

**CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**June 7, 2011**

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:** Johnny Hutchins, Chairman  
Ronnie Hawkins, Vice-Chairman  
Eddie Holbrook, Commissioner  
Mary S. Accor, Commissioner  
Jason Falls, 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  
Alexis Pearson, Human Resources Director  
Bill McCarter, Planning Director  
Chris Crepps, Finance Director  
Barry Ditz, *Cleveland Headline News*  
Rebecca Clark, *The Star*  
Other individual names on file in the Clerk's Office

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Johnny Hutchins called the meeting to order. James Medlin, National Sojourner in the Masonic Order presented the flag and led the audience in the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag of the United States of America. Planning Director Bill McCarter 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 with the following additions:*

9. **CLEARWATER TURN LANE RESOLUTION**  
(Action required to adopt resolution)  
David Dear, County Manager
10. **THREE DIRECTIONAL CROSSOVERS ON US 74**  
(Action required to adopt resolution)  
David Dear, County Manager

**CITIZEN RECOGNITION**

*Neal Hodges*, 5103 Carol St. Shelby, invited Commissioners to the Amateur Radio Field Event. The event will take place on June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Moss Lake Campground and the Fire Station located at the Fairgrounds. This is a National event which consists of a one-day 24-hour emergency field event.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There being no corrections, additions, or deletions to the Minutes of *May 3 and May 17, 2011*, motion was made by Mary Accor, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***approve the minutes as written.***

**MENTAL HEALTH (PATHWAYS): BUDGET AMENDMENTS (BNA #065)**

**ACTION:** Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, 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>
010.560.4.410.00/OREDC-1107	Pathways/Local and other Grants	\$336,000.	
010.560.5.700.00/OREDC-1107	Pathways/ Grants	336,000.	

Explanation of Revisions: *To budget the grant award received from the NC Rural Economic Development Center for the Regional Detoxification Center project.*

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES: BUDGET AMENDMENTS (BNA #066)**

**ACTION:** Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, 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>
010.446.5.790.20	Emergency Med Servcs/Donations Equip	\$ 3,750.	
010.446.4.810.20	Emergency Med Servcs/Donations Contrib	3,750.	

Explanation of Revisions: *To budget for donated First Water Responder from Carolinas Medical Ctr/Metrolina RAC. These accounts need to have budget in order to post donated entries for audit work. County equipment number assigned: 5503612*

**KINGS MOUNTAIN RESCUE SQUAD AGREEMENT**

The Kings Mountain Rescue Squad has requested that their hours of operation be changed. In order for a change to be made in operating hours, a new franchise contract must be approved.

**ACTION:** Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the attached Franchise Agreement (copy found on Page \_\_\_\_ of Minute Book \_\_\_\_).*

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**CLEVELAND COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL (JCPC) ANNUAL PLAN FOR 2011-2012**

Nelson Connor, JCPC Chairman, reviewed the 2011-2012 Annual Plan. The proposed plan is contingent on the Legislative Budget which has, to date, not been passed. JCPC is expecting to have to make an adjustment once the state budget is approved. Mr. Connor thanked Commissioners for their support.

A Risk and Needs Assessment/Planning Committee formed of Cleveland County JCPC members, completes an annual, comprehensive planning process where they look at the situation in Cleveland County as it relates to youth crime, risk/need factors, and existing services/programs. Following the comprehensive review, the Planning Committee identified the following priority risks and needs of court involved youth:

- *School Behavior*
- *Family Needs/Parental Supervision/Family Support*
- *Mental Health and Substance Abuse Assessment and Treatment*
- *Peer Relationships,*
- *Sexual Behavior, and*
- *Community Service/Restitution/Teen Court/Mediation*

The committee proposed that the following services, ranked in order, be used as funding priorities for the FY 2011-12:

1. *School Behavior:* Service: (Behavior Management , Mentoring, Life Skills)

2. *Family needs; parental Supervision, family support, domestic violence and criminality: Service:* (Parent/Family Skill Building, Home Based Family Services).
3. *Peer relationships: Service:* (Interpersonal Skills)
4. *Mental Health and Substance Abuse Assessment and Treatment (ranked together). Service:* (Counseling, Home Based Family Services, Crisis Counseling, Sexual offender Treatment, Substance Abuse Assessments and Treatment.)
5. *Community Service/Restitution, Mediation, Teen Court: Service:* (Restorative Services).

JCPC advertised a request for proposals and received nine proposals. The risk/need factors guided this committee in making recommendations to the JCPC and County Commissioners regarding the approximate allocations of \$277,984 provided to Cleveland County by the North Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (subject to approval by the General Assembly).

Recommendations for 2011-12 funding are:

- \$11,672      **Restitution and Community Service:** Administered through Communities in Schools of Cleveland County, the community service program allows 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.
- \$18,135      **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 and only misdemeanor cases are 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.
- \$84,315      **Roots and Wings – Parent/Youth Skill Development:** Administered by the Cleveland County Health Department, the Roots and Wings program addresses parent and youth issues in a supportive educational environment. The program works with a high percentage of court involved youth and their families, counseling and work on family dynamics throughout a 12 week program.
- \$10,000      **Multi-systemic Therapy:** Administered through Alexander Youth Network, MST is a community based program which focuses on and works with court involved youth. MST is an evidence based program, designed for adjudicated youth and uses master’s level clinicians who work intensively in the home to address the needs of the parent and youth. The goal is to provide counseling and support in the areas of home, school and community through an intensive in home model of counseling. Statistics show that 50%-80% of youth who completed this program do not recidivate five years out.
- \$18,493      **Juvenile Mediation:** Administered through Mediation Center of the Southern Piedmont this program serves 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.
- \$41,453      **Roots and Wings – Substance Abuse Assessment:** Administered by the Cleveland County Health Department. This program provides preliminary assessment to determine the level of substance use or abuse and risk for future substance use by adjudicated youth.
- \$75,526      **Turning Point Academy-** formally known as Cleveland Early Intervention Initiative – Phoenix Program: Administered by Cleveland County Schools, the program 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 program.
- \$4,000      **Phoenix Counseling-** Substance Abuse Assessment and Treatment services for youth without insurance, Medicaid or an identified funding stream. The program employs the Seven Challenges Model of treatment, an evidence based model of care.

\$2,500      **Administration-** Administered by the JCPC, comprised of various members delegated by statute and appointed by County Commissioners. The administration will oversee all aspects of programs providing services to our youth.

There was one program that applied but was not recommended for funding by the JCPC Allocations/Budget Committee. This request was from a provider, Beyond Today, and represented duplication in services already provided and/or funded in Cleveland County.

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.

Nelson reiterated JCPC's commitment to offering, through community agencies, the best possible prevention and intervention services to keep youth from becoming an adult statistic in our legal/justice system.

Commissioner Accor, who serves as a member of JCPC praised the work of the council, "The impact of JCPC will avoid a lot of these children being the recipient of the 152 extra beds that we are adding to the Cleveland County jail."

**ACTION:** Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the plan as presented.*

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT: MINIMUM HOUSING CODE ENFORCEMENT – PEARLIE BORDERS (350 HOLMES STREET)**

A hearing was held on January 27, 2011 regarding this case and the owner was allowed 90-days to demolish the dwelling. The order expired May 9, 2011. To date, no further action has been taken. The property is located in Light Oak Subdivision, however, the property owner lives in Charlotte. Bill McCarter, Planning Director, has spoken to Ms. Borders. She informed him that she has received a list of contractors for the demolition and asked for additional time so she can have it demolished on her own. Mr. McCarter gave Commissioners the option of giving her additional time to have the property demolished or adopting the ordinance and have the county coordinate demolition of the property.

**ACTION:** Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the following ordinance allowing the property owner an additional thirty days to demolish the property before authorizing the demolition of the dwelling by Cleveland County.*

CLEVELAND COUNTY  
NORTH CAROLINA

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO DEMOLISH A BURNED DWELLING AT 350 HOLMES STREET**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 160A, Article 19, Part 6 of the North Carolina General Statutes, the dwelling located at 350 Holmes Street, Cleveland County, North Carolina has been inspected and found to be unfit for human habitation and to otherwise constitute a danger to persons and a threat to the health and welfare of the citizens within Cleveland County; and

WHEREAS, according to the procedures provided by law, the owner(s) of said property have been given notice of the aforesaid inspection, defective conditions, determination and order to bring said property into compliance with the minimum housing code of Cleveland County and the State of North Carolina by appropriate repair and/or demolition of said dilapidated dwelling; and

WHEREAS, the owner(s) have not complied with the Findings and Order by the Code Enforcement Officer within the period allowed by law; and

WHEREAS, the said dwelling remains, at this time, unfit for human habitation, dilapidated, and a danger to the health and safety of the citizens of Cleveland County and should be demolished in order to prevent and alleviate such danger and dilapidated conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that the dilapidated dwelling located at 350 Holmes Street (Parcel 22041), now or formerly owned by Pearlie C. Borders, shall be demolished within thirty (30) days of adoption of this ordinance. If the owner does not comply with this order, the County shall proceed to demolish the dwelling and a lien placed against the property for the costs incurred by the County as provided by GS160A-446(6).

Adopted and approved this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 2011 by the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners in open session.

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT: MINIMUM HOUSING CODE ENFORCEMENT – DAVID WAYNE ALLEN (3400 FALLSTON ROAD)**

A hearing was held on May 12, 2008 regarding this case and the owner was allowed 90-days to demolish eight mobile homes at 3400 Fallston Road, Parcel 29130. The order expired May 12, 2008. To date, only three mobile homes have been demolished. Since there were so many mobile homes to be removed, Planning Director Bill McCarter gave Mr. Allen three years to complete the work. Mr. McCarter explained the recent wind storms have caused severe damage to the five mobile homes still standing. Adopting an ordinance to demolish would authorize Cleveland County to remove the mobile homes. Any salvageable materials would be credited back to the lien that would be placed on the property. Mr. McCarter gave Commissioners the option of giving Mr. Allen additional time to have the mobile homes removed or adopting the ordinance and have the county coordinate removal immediately.

Mr. Allen was in attendance. He stated, "I will try and clean up the properties to make them look better, however, I need six months to complete all of the work."

**ACTION:** Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the following ordinance allowing the property owner an additional six months to demolish the property before authorizing removal of the mobile homes by Cleveland County.*

CLEVELAND COUNTY  
NORTH CAROLINA

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO DEMOLISH FIVE MANUFACTURED HOMES AT 3400 FALLSTON ROAD

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 160A, Article 19, Part 6 of the North Carolina General Statutes, dwelling(s) located at 3400 Fallston Road, Cleveland County, North Carolina have been inspected and found to be unfit for human habitation and to otherwise constitute a danger to persons and a threat to the health and welfare of the citizens within Cleveland County; and

WHEREAS, according to the procedures provided by law, the owner(s) of said property have been given notice of the aforesaid inspection, defective conditions, determination and order to bring said property into compliance with the minimum housing code of Cleveland County and the State of North Carolina by appropriate repair and/or demolition of said dilapidated dwelling(s); and

WHEREAS, the owner(s) have not complied with the Findings and Order by the Code Enforcement Officer within the period allowed by law; and

WHEREAS, the said dwelling remains, at this time, unfit for human habitation, dilapidated, and a danger to the health and safety of the citizens of Cleveland County and should be demolished in order to prevent and alleviate such danger and dilapidated conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that the dilapidated dwellings located at 3400 Fallston Road (Parcel 29130), now or formerly owned by David Wayne Allen, shall be demolished within (180) days of adoption of this ordinance. If the owner does not comply with this order, the County shall proceed to demolish the dwelling(s) and a lien placed against the property for the costs incurred by the County as provided by GS160A-446(6).

Adopted and approved this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 2011 by the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners in open session.

**RESOLUTION: CHANGE IN REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE**

In recognition of Independence Day, Commissioners have found it necessary to cancel their regular meeting of July 5, 2011. Several Commissioners will be attending the NACo Annual Conference July 15-19<sup>th</sup>. Because of this, Commissioners find it necessary to also cancel their July 19, 2011 regular meeting. Commissioners find it appropriate to schedule a regular meeting for July 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Chambers. Per General Statute 153A-40, any change in meeting date must be approved by resolution.

**ACTION:** Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Jason Falls and unanimously adopted by the board, *to adopt the following resolution:*

**NUMBER 10-2011**

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

**WHEREAS,** the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners have decided that it is appropriate to cancel their regular meetings of **Tuesday, July 5, 2011 and Tuesday July 19, 2011** in recognition of Independence Day and so that Commissioners can attend the NACo Annual Conference and to schedule a regular meeting for **Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 6:00 pm in the Commission Chamber at 311 East Marion Street in Shelby.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT,** the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners will cancel said meetings and schedule said meeting and notify the public of their decision in accordance with the mandates of North Carolina General Statute 153A-40. The regular meeting schedule as adopted by the Board will resume after these meetings.

**ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF JUNE, 2011.**

**CLEVELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**ACTION:** Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to re-appoint Gordon Hamrick to serve as a member of the Cleveland Community College Board of Trustees.* This term is for a period of four-years, scheduled to conclude June 30, 2015.

**CLEARWATER TURN LANE RESOLUTION**

In support of Clearwater Paper's decision to locate in Cleveland County, Commissioners pledged to assist with the application of grants for the construction of an industrial access road and rail spur to serve their facility. At the time grants were awarded for construction of the industrial access road and rail spur, Cleveland County was not informed that the NCDOT would require a turn lane at the road entrance. County Manager David Dear recommended Commissioners adopt a resolution requesting funds from North Carolina Office of the Speaker of the House, Thom Tillis, and from the Office of the President Pro Tem of the Senate,

Phil Berger, to assist with the construction costs for the Clearwater turn lane. Mr. Dear stated, "This resolution will be used as a lobbying tool to re-coup the costs of the turn lane. Having the support of the Board of Commissioners could give us more leverage in Raleigh."

**ACTION:** Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Jason Falls and unanimously adopted by the board, *to adopt the following resolution:*

**NUMBER 12-2011**

**In Support of**  
**Construction of an Industrial Access Road and Turn Lane**  
**to serve Clearwater Paper**

**WHEREAS,** a recent expansion of Clearwater Paper, producer of more than half of the grocery store-brand tissue products in the United States, to Cleveland County includes construction of a distribution center and a manufacturing facility; and

**WHEREAS,** Cleveland County is currently a tier one county with an unemployment rate of 11.2%; and

**WHEREAS,** the new facilities are projected to include the addition of 260 new full-time jobs; and

**WHEREAS,** these new manufacturing jobs will be extremely helpful to improving the economic conditions for the citizens in Cleveland County; and

**WHEREAS,** in support of Clearwater Paper's decision to locate in Cleveland County, Commissioners pledged to assist with the application of grants for the construction of an industrial access road and rail spur; and

**WHEREAS,** at the time grants were awarded for construction of the industrial access road and rail spur, Cleveland County was not informed that the NCDOT would require a turn lane at the road entrance;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests \$150,000 from the North Carolina Office of the Speaker of the House, Thom Tillis, and from the Office of the President Pro Tem of the Senate, Phil Berger, to assist with the construction costs for the Clearwater roadway and turn lane.

**ADOPTED THIS THE 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2011.**

**THREE-DIRECTIONAL CROSSOVERS**

Per a request from the North Carolina Department of Transportation Division 12 Office, County Manager David Dear recommended Commissioners adopt a resolution in support of the installation of three directional crossovers at the intersection of US 74 and Buffalo Creek.

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

**In Support of**  
**Installing Three Directional Crossovers on US 74**

**WHEREAS,** several severe traffic accidents have occurred at the intersection of US 74 and Buffalo Creek; and

**WHEREAS,** the North Carolina Department of Transportation has investigated the traffic flow at this intersection and have determined that the installation of three directional crossovers at this intersection would correct this known safety issue; and

**WHEREAS**, these crossovers will allow left movements only thus reducing conflict points and increasing safety; 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 supports the NCDOT Division 12's request to use NCDOT Board Members discretionary funds to install three directional crossovers on US 74 between the intersection of US 74 business and Buffalo Creek.

**ADOPTED THIS THE 7th DAY OF JUNE 2011.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT: ZONING MAP AMENDMENT – DIXON DAIRY ROAD, LLC (Case #11-03)**

Bill McCarter, Planning Director, presented a petition from Dixon Dairy Road, LLC requesting a zoning map amendment from Residential (R) to Heavy Industrial (HI) for approximately 44 acres along Dixon Dairy Road, between Kings Mountain and Grover. The 44 acre tract is currently vacant. The surrounding uses are mining and rural residential.

Mr. McCarter reviewed the following recommendations from the Planning Board and the Planning Consultant:

**Chuck Nance, Planning Consultant, Isothermal Planning and Development Commission: APPROVE**

We have been able to review the rezoning request and all of the information that was provided. We have also viewed the aerial photography of the site and the surrounding area. It is noted that the existing land use is vacant, and the future land use if projected as residential. Adjacent land use is rural residential and mining.

It is our opinion that since adjoining areas are already zoned Heavy Industrial, and that this case is merely extending this Heavy Industrial zoning into this adjacent property, that Cleveland County could rezone this property from Residential to Heavy Industrial.

**Planning Board Recommendation: APPROVE**

The Planning Board voted unanimously, to recommend that the request be approved.

In 2005, NCGS 153A-341 was amended to require that planning board review include written comments on the consistency of the amendment with the Land Use Plan and any other relevant plans. The Board must also explain why the action is "reasonable and in the public interest".

**Consistent with the 2015 Land Use Plan**

This area was designated as residential, but adjoining an industrial area, and therefore would be consistent with the 2015 Land Use Plan.

**Is the amendment reasonable and in the best interest of the public?**

This amendment was considered a reasonable expansion of the industrial district.

**Surrounding Properties**

The area is transitioning from rural to industrial, mining has been the primary land use along the US-29/I-85 corridor since the 1950's.

**Non-Conforming Uses**

The site is currently vacant.

Chairman Hutchins opened the public hearing and asked anyone wishing to speak for or against the zoning map amendment to please come forward.



**Brian Bednar, Birdseye Energy**, is the project developer working with Dixon Dairy Road, LLC. The purpose of this rezoning is to develop a potential solar project similar to the one currently located on the Shelby/Cleveland County Regional Airport property. When looking for potential property, Mr. Bednar looked for industrial electrical load and a property zoned Heavy Industrial. He is presently working with Duke Energy to see if this project could be inter-connected.

Mr. Bednar has met with adjacent landowners and has not had any objections to the project at this time. This project will be self-sufficient and will not require any county services. The equipment will be located on the “mining side” of the property away from the adjoining residences. As a rule of thumb, a solar farm this size should produce enough power to serve 500 homes. It will be the second largest in the state. There will be a thirty foot buffer on all sides of the property and construction should take approximately 120 days.

**Mike Church, 300 Dixon Dairy Road**, is neither for nor against the project, however, he is concerned about property values if this project moves forward.

**Peter Potemkin, 711 Ridgeview Drive**, asked Commissioners how this would benefit customers.

County Manager David Dear explained that utility companies are under a mandate to create renewable energy by 2014. Private vendors such as Birdseye Energy will help utility companies provide this. The project will also create property tax base and some sales tax.

Chairman Hutchins closed the public hearing.

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins and unanimously adopted by the board, *to approve the rezoning as requested.*

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CLEVELAND COUNTY ZONING MAP  
44 acres along Dixon Dairy Rd.; a portion of Parcel # 11496  
Residential (R) to Heavy Industrial (HI)**

WHEREAS, Article 18 of Chapter 153A of the North Carolina General Statutes provides for the planning and regulation of development within the territorial jurisdiction of the county; and

WHEREAS, Dixon Dairy Road, LLC presented a petition to amend the Cleveland County Zoning Map containing approximately 44 acres along Dixon Dairy Rd. between Kings Mountain and Grover from Residential (R) to Heavy Industrial (HI); and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland County Planning Board found this parcel was designated as residential, but adjoining an industrial area, and therefore would be consistent with the 2015 Land Use Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland County Planning Board considered the amendment a reasonable expansion of the industrial district; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with NCGS 153A-343, a public hearing was held by the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners on June 7, 2011, and legal notices published on May 20 and June 3, 2011 and a sign posted on May 20, 2011 as required by law; and

WHEREAS, after consideration of comments made at the public hearing, along with the recommendation of the Cleveland County Planning Board,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners that the Cleveland County Zoning Map, as described in Section 12-147 of the Code, be amended to change the zoning classification of the following portion of parcel # 11496 from Residential (R) to Heavy Industrial

(HI) as illustrated on the attached map designated “Case 11-03”, and being incorporated herein by reference and made part of this ordinance.

BEGINNING at a point in the center of Dixon Dairy Road, North 88 West 1368.40 feet, South 01-30 West 1865.80 feet, thence with the right-of-way of Dixon Dairy Road, South 84 East 1040 feet, North 05-09 East 1600 feet, North 07-40 East 100 feet, North 08-44 East 100 feet, North 08-44 East 100 feet, North 20-41 East 100 feet, North 40-34 East 165 feet, to the point of BEGINNING.

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

**BUDGET: FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012**

County Manager David Dear described the budget as “a culmination of a long and stressful five month process.” He thanked Finance Director Chris Crepps, the Finance Department and Assistant County Manager Eddie Bailes for their hard work and assistance. He also thanked Commissioners of the past ten years for their financial guidance through each budget. He reviewed the budget process, the budget ordinance, and the budget message by delivering a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed budget (*copy of presentation found on Pages \_\_\_\_\_ of Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, copy of budget message and ordinance found below*).

County Manager Dear highlighted several items in the budget including; no property tax increase and proposal of a \$10 increase in the household fee to operate manned site containers throughout the county. The current fee is \$50 per household.

Chairman Hutchins asked the County Manager, “In the event that we eliminate the \$10 fee, can you make the budget work?”

A study from a solid waste consultant has been completed. It was their recommendation to raise the fee \$20, however, at this time, Mr. Dear felt that \$20 would be too much and opted for the \$10 increase. “At some point we will need to raise this fee, however, we can delay it for 1-2 years.”

**ACTION:** Johnny Hutchins made a motion to remove the \$10 fee from the budget.

County Attorney Bob Yelton recommended that the motion to remove the fee not be made until after the public hearing.

Commissioner Hawkins asked if the County Manager felt that any unfunded mandates will come down from the state budget. Mr. Dear responded, “The House and Senate have enough votes to override a veto by the Governor. If something changes and the veto can happen, counties may be affected. However, right now, I am pleased with the way Legislature has treated counties during this revenue shortfall.”

Commissioner Holbrook asked if the budget could be adjusted, if approved tonight, should unfunded mandates come from the state.

County Manager Dear responded, “The only thing that cannot be changed, should Commissioners approve the budget, is the tax rate.”

Commissioner Falls questioned several items in the budget and asked that the insurance be spelled out

more clearly in the final budget documents. He also discussed the possibility of combining postage for all departments and asked for a copy of the purchasing manual. Commissioner Falls re-iterated that he too was opposed to the increase in the convenience center fees.

Commissioners gave kudos to the Department of Social Services for decreasing their operating expenses by 5%.

County Manager Dear clarified why the line item for the County Attorney has not changed but the Attorney's hourly rate had. He noted that it depends on what economic development projects become viable or what cases that Mr. Yelton needs to handle that are not covered by insurance. Last year, the County spent more than usual on Attorney's fees to help recruit Clearwater Paper.

Commissioner Falls asked if the budget can show not only budgeted numbers but actual numbers as well.

Chairman Hutchins opened the public hearing.

**Guy Smith, 1115 Stoney Point Road, Kings Mountain**, spoke in opposition to the 27% hourly rate increase for the County Attorney. "I am a small business. I have a problem with this. If we all need to tighten our belt then we ALL have to."

Commissioner Hawkins spoke, "In 1971, the tax rate was \$1.30 not including school taxes, it is now \$0.57. This is my 11<sup>th</sup> budget and since then we have only decreased taxes and have never increased them.

Chairman Hutchins closed the public hearing.

**ACTION:** Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins and unanimously adopted by the board, ***to remove the \$10 convenience center fee from the proposed budget.***

**ACTION:** Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor and unanimously adopted by the board to, ***to adopt the budget as presented by the County Manager with the removal of the \$10 convenience center fee as approved by motion.***

June 7, 2011

**To the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners:**

This proposed fiscal year 2011-2012 budget for Cleveland County has been prepared in accordance with the North Carolina Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act and General Statute 153A-82. The fiscal year 2011-2012 budgeted revenues and expenditures are balanced with a property tax rate of 57 cents per \$100 of property valuation. The budget will be open for public inspection on May 26, 2011 and a public hearing will be held on June 7, 2011.

The Board of Commissioners met on May 17, 2011 to discuss and evaluate budget and capital project priorities for fiscal year 2011-2012. The county has been facing challenging economic conditions over the past several years that have negatively affected county revenues, but because of the Commissioners strong leadership and sound fiscal management, Cleveland County has been able to present a balanced budget with no tax increase and no reduction in county funded services.

**General Fund Budget**

The projected tax base for fiscal year 2011-2012 is \$6,725,000,000. This is a projected increase of \$175,000,000 in value over the previous year, which translates into \$967,575 in new revenue at a 57 cents tax rate and a 97% collection rate. Sales tax revenues are projected to stabilize this year but will still not rise to the levels from several years ago. Overall service-related fee collections also seem to have reached the bottom and are increasing slightly over last year. We have recently seen a slight increase in residential building permits. We hope this trend continues through the coming year. We must continue to recruit new businesses to our community. Growth in the tax base and sales taxes must increase to match our mandated spending requirements or our current allocated funding levels will be difficult to sustain over time.

The budget includes an increase in the hourly rate for the County Attorney from \$175 to \$220 per hour. This rate has not increased since July 1, 2007.

**Human Services**

The overall appropriation of county funding for the *Department of Social Services* is \$4,323,824 for a decrease in funding of 4.99% over the previous year. This decrease is primarily the result of the department's efforts in creating operational efficiencies.

The *Health Department* budget reflects an overall decrease of 0.37% for a total county appropriation of \$3,689,336. A Social Worker I, two Public Health Nurse IIs, and a Public Health Nurse II (50%) have been added to the Health Department. All of these new positions are fully funded by Carolina Access grant funds. This budget also includes a reduction in force of a Computing Consultant I position (012.538.2052).

Due to the depressed economic conditions that exist throughout the nation and the state, all of the county's human service agencies are experiencing an increase in caseload volume. The high unemployment rate is also resulting in a higher number of citizens without health insurance coverage which directly affects the need for increased government assistance. Although the client caseloads have increased, county employees are working diligently to maintain services at the same staffing levels.

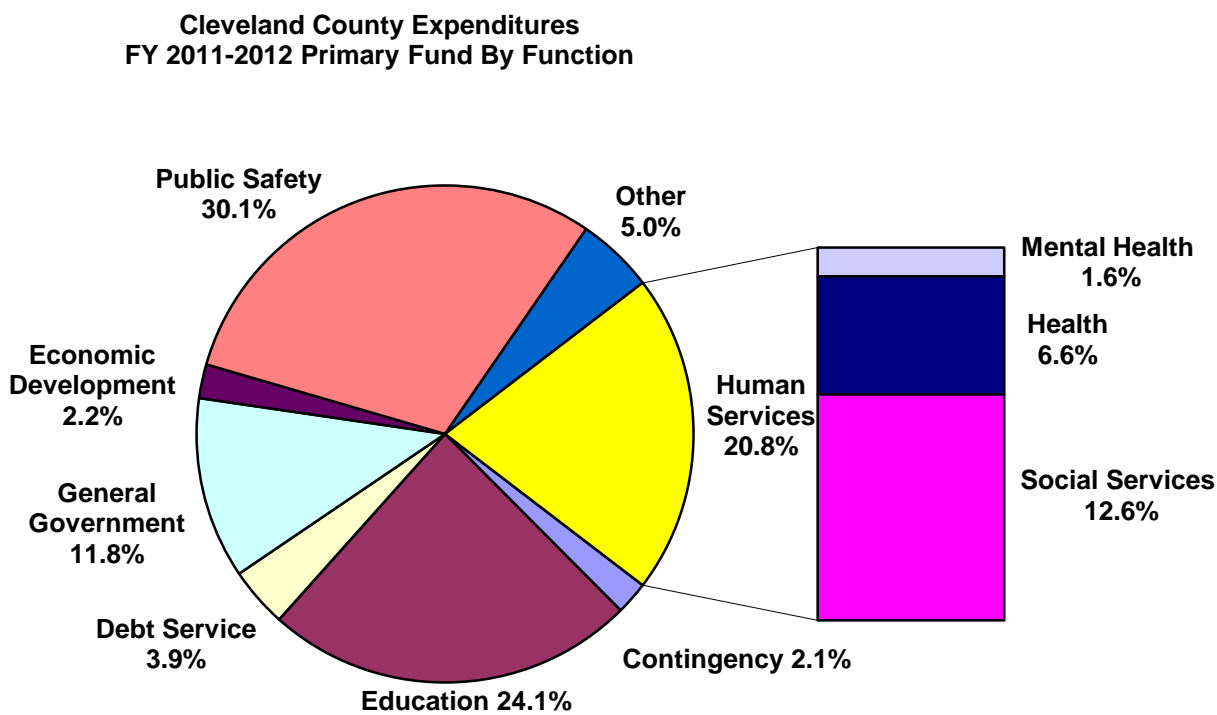
**Landfill (Enterprise Fund)**

The annual base household fee to operate the convenience centers will be increasing from \$50 to \$60. This is the first time that this fee has been increased since being instituted over twenty years ago. Those that have municipal garbage collection will see an adjustment in their fees in proportion to the change in the base fee rate. We have been working on finalizing plans for the recovery and beneficial uses of the methane gas produced by the landfill. This renewable energy resource will be converted to electricity or used by a local industry as a heating source.

**Public Safety**

The *Emergency Medical Services* department budget is allocated a total of \$5,420,099. This department budget reflects an increase of .64%, with most of the additional funds consisting of part time salaries, billing company fees, and minor equipment purchases. A new ambulance and a quick response vehicle (QRV) are also included in the budget.

The *Sheriff's Office* budget reflects an increase of 3.02% for a total appropriation of \$5,745,932. This budget includes the addition of 11 new Sheriff's vehicles to replace current high mileage vehicles.



The Detention Center appropriation is increasing by 4.91% for a total allocation of \$3,218,877. Last year, due to the 152 bed expansion at the Detention Center annex, the budget included the addition of 14 new staff members. As a result in the increased population, food, laundry, utilities, and health care costs have risen in the new budget. We have been working closely with the Sheriff's Office administration to keep costs down as much as possible, but with the new jail expenses some increases in operational costs are unavoidable.

Mobile data terminals have been purchased for all emergency vehicles in the Sheriff's Office, Emergency Medical Services, and Emergency Management. These terminals will give emergency personnel instant data access while in the field. The budget will include funding for the operation of this important public safety communication equipment.

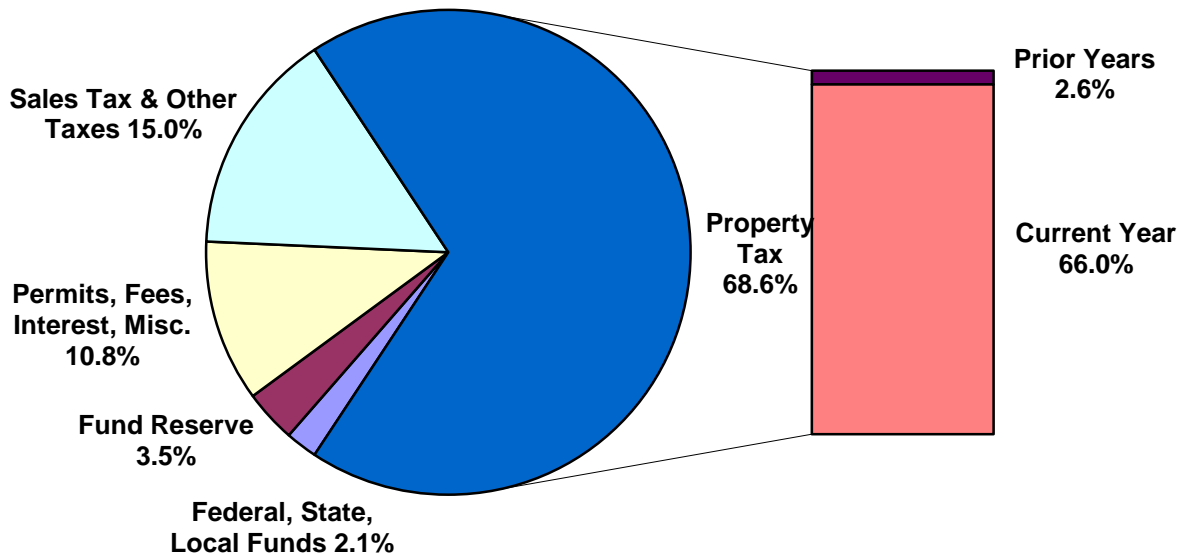
**Volunteer Fire Service Districts**

All fire service district tax rates will remain unchanged from last fiscal year. It is often difficult for many volunteers to be available to respond to calls during the day, so it may be necessary in the near future to explore the probability of having some paid staff during daytime hours. This county is fortunate to have a well trained and well equipped fire service. Our volunteers are enthusiastic in their desire to provide outstanding service to the citizens of Cleveland County.

**Tax Administration**

This budget proposes no change in the current property tax rate of 57 cents per \$100 of valuation. The tax rates for the county-wide school district and the county fire district will also remain at 15 cents and 3 cents respectively. The early payment discount for taxpayers who pay during the month of August will remain at the current discount rate of one-half of 1%.

**Cleveland County Revenues  
FY 2011-2012 Primary Fund By Source**



**Human Resources**

In order to maintain a balanced budget, employee salaries will be frozen at current levels. The budget does not include any pay increases for employees, including cost of living, merit, or standard rate increases.

In lieu of a pay increase, county employees will receive bonus vacation hours based on years of service. The years of service will be determined as of July 1, 2011. The bonus vacation hours may be used like any other vacation time. The hours will be pro-rated for part time employees in permanently budgeted positions.

Years of Service	Bonus Vacation Hours
1-10	24
11-25	32
25+	40

We will continue to offer employees health insurance options with an opportunity to select either a Health Savings Account (HSA) or a traditional PPO. Our health insurance costs continue to remain stable due primarily to the savings of the HSA plan. We are fortunate in that we have been able to maintain our increase in premium costs over the past several years in the single digits. For next year, the premiums paid by the county on behalf of the employees will rise by only 3%.

With the rising utilization of our dental program, this budget includes an increase in our dental premiums. The premiums for individual employees will increase by \$1.00 per month, but will continue to be paid by the county. Dependent coverage, paid by employees, will also experience a small increase. The employee plus one dependent option will increase by \$1.00 per pay period and employee plus family coverage will increase by \$1.50 per pay period.

The Wellness Program is a great benefit for employees that we began promoting several years ago. Employees are encouraged to make healthy choices which have a positive effect on their individual health as well as the overall stability of our health plan. In conjunction with our health plan, we have continued to promote our employee wellness clinic and pharmacy program as affordable options. The budget includes the addition of a Physician Extender II (50%) and a Public Health Nurse II (50%) to our wellness clinic. Both of these positions are funded by our Wellness Program.

Due to the current economic conditions and the failure to reach targeted investment earnings, the North Carolina Local Government Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees approved an increase in the employer contribution rate to 7.00% of payroll, which is a 0.50 percentage point increase. The new rate will be effective July 1, 2011. This is the second increase in the past two years.

**Veterans Services**

Last year, the Veterans Services office was redesigned and moved to a new location on the ground floor of the county administrative building. Our county veterans have commented that they have enjoyed the privacy of the new space. The numbers of veterans returning from active duty in the Middle East has risen over the past several years. The county staff has been doing an outstanding job in providing exceptional service to our local veterans.

**Public Schools**

The current expenditures for the Cleveland County School System will remain the same as in the previous year. The county allocation in the budget totals \$23,583,213 with the overall funding equating to over \$1,666 per pupil. The increase in per pupil funding is due primarily to a projected decrease in the number of students. Capital outlay will be reduced by \$250,000 and restricted capital projects will be funded at a total of \$1.2 million.

CLEVELAND COUNTY SCHOOL FUNDING WORKSHEET (ACCRUAL BASIS) April 29, 2011						
FISCAL YEAR	2012 <i>projected</i>	2011 <i>estimated</i>	2010	2009	2008	2007
Current Expense	10,408,213	10,408,213	10,408,213	10,408,213	9,908,213	9,808,213
Capital Outlay	1,750,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Special Capital Projects	1,200,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,300,000
Supplemental Tax	10,225,000	10,175,000	10,170,229	10,099,060	9,215,690	9,091,504
Fines & Forfeitures	500,000	500,000	580,292	590,056	640,742	561,027
Sales Tax	2,390,500	2,390,500	2,600,505	3,282,542	4,022,266	4,035,765
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>26,473,713</b>	<b>26,873,713</b>	<b>27,159,239</b>	<b>27,779,872</b>	<b>27,186,911</b>	<b>26,796,509</b>
Student Population	15886	16147	16411	16768	16957	17089
<b>Per Pupil Funding</b>	<b>1,666.48</b>	<b>1,664.32</b>	<b>1,654.94</b>	<b>1,656.72</b>	<b>1,603.29</b>	<b>1,568.06</b>
Annual Amount Change	2.16	9.38	(1.78)	53.43	35.23	46.44
Annual Percent Change	0.13%	0.57%	-0.11%	3.33%	2.25%	3.05%

The new Shelby Middle School will be completed this summer and is scheduled to open for the new school year in August. Once completed, the old Shelby Middle School will be renovated to house the new consolidated school administrative offices and the student alternative programs.

### Community College

The budget includes an allocation of \$1,415,129 in current expenditures for the Cleveland Community College. Funding for capital projects will remain unchanged. The construction of the LeGrand Center, located on the campus at the Community College, is progressing well and is anticipated to be completed in the late spring of 2012.

### Capital Projects

This budget addresses several capital projects. These projects are summarized as follows:

- Farmers' Market – Working on a joint project with the City of Shelby to create a new farmers' market located in Uptown Shelby.
- Conference Center/Early College High School/Continuing Education facility - Collaborating with the Cleveland County Schools and the Cleveland Community College to construct a multi-purpose facility.
- Detention Center Annex Expansion – Construction of the 152 bed expansion project is estimated to be completed in July 2011.
- Foothills Commerce Center – Working on a joint venture with the City of Shelby to develop an industrial park west of Shelby. A 100,000 square foot shell building in the park is under construction and is expected to be completed in August 2011.
- Historic Courthouse Renovations – Assisting with the renovation of the historic courthouse. The Earl Scruggs Center is scheduled to be completed in the spring of next year.
- Shelby Middle School – Working with the school board to build a new Shelby Middle School to open in the fall of 2011. Plans are to also renovate the current Shelby Middle School and consolidate the school administration and alternative programs.
- American Legion Baseball Facilities – Assisting with the renovation of the Shelby High School Baseball Stadium in preparation for the American Legion World Series in August.

### Economic Development/Tourism

The budget appropriates \$242,000 to the Cleveland County Economic Development Partnership to be used in the recruitment of new businesses, as well as existing industry expansions. We continue to receive calls and visits from potential businesses considering locating to our area. We will also continue to explore new and innovative ways to be more marketable to current and future businesses.

The county has continued to place an emphasis on local travel and tourism within our community. This budget is allocating \$95,000 for travel and tourism with a majority of funding coming from the local occupancy tax. Work continues on the Shelby High School baseball stadium which will host the American Legion World Series baseball tournament. As a result of the hard work of many dedicated volunteers, our community will see a tremendous economic benefit and national recognition. Along with the support of the county, private donors, and a \$1.5 million grant from the Economic Development Administration, Destination Cleveland County has begun renovations of the former historic county courthouse. The new Scruggs Center, once complete, along with the Don Gibson Theatre, will have a significant impact on the numbers of visitors to our county.

### Conclusion

The county unemployment rate is currently 11.7%. Retail sales have begun to stabilize and local housing starts are improving but are not near the levels of several years ago. With economic uncertainty, this budget focuses on maintaining overall public expenditures at current levels. We are exploring all avenues to manage costs while providing exceptional quality services. With the County Commissioners' direction and leadership, we will continue to operate with no reduction in county funded services and no increase in property taxes in the near future.

We look forward to continuing our focus on the recruitment of new businesses and the retention of our current businesses. Creating and retaining jobs for our citizens will help stabilize our local economy as well as assist with maintaining a stable tax rate. We are currently working on several economic development projects which if successful will have a positive impact on our overall economy and unemployment rate.

I would like to thank Chris Crepps, Finance Director and his staff for their outstanding work in assisting with the preparation of this budget. Our county departments and staff will continue to work diligently to contain costs and manage our resources wisely while providing exceptional public services.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLEVELAND COUNTY:**

**SECTION I. FUND ESTIMATED REVENUES.** It is estimated that the revenues and fund balances of the funds and departments as listed below will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012 to meet the functional appropriations as set forth in Section II. All fees, commissions, and other sums paid to or collected by any County Officer, or agent in their capacity, shall accrue to the benefit of the County and become County funds.

**A. GENERAL FUND ESTIMATED REVENUES**

		<b>\$108,280,767</b>	
		<i>Less Transfers</i>	
		<i>In:</i>	
		(\$13,454,952)	\$94,825,815
<b><u>Primary</u></b>		<b>\$58,947,189</b>	
		<i>Less Transfers</i>	
		<i>In:</i>	
		(\$1,359,097)	\$57,588,092
<u>Ad Valorem Tax:</u>	Current Year	\$37,182,525	
	(57.0 Cents per \$100 value) X (\$6,725,000,000 total value) X (97% collection)		
	Prior Years	\$1,120,050	
	Advertising/Penalties	\$360,000	
<u>Other Taxes:</u>	Sales		
	Tax 1 Cent (Article 39)	\$4,525,000	
	Two 1/2 Cents (Art 40 & 42)	\$3,450,000	
	Occupancy Tax	\$196,000	
	Heavy Equip Tax	\$24,000	
	Gross Receipts Tax	\$24,000	
	Excise Stamps Tax	\$200,000	
<u>Intergovernmental:</u>	US Forfeited Property-Sheriff	\$237,783	
	US Grant-Emergency Management	\$31,500	
	NC Telecommunications Surcharge	\$325,000	
	NC Grants-Third Party (Pass-Thru)	\$847,812	
	NC Grant--J.C.P.C. Admin.	\$2,504	
	NC Grant--Crim. Just. Part. Prog.	\$108,571	
	NC Court Arrest Fees-Sheriff	\$40,000	
	NC Forfeited Property-Sheriff	\$85,840	
	NC Housing of State Prisoners-Jail	\$150,000	
	NC Court Fees-Jail	\$44,000	
	NC License Revocation-Jail	\$9,000	
	NC Grant-Soil Conservation Match	\$25,600	
	NC Grant-Veterans' Services Match	\$2,000	
	NC Grant-State Aid to Libraries	\$137,811	
	Kings Mtn: County Library System	\$21,323	
	Schools: School Resource Officers	\$282,148	
	Shelby: Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$11,000	
	Other Various Sources	\$13,826	
<u>Permits/Fees:</u>	Register of Deeds	\$425,000	
	Sheriff	\$150,000	
	Inspections	\$200,000	
	Planning & Zoning	\$20,000	
<u>Sales/Services:</u>	Rents	\$1,478,000	
	Contracted Revenues		
	Municipal Tax Collection	\$250,000	
	Municipal Elections	\$199,269	

**SECTION I. FUND ESTIMATED REVENUES.**

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**A. GENERAL FUND ESTIMATED REVENUES**

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<u>Sales/Services:</u>	Local Fees & Medicaid		
	Emergency Med Serv	\$2,537,500	
	Volunteer Rescue	\$20,000	

	Electronic Maintenance	\$15,000		
	Cooperative Extension	\$23,471		
	County Library System	\$32,000		
<u>Interest:</u>	Interest on Investments	\$550,000		
<u>Miscellaneous:</u>	ABC Per Bottle & Profit Distribution	\$50,000		
	Sale of Used Assets	\$25,000		
	Vending/Payphone Commissions	\$44,000		
	Contributions & Donations	\$47,500		
	Other Miscellaneous	\$20,000		
<u>Other Sources:</u>	School Capital Reserve Fund (Transfer)	\$1,290,000		
	Emergency Telephone Fund (Transfer)	\$69,097		
	ROD Automation E & P	\$56,363		
	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$1,987,696		
	<b><u>Social Services &amp; Public Assistance</u></b>		<b>\$23,470,053</b>	
		<i>Less Transfers</i>		
		<i>In:</i>	(\$7,105,296)	\$16,364,757
	Grants-Federal and State Govts	\$16,288,326		
	Local Fees	\$76,431		
	Primary Fund (Transfer)	\$7,105,296		
	<b><u>Public Health</u></b>		<b>\$13,157,247</b>	
		<i>Less Transfers</i>		
		<i>In:</i>	(\$3,811,719)	\$9,345,528
	Grants-Federal and State Govts	\$1,772,145		
	Local Fees & Medicaid	\$7,573,383		
	Primary Fund (Transfer)	\$3,689,336		
	Other Funds (Transfer)	\$122,383		
	<b><u>Employee Wellness</u></b>		<b>\$863,200</b>	
		<i>Less Transfers</i>		
		<i>In:</i>	(\$680,000)	\$183,200
	Local Fees	\$183,200		
	Health Insurance Fund (Transfer)	\$680,000		
	<b><u>Court Facilities</u></b>		<b>\$321,078</b>	
		<i>Less Transfers</i>		
		<i>In:</i>	(\$105,000)	\$216,078
	Departmental Fees	\$216,078		
	Primary Fund (Transfer)	\$105,000		
	<b><u>School Property Taxes</u></b>		<b>\$10,080,000</b>	\$10,080,000
	Ad Valorem Tax: Current Year	\$10,080,000		
	(15.0 Cents per \$100 value) X (\$6,725,000,000 total value)			
	<b><u>Workers' Compensation</u></b>		<b>\$722,000</b>	
		<i>Less Transfers</i>		
		<i>In:</i>	(\$393,840)	\$328,160
	Interest on Investments/Other	\$328,160		
	Primary Fund (Transfer)	\$105,000		
	Other Funds (Transfer)	\$288,840		
	<b>SECTION I. FUND ESTIMATED REVENUES.</b>			<b>(continued)</b>
	<b><u>A. GENERAL FUND ESTIMATED REVENUES</u></b>			<b>(continued)</b>
	<b><u>Health Insurance</u></b>		<b>\$720,000</b>	\$720,000
	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$720,000		
	<b><u>B. SPECIAL REVENUE FUND ESTIMATED REVENUES</u></b>		<b>\$1,936,162</b>	
	<b><u>Emergency Telephone</u></b>		<b>\$381,896</b>	\$2,318,058
	E911 Subscriber Fees	\$381,896		
	<b><u>County Fire Service District</u></b>		<b>\$1,554,266</b>	\$1,554,266
	Ad Valorem Tax: Current Year	\$829,350		
	(3.0 Cents per \$100 value) X (\$2,850,000,000 total value) X (97% collection)			
	District Revenues	\$724,916		



**C. DEBT SERVICE FUND ESTIMATED REVENUES**

		<b>\$5,650,061</b>	
	<i>Less Transfers</i>		
	<i>In:</i>	(\$4,037,251)	\$1,612,810

**Debt Service**

		<b>\$5,650,061</b>	
	<i>Less Transfers</i>		
	<i>In:</i>	(\$4,037,251)	\$1,612,810
Other Unit's Share of Expenditures		\$1,612,810	
Primary Fund (Transfer)		\$2,122,997	
School Capital Reserve Fund (Transfer)		\$1,914,254	

**D. CAPITAL PROJECT FUND ESTIMATED REVENUES**

		<b>\$6,204,254</b>	
	<i>Less Transfers</i>		
	<i>In:</i>	(\$2,600,000)	\$3,604,254

**Capital Projects**

		<b>\$1,500,000</b>	
	<i>Less Transfers</i>		
	<i>In:</i>	(\$1,500,000)	\$0
Capital Reserve Fund (Transfer)		\$1,500,000	

**County Capital Reserve**

		<b>\$1,500,000</b>	
	<i>Less Transfers</i>		
	<i>In:</i>	(\$1,100,000)	\$400,000
County Funds		\$1,100,000	
Fund Balance Appropriated		\$400,000	

**School Capital Reserve**

		<b>\$3,204,254</b>	\$3,204,254
Sales Tax: Two 1/2 Cents (Art. 40 & 42)		\$2,551,854	
Grants-Public School Bldg. Cap. Fds.		\$652,400	

**E. ENTERPRISE FUND ESTIMATED REVENUES**

		<b>\$5,569,951</b>	
	<i>Less Transfers</i>		
	<i>In:</i>	(\$250,000)	\$5,319,951

**Solid Waste Landfill**

		<b>\$5,569,951</b>	
	<i>Less Transfers</i>		
	<i>In:</i>	(\$250,000)	\$5,319,951
Grants and Shared Taxes-State Govt		\$165,000	
Local Fees and User Fees		\$5,019,951	
Sale of Recyclables/Other		\$135,000	
Primary Fund (Transfer)		\$250,000	

**SECTION I TOTAL (TOTAL FUND ESTIMATED REVENUES)**

		<b>\$127,641,195</b>	
	<i>Less Transfers</i>		
	<i>In:</i>	(\$20,342,203)	\$107,298,992

**SECTION II. FUND APPROPRIATIONS.** It is hereby affirmed that the appropriations of the funds and departments as listed below will be sufficient to meet the County's normal operating obligations.

**A. GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS**

		<b>\$108,280,767</b>	
	<i>Less Transfers</i>		
	<i>Out:</i>	(\$15,302,629)	\$92,978,138

**General Government**

		<b>\$25,563,396</b>	
	<i>Less Transfers</i>		
	<i>Out:</i>	(\$15,197,629)	\$10,365,767

10.411	Commissioners (Governing Body)	\$386,746
10.412	County Manager's Office	\$462,824
10.413	Finance/Purchasing	\$623,019
	Property Tax	
10.415	Administration	\$1,452,516
10.416	Legal/County Attorney	\$64,200
10.418	Elections	\$367,788
10.419	Register of Deeds	\$366,734
10.421	Information Technology	\$546,068
	Human	
10.423	Resources	\$340,598
10.426	Building Maintenance	\$1,371,663
10.428	Municipal Elections	\$199,269

10.430	Municipal Grants		\$147,048
10.432	Grants--Third Party (Pass Thru)		\$847,812
10.433	Grant--J.C.P.C. Administration		\$2,704
10.613	Communities in Schools		\$58,500
10.619	ROD Automation E & P		\$22,000
10.981	Transfers Out To:		\$14,477,629
	Social Services	\$4,323,824	
	Public Assistance	\$2,781,472	
	Public Health	\$3,689,336	
	Courts	\$105,000	
	Workers' Comp.	\$105,000	
	Debt Service	\$2,122,997	
	Capital Reserve	\$1,100,000	
	Solid Waste	\$250,000	
10.998	Emergency & Contingency		\$1,200,000
13.660	Employee Wellness		\$863,200
14.417	Court Facilities		\$321,078
60.650	Workers' Compensation		\$722,000
65.981	Employee Medical Insurance (Transfer)		\$720,000

**Public Safety**

**\$17,418,811**      \$17,418,811

10.439	Grant--Criminal Justice Partnership		\$108,571
10.440	School Resource Officers		\$330,398
10.441	Sheriff		\$5,745,932
	Forfeited Property--		
10.442	Federal		\$237,783
10.443	Forfeited Property--State		\$85,840
10.444	Detention Center/Jail		\$3,218,877
10.445	Emergency Management		\$290,739
10.446	Emergency Medical Services		\$5,420,099
10.447	Volunteer Rescue		\$127,378
10.448	Communications		\$966,838
10.449	Electronic Maintenance		\$360,539
10.450	Building Inspections		\$416,612
10.451	Coroner		\$88,500
10.453	Hazardous Materials		\$20,705

**SECTION II. FUND APPROPRIATIONS.**  
**A. GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS**

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**Economic & Physical Development**

**\$1,259,535**      \$1,259,535

	Planning &		
10.491	Zoning		\$318,938
10.492	Economic Development/Tourism		\$473,581
10.495	Cooperative Extension		\$305,211
10.496	Forestry Management		\$70,708
10.498	Soil Conservation		\$91,097

**Transportation**

**\$39,465**

10.497	Transportation Admin. of Clev. Cty.		\$39,465
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**Human Services**

**\$37,778,418**

		<i>Less Transfers</i>		
		<i>Out:</i>		
			(\$105,000)	\$37,673,418
10.560	Mental Health (Pathways)		\$916,939	
10.591	Veterans' Service Officer		\$94,142	
10.617	Council on Aging (Senior Center)		\$140,037	
11.000	Social Svcs. & Public Asst.		\$23,365,053	
11.000	Transfers Out To Other Funds		\$105,000	
12.000	Public Health		\$13,157,247	

**Education**

**\$24,943,342**      \$24,943,342

10.600	Cleveland County Schools		\$13,448,213
	Current Expense	\$10,408,213	
	Capital Outlay	\$3,040,000	
10.604	Cleveland Community College		\$1,415,129
	Current Expense	\$1,415,129	
20.600	School Property Taxes		\$10,080,000

<b><u>Cultural</u></b>			<b>\$1,208,574</b>	\$1,208,574
10.611	Libraries		\$1,048,673	
	County Library System	\$978,652		
	Other Libraries	\$70,021		
10.612	Recreation		\$94,900	
10.614	Historic Artifacts		\$65,001	

<b><u>Debt Service (small lease purchase agreements)</u></b>			<b>\$69,226</b>	\$69,226
10.800	Debt Service		\$69,226	

**B. SPECIAL REVENUE FUND APPROPRIATIONS**

			<b>\$1,936,162</b>	
	<i>Less Transfers</i>			
	<i>Out:</i>		(\$69,097)	\$1,867,065

**Public Safety**

			<b>\$1,936,162</b>	
	<i>Less Transfers</i>			
	<i>Out:</i>		(\$69,097)	\$1,867,065

26.454	Emergency Telephone		\$312,799	
26.454	Transfer Out To Other Funds		\$69,097	
28.452	Volunteer Fire Departments		\$1,554,266	

**C. DEBT SERVICE FUND APPROPRIATIONS**

			<b>\$5,650,061</b>	\$5,650,061
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**Debt Service**

			<b>\$5,650,061</b>	\$5,650,061
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30.800	Debt Service		\$5,650,061	
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**SECTION II. FUND APPROPRIATIONS.**

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**D. CAPITAL PROJECT FUND APPROPRIATIONS**

			<b>\$6,204,254</b>	
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	<i>Less Transfers</i>			
	<i>Out:</i>		(\$4,704,254)	\$1,500,000

**Capital Projects**

			<b>\$6,204,254</b>	
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	<i>Less Transfers</i>			
	<i>Out:</i>		(\$4,704,254)	\$1,500,000

40.210	General Projects		\$1,500,000	
41.209	County: Capital Reserves (Transfer)		\$1,500,000	
	Schools: Local Option Sales Taxes			
42.105	(Transfer)		\$2,551,854	
42.106	State Corporate Income Taxes (Transfer)		\$652,400	

**E. ENTERPRISE FUND APPROPRIATIONS**

			<b>\$5,569,951</b>	
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	<i>Less Transfers</i>			
	<i>Out:</i>		(\$266,223)	\$5,303,728

**Environmental**

			<b>\$5,569,951</b>	
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	<i>Less Transfers</i>			
	<i>Out:</i>		(\$266,223)	\$5,303,728

54.472	Solid Waste Capital Projects		\$500,000	
54.473	Solid Waste Disposal		\$3,068,787	
54.473	Transfer Out To Other Funds		\$266,223	
54.474	Solid Waste Collections		\$1,734,941	

**SECTION II TOTAL (TOTAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS)**

			<b>\$127,641,195</b>	
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	<i>Less Transfers</i>			
	<i>Out:</i>		(\$20,342,203)	\$107,298,992

**SECTION III. PROPERTY TAX RATES.** The County-wide property tax rate shall be 57 cents per \$100 valuation for purposes of the General Fund and 15 cents per \$100 valuation for purposes of the School Property Taxes Fund; thus, the combined County-wide property tax rate shall be 72 cents per \$100 valuation. Further, the property tax rate for the County Fire Service District shall be 3 cents per \$100 valuation and derived revenues shall be used to benefit volunteer fire departments in the district.

**SECTION IV. BUDGET CHANGES.** The County Manager shall have authorization to make budget changes between any and all operating funds and departments as long as the Total Fund Estimated Revenues and Total Fund Appropriations remain at the level, including all subsequent budget amendments, approved and adopted by the County Board of Commissioners, except as provided below.

**SECTION V. BUDGET CARRY FORWARDS.** The County Manager shall have authorization to include in the budget all prior year budget amounts remaining for outstanding purchase order encumbrances, unspent grants, unspent donations, and other ongoing projects as determined by the Finance Department.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Falls- The application for Pathways merger has been sent in to the state. A planning meeting will be held with all interested parties on August 20<sup>th</sup> from 9-3.

Wayne King of King Mountain was elected as the Vice-Chairman of the North Carolina Republican Party at their NCGOP Conference in Wilmington

Commissioner Holbrook is continuing to work on Economic Development Projects and has had several visits from American Legion folks over the last few weeks.

Commissioner Accor attended a DSS meeting where the family of the late Teala McSwain was honored with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine. The fair board met and approved \$102,000 worth of electrical upgrades to the Fairgrounds. She praised Calvin Hastings and Andy Elmore for their continued leadership.

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, ***to adjourn.***

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*Johnny Hutchins, Chairman  
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*

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*Kerri Melton, Clerk  
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*