateway Trail on November 7, 2009. She thanked several companies and many individuals for their hard work on the project including Cleveland County Planning Director, Bill McCarter. She explained the purpose of the trail is for economic development, travel & tourism and a better quality of life for our citizens. She said, “There are no other projects like this in North Carolina mainly due to the fact that the trails are bikable.”

The trail committee is busy putting together a 5K and a childrens run and are hoping to eventually tie in the trail with the triathalon.

DESTINATION CLEVELAND COUNTY UPDATE

Chairwoman Boggs introduced JT Scruggs to present an update on Destination Cleveland County. Mr. Scruggs presented Commissioners with a handout titled “Destination Cleveland County Brief Timeline of Activities May 2009-October 2009” (*copy found on Page _____ of Minute Book 31*). He explained that the Museum Designers are in the process of putting together design for exhibits and they have been working on filming for exhibits including an interview with Steve Martin. A photo researcher has been in Cleveland County visiting the archives and taking pictures for possible exhibit design.

Commissioner Hutchins asked JT Scruggs about the status of the elevator at the Historic Courthouse. Mr. Scruggs explained that the architect is looking at that now and hopes to have a design by the beginning of January. He said, "The architect is cautioning us to do one thing at a time so we do not have to fix anything at a later date."

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Hawkins:

The unveiling of the conference center will be held on October 28, 2009 at Cleveland Country Club. Commissioner Hawkins was very excited and proud of the partnerships that have made this possible.

The Health Department has received a grant for help with funding the free rabies clinics. At the most recent rabies/flu shot clinic, there were 750 rabies shots and 250 flu shots given.

The Humane Society and Animal Control have been working together regarding a plan for the adoption of animals that will go into effect on January 1, 2010.

The City of Shelby has advertised for bids for the construction of the new airport terminal.

Commissioner Hawkins asked that a sympathy letter be sent to the family of the late David Banks offering condolences from the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Accor:

Commissioner Accor commended the Department of Social Services for the work that they do and the many trials that they face. Serving on the DSS Board, Commissioner Accor sees first-hand the amount of work that they do for the citizens of Cleveland County. Commissioner Accor called her last two weeks, "very inspiring".

Commissioners discussed scheduling a worksession for October 28, 2009 at 2:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to adjourn. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held ***Tuesday, October 20, 2009 in the Commissioners Chamber.***

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

*Kerri Melton, Clerk
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*