

**CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**September 20, 2011**

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on this date, at the hour of 6:00 p.m., at Palmer Grove Baptist Church in Kingstown.

**PRESENT:** Johnny Hutchins, Chairman  
Ronnie Hawkins, Vice-Chairman  
Mary S. Accor, Commissioner  
Eddie Holbrook, Commissioner  
Jason Falls, Commissioner  
David C. Dear, County Manager  
Bob Yelton, County Attorney  
Kerri Melton, County Clerk  
April Crotts, Deputy Clerk  
Chris Crepps, Finance Director  
Chris Green, Tax Administrator  
Bill McCarter, Planning Director  
Alexis Pearson, Human Resources Director  
Rebecca Clark, *The Star*  
Barry Ditz, *Cleveland Headline News*  
Other individual names on file in the Clerk's Office

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Johnny Hutchins called the meeting to order. Pastor James Smith of Palmer Grove Baptist Church provided the invocation. Planning Director Bill McCarter led the audience in the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag of the United States of America.

**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 Clerk.***

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**TAX COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT**

The Tax Collector provided Commissioners with a detailed written report regarding taxes collected during ***August 2011*** (copy found on Page \_\_\_\_\_ of Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_).

**TAX ABATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS**

The Tax Assessor provided Commissioners with a detailed written report regarding tax abatements and supplements during ***August 2011***. The monthly grand total of tax abatements was listed as (\$91,760.76); and, the monthly grand total for tax supplements was listed as \$232,925.87.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #005)**

**ACTION:** Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Jason Falls, 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>
012.516.4.350.01/SSIHC-5401	Smart Start/State Funds-Sm St.		\$36,442.
012.516.5.121.00	Smart Start/Salary-Reg.		24,414.
012.516.5.131.00	Smart Start/Social Security		1,514.

012.516.5.132.00	Smart Start/Retirement	1,709.
012.516.5.133.00	Smart Start/Hospital Ins.	5,050.
012.516.5.134.00	Smart Start/Dental Ins.	180.
012.516.5.135.00	Smart Start/Employer 401K	1,221.
012.516.5.136.00	Smart Start/Medicare Ins.	354.
012.516.5.311.00/SSIHC-5401	Smart Start/Educational Materials	2,000.

Explanation of Revisions: Reduce Smart Start budget due to elimination in funding.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There being no corrections, additions, or deletions to the Minutes of **August 16, 2011 and September 6, 2011**, motion was made by Ronnie Hawkins, seconded by Jason Falls, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to **approve the minutes as written.**

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **ABANDONMENT OF RIGHT OF WAY- LARGO ROAD**

At their September 6, 2011 regular meeting, Commissioners tabled action on adoption of a resolution to abandon a portion of Largo Road (*Clerks Note: reference Minutes of September 6, 2011*). Commissioners asked the NCDOT to provide them with a detailed map of the location and dimensions of the turn-around.

Bill McCarter, Planning Director provided requested items to Commissioners along with the following notes:

- The L-shaped turn around will be built inside the existing 60 foot right-of-way.
- The District Engineer will require the turn around to be a stone surface.
- Mr. Falls will pay for construction of the turn-around, however it will be maintained by the NCDOT.

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

**NUMBER 19-2011**

#### **Resolution Order to Abandon Public Right-of-Way Portion Of Largo Drive (SR 1528)**

**WHEREAS**, the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners have received a petition from the North Carolina Department of Transportation requesting the abandonment of a portion of the public right-of-way of SR 1528 Largo Drive (approximately 0.036 miles); and,

**WHEREAS**, the mandates of NCGS 153A-241 have been met regarding the proposed abandonment of the public right-of-way; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on August 16, 2011; and,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, in accordance with the mandates of NCGS 153A-241, the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners do hereby order the abandonment of a portion of **Largo Drive**, and that a copy of this order be filed in the Office of the Register of Deeds.

**ADOPTED THIS 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2011.**

### **SHERIFF'S OVERTIME BUDGET**

County Manager David Dear received a letter from Sheriff Alan Norman regarding establishment of a Sheriff's Office Overtime Policy. Commissioners were provided with a copy of the policy in their agenda books (*copy found on Page \_\_\_\_ of Minute Book \_\_\_\_*). Sheriff Norman requested \$25,000 of forfeiture money be used to establish an overtime budget line item. Beginning October 1, 2011, the Sheriff's office would like to begin to utilize full-time, sworn Deputy Sheriff's for patrol overtime (manhunts, murder investigations, etc.). All overtime hours will be granted in accordance with the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office Overtime Policy. Sheriff Norman requested this policy be approved on a six month trial basis. At the conclusion of the trial period, he would provide Commissioners with a full evaluation and present it during a work session in early 2012.

**ACTION:** Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office Overtime Policy and the request for \$25,000 of forfeiture money to be used for an overtime budget. The policy is to be approved for a six month trial basis. Sheriff Norman will report back to Commissioners at a work session in early 2012.*

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioners took a moment to thank the members of Kingstown Town Council and the citizens for hosting the meeting. Commissioner Accor thanked them for "living the dream."

Jason Falls- The Pathways Board adopted the Intent to Merge agreement. This document will be brought before Commissioners at their October 18<sup>th</sup> regular meeting for approval.

Commissioner Falls attended his first Isothermal Planning and Development Commission Board meeting where they were told Section 8 housing rates have decreased substantially.

Commissioner Falls explained this will not only be a challenge to those living in the houses but also to the landlords. Isothermal Planning will ask HUD to re-examine these numbers.

Eddie Holbrook- Commissioner Holbrook met with Frank Stewart of Ultra Machine. Ultra was recently awarded a multi-million dollar contract from the Federal government to produce security-type machines. Mr. Stewart is expecting to hire an additional 150 employees. Cleveland County Economic Development Partnership has been working on several other project in hopes of bringing additional jobs and tax base to the county.

The American Legion World Series received a report from the University of Tennessee regarding the economic impact of the American Legion World Series. Commissioner Holbrook and his team were expecting the series to make a \$4-\$5 Million economic impact on the community. Instead, results from the report showed a \$7.9 Million impact on the local economy.

Mary Accor- The Cleveland County Healthcare System Board of Directors meeting was recently held in Asheville. Commissioner Accor announced the new Urgent Care Center is scheduled to open in December. She wished a Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday to the Town of Boiling Springs. Commissioner Accor expressed excitement with the upcoming Cleveland County Fair scheduled to open September 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm. The Commission for Women will once again host the Miss Cleveland County Fair on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The Education Summit was held in Cleveland County. Community leaders discussed the gap in education and the fact that we, as a community, need to continue to work on “closing the gap.” The First Annual NAACP Banquet will be held on Saturday night at the Neal Center.

Ronnie Hawkins- Commissioner Hawkins was sworn in to his second term on the Cleveland County Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees discussed a recent drop in enrollment at the Community College. Staff at the Community College believes the drop in enrollment is due to the State of North Carolina not funding Huskins classes. “Cleveland Community College is doing great things for the young people of Cleveland County.”

The LeGrand Center is scheduled to open in July. This facility is being showcased across the country including a worksession held at the in NACo conference in Oregon as being a “very progressive” facility.

The City of Kings Mountain is establishing a new fire district south of Kings Mountain. This fire district will serve approximately 90-100 homes. The creation of this fire district will help the insurance ratings of those living in the district. The creation of this district is yet another example of cooperation between entities in Cleveland County (City of Kings Mountain, the Bethlehem Fire Department and Cleveland County).

Commissioner Hawkins thanked Rebecca Clark of The Star for featuring animals up for adoption in the paper each week. A rabies clinic will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2011 at Burns High School. On October 1, 2011 the county will host an adoption clinic at Tractor Supply. Adoptable animals will be brought from the Animal Shelter to Tractor Supply. Commissioner Hawkins and Commissioner Falls have been driving this project and encourages citizens to adopt animals.

Johnny Hutchins visited Gaston County to discuss their methane gas project. Chairman Hutchins is looking to move forward with a methane gas project at the Cleveland County Landfill.

CAGO held their meeting at the Cleveland County jail. Currently, 85 inmates are being held out of the county at a cost of \$60 per day. The new jail is set to open in a couple of weeks.

Former Commissioner Willie McIntosh thanked Commissioners for taking the business of the county out into the community. He expressed his thanks in “what we have here in Cleveland County” and thanked Pastor Smith for grooming future leaders.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Jason Falls, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to adjourn. The next regular meeting will be held *on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.* in this Commission Chamber.

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*Johnny Hutchins, Chairman  
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*

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*Kerri Melton, County Clerk  
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*