

**CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**November 2, 2010**

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  
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  
Marcella Young, *Cleveland Headline News*  
Other individual names on file in the Clerk's Office

**ABSENT:** Johnny Hutchins, Vice-Chairman

**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. Commissioner Eddie Holbrook, provided the invocation for the meeting.

**AGENDA ADOPTION**

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

**CITIZEN RECOGNITION**

Brownie Plaster, Destination Cleveland County Board Chair, invited Commissioners to the *New Harmonies Celebrating American Roots Music*, a Smithsonian Exhibit which will be on display at the Don Gibson Theatre from November 13<sup>th</sup> to December 29<sup>th</sup>. Cleveland County is the only county in the Charlotte region to be hosting this exhibit. She distributed a calendar which includes numerous events being held throughout the county while the Smithsonian Exhibit is here. Over 2,000 school children are scheduled to visit the exhibit. She encouraged Cleveland County residents to attend.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ACTION:** There being no other corrections, additions or deletions to the minutes of *October 5, 2010*, motion was made by Mary Accor, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to *approve the minutes as written.*

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #022)**

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, 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>
011.504.4.310.00/93667-P395	Title XX/Fed Gov Grants	\$ 1,565.	
011.504.5.310.00	Title XX/Travel/Training	1,565.	
011.504.4.350.00/93667-P482	Title XX/State Gov Grants	6,226.	
011.504.5.310.00	Title XX/Travel/Training	6,226.	

*Explanation of Revisions: Budget Amendment necessary to accept additional federal & state Block Grant funds for FY 2010/2011. The current federal approved allocation is more than state estimates for Block Grant funding for FY 2010/2011. The increase to 504.5.310 will help with travel/training cost in this area.*

**LEGAL DEPARTMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #024)**

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, 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>
010.416.5.971.00	Legal/C/O Foreclosure Prop	\$27,245.	
010.410.4.991.00	General/Fd Bal Appropriated	27,245.	

*Explanation of Revisions: To budget for the purchase of foreclosed property of Parcel #'s 20228,17429,18816,18937. County had to purchase as no upset bids were obtained on these properties.*

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #025)**

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, 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>
012.540.4.310.00/10557-5409	WIC/Federal Grants	\$7,415.	
012.540.5.210.00	WIC/Departmental Supplies	200.	
012.540.5.310.00	WIC/Travel	5,325.	
012.540.5.311.00	WIC/Education Expense	1,890.	

*Explanation of Revisions: Budget WIC Breastfeeding Promotion and Support mini-grant for lactation and education of community and pediatricians to enhance breastfeeding and support of breastfeeding mothers. \$200 of this amount will be used to purchase a software license on "Medications in Mother's Milk" for service providers at CCHD & Carolinas Healthcare System.*

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #026)**

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, 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>
012.542.4.810.00	Rabies Control/Contributions-Donations	\$ 255.	
012.542.5.790.00	Rabies Control/Contributions-Donations	255.	

*Explanation of Revisions: Budget donations to Cleveland County Animal Shelter for operational expenses.*

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**LINDA WIGGINS, LGFCU EMPLOYEE PRODUCTIVITY AWARD**

Cleveland County Tax Collector Linda Wiggins, recently earned the Local Government Federal Credit Union Productivity Award for her mass garnishments program. Cleveland County's garnishment program was largely manual and took too much time and wasted too many resources. Individual garnishments took 30 minutes each and were difficult to track for payment and employer action.

To collect delinquent taxes more efficiently and cheaply, Tax Collector Linda Wiggins worked with her software developer to program a mass garnishment system. By accessing the Employment Security System's employer and employee files, the system can now automatically generate the first notice to taxpayer and then submit the delinquent debt to the employer for wage garnishment.

With this new system, Cleveland County has gone from processing 100 garnishments per month to 1,600 per month. Not only is the county seeing an increase in its collection rate, but it is also realizing \$23,000 in staff savings.

Commissioners presented Ms. Wiggins with the following Certificate of Recognition:

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

**PRESENTED TO**

**LINDA WIGGINS**

**FOR RECEIVING THE 2010 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION  
EMPLOYEE PRODUCTIVITY AWARD ~ FOR BEING AN EXAMPLE OF  
COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO THE SERVICES YOU PROVIDE AND FOR  
GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY FOR THE RESIDENTS OF  
CLEVELAND COUNTY ~ FOR BEING COMMITTED TO SAVING TAXPAYER  
DOLLARS ~ WE COMMEND YOU!**

***Presented this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2010.***

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**2010 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) SCATTERED SITE  
HOUSING APPLICATION**

Chairwoman Jo Boggs introduced Beth Pollard of Isothermal Planning and Development Commission to discuss the 2010 CDBG Scattered Site Housing application.

Ms. Pollard explained the purpose of this hearing is to allow residents the opportunity to express their views concerning Cleveland County applying for \$400,000 through the Community Development Block Grant Scattered Site Housing program.

Specifically the County anticipates the award of \$400,000 in CDBG funds for the purpose of addressing housing needs for homeowner's who reside in Cleveland County. With the help of Isothermal Planning and Development Commission, the county plans to use the funds to assist homeowner's with substantial home repairs and emergency repairs and anticipates assisting approximately 11 homeowner's; 4 units are planned for rehabilitation, 1 unit is planned for demolition clearance and reconstruction and approximately 6 homes are proposed using L-1 funds to address Emergency Repair needs.

On behalf of the county, Isothermal Planning and Development Commission began accepting applications on October 2, 2010 through October 19th and received 25 applications.

They encouraged citizen participation and actively sought applications through the use of advertisements in the local paper. Notification that applications were being accepted was sent to the Cleveland County Department of Social Services to assist with public awareness and IPDC integrated the new information to the IPDC website and telephone service for the purpose of notifying Cleveland county residents of the upcoming funds, deadlines, criteria and directing them on how to get an application.

The application process included verifying income and ownership, ranking the applications through special needs category, and prioritizing the applications using a point system designed in the Cleveland County 2010 Assistance Policy. The county held a meeting with the CDBG selection committee on October 27th and made the final selection of 5 proposed units for the C-1 project and the 6 proposed units for the L-1 project that will address Emergency repair needs.

CDBG funds are provided to the state by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). They are administered at the state level by the NC Department of Commerce through the Division of Community Assistance and the Commerce Finance Center.

Chairwoman Jo Boggs opened the public hearing at 6:20. (Notice of this hearing was accomplished in accordance with all applicable laws)

Hearing no comments, Chairwoman Boggs closed the public hearing.

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins and unanimously adopted by the board, *to approve all policies and plans pertaining to the CDBG Scattered Site Housing project and approve the submittal of the grant application* (Clerks Note: A complete copy of the grant application can be found in the County Finance Department).

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **B&W FIBERGLASS RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT**

Brent Beason, son of B&W Fiberglass owner Bill Beason, spoke to Commissioners regarding the effect the relocation of US74 would have on his business. In 2004, B&W Fiberglass constructed their existing plant. At that time, the company received a permit showing where the proposed US74 Bypass would be located. Since that time, the NCDOT has decided to shift the road (*copy of maps found on Page \_\_\_\_\_ of Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_*) claiming that the permit is no longer valid.

When they opened, B&W Fiberglass employed 12 people. In 2012, they are expecting to employ approximately 100 people. In order for this to occur, the company would need to expand it's current manufacturing facility. Due to the revised road relocation, there would be no room on the existing property for expansion. This would force B&W Fiberglass to relocate outside the county. Mr. Beason

asked that Commissioners adopt a resolution in support of B&W Fiberglass efforts to validate the existing permit. Mr. Beason thanked Commissioners for their continued support.

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

**NUMBER 25-2010**

**In Support of  
B&W Fiberglass NCDOT Permit**

**WHEREAS,** Cleveland County has suffered a tremendous loss of manufacturing employment over the last several years resulting in it being designated as a Tier 1 county; and

**WHEREAS,** the Cleveland County unemployment rate is currently 12.5% which is approximately 3.5% higher than the state and national average; and

**WHEREAS,** Cleveland County has worked tirelessly on economic development focusing not only on recruitment of new industries but retention of existing industries; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2004, B&W Fiberglass invested in construction of a manufacturing plant in Cleveland County and in 2007, B&W expanded this plant 200%; and

**WHEREAS,** B&W Fiberglass is an excellent corporate citizen with fifty employees currently; and

**WHEREAS,** B&W Fiberglass is currently planning another expansion and within five years expecting to add an additional fifty employees and investing another \$20 million; and

**WHEREAS,** prior to construction of their existing plant, B&W Fiberglass received a permit from the NCDOT to enter US 74 with a driveway and specific details on what would happen when the Shelby Bypass is completed which the NCDOT says is no longer valid; and

**WHEREAS,** should the issue of this permit and the relocation of US 74 not be resolved, B&W Fiberglass may be forced to relocate to accommodate their proposed expansion as well as incur financial loss;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners ask the NCDOT to reconsider the validity of this permit and work with B&W Fiberglass to allow them to expand their manufacturing operations in Cleveland County.

**ADOPTED THIS THE 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2010.**

**GASTON COMMUNITY ACTION BOARD APPOINTMENT**

Gaston Community Action administers one CDBG Program for residents of Cleveland County.

This program is designed to work with the heads of households so that they can market themselves more effectively in order to find better jobs, help them to budget their money and even assist them in finding a better place to live.

**ACTION:** Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to appoint Georgianna Hartgrove to serve on this board with a term expiration of November 1, 2010.*

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Mary Accor made the motion, seconded Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to adjourn. Next regular scheduled meeting will be held on *Tuesday, November 16, 2010 in the Commission Chamber.*

---

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

---

*Kerri Melton, Clerk  
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*