

CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 4, 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
Mary S. Accor, Commissioner
Jason Falls, Commissioner
Eddie Holbrook, Commissioner
David C. Dear, County Manager
Bob Yelton, Attorney
Kerri Melton, County Clerk
Eddie Bailes, Assistant County Manager
Chris Green, Tax Administrator
Chris Crepps, Finance 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. Brandon Ruppe, a student at Cleveland County Early College High School led the audience in the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag of the United States of America. Human Resources Director, Alexis Pearson, 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.*

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no corrections, additions or deletions to the minutes of the *September 14 and September 20, 2011*, motion was made by Ronnie Hawkins, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to *approve the minutes as written.*

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #006)

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

<i>Account Number</i>	<i>Department/Account Name</i>	<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
012.530.4.810.00	General/Donations/Contrib	\$ 150.	
012.530.5.790.00	General/Donations/Contrib	150.	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget donation from Lions Club of Shelby for eye exams.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #007)

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins 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>
012.533.4.810.00	Adult Health/Donations/Contrib	\$ 225.	
012.533.5.790.00	Adult Health/Donations/Contrib		225.

Explanation of Revisions: Budget donation for purchase of prescription drugs for indigent clients.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #008)

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins 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>
012.539.4.810.00	Family Planning/Donations/Contrib	\$ 75.	
012.539.5.790.00	Family Planning/Donations/Contrib		75.

Explanation of Revisions: Budget donation received for completion of survey for Family Planning operating expenses.

WATER: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #009)

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins 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>
010.713.4.410.00/OLEAF-T5PK	Water/Local & Other Grants	\$23,520.	
010.713.5.700.00/OLEAF-T5PK	Water/ Grants		23,520.

Explanation of Revisions: To budget grant award from Golden Leaf for construction of 420 feet of 12" water line to serve the T5 Data Park.

SOCIAL SERVICES: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #010)

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins 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>
011.507.4.410.00	Outside Poor/Local & Other Grants	\$ 1,000.	
011.507.5.700.00	Outside Poor/Grants		1,000.

Explanation of Revisions: Budget Amendment necessary to accept a United Way grant in the amount of \$1,000 FY 2011/2012. This grant will assist with emergency food and shelter for adults.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #011)

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins 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>
010.441.4.810.00	Sheriff/Donations/Contrib	\$ 225.	
010.441.5.790.00	Sheriff/Donations/Contrib		225.

Explanation of Revisions: Request approval to budget \$170 received from Landmark Baptist Church. Funds represent a portion of an offering received during "Heroes and Home", a September 11th service held at the Gibson Theatre. Funding will be used for needed departmental expenses for all employees not provided for in the budget.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

BRANDON RUPPE- YOUTH VOICE

In August, Brandon Ruppe attended Youth Voice as the representative from Cleveland County. Youth Voice is an event sponsored by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. Last year, Youth Voice attendees create a list of the top ten issues among youth in North Carolina. This year, the group developed three solutions to each of the top ten issues. Mr. Ruppe presented the list as follows:

Violence: Implement a “Teen Court”; hold character-building classes; and hold self-defense classes.

Education: Hire quality and qualified teachers; offer more fundraising/sponsorship opportunities; and increase parental involvement.

Dropouts: Raise the drop-out age to 18; have more electives in school to address more personal interests; and offer more one-on-one mentoring opportunities.

Substance abuse: Implement more “scared straight” type programs; support DARE; and increase parental education.

Health issues: Make PE/gym classes mandatory for all grade levels.

Focus on school lunches to include healthier food and incorporate healthy cooking classes.

Lack of things to do: Offer more sports activities for home-schooled youth, (middle school and up); promote 4-H/FFA or other youth organizations; and offer more programs for middle and high school students.

Socio-economics: Hold a job fair for teens; offer internships; and offer money management programs.

Recreation: Offer in-school 4-H clubs; open high school sports to homeschoolers; and hold block parties.

Lack of youth voice: Have youth and government organizations work together; offer more leadership opportunities; and form a youth council.

Teen pregnancy: Make parenting and child development classes mandatory for graduation; broaden education about teen pregnancy, abstinence, early education, STD prevention, birth control, and the emotional control aspects of having sex; and do not glorify teen pregnancy on television.

CLEVELAND COUNTY SCHOOLS PRINCIPAL, TEACHER AND TEACHER ASSISTANT OF THE YEAR

Commissioners recognized the following with a certificate of Recognition:

Henry Gilmore- Kings Mountain Intermediate- Principal of the Year
Jennifer Bumgardner- West Elementary- Teacher of the Year
Christy Dawkins- Bethware Elementary- Teacher Assistant of the Year

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE AGREEMENTS: KINGS PLUSH, INC., B&W FIBERGLASS, ULTRA MACHINE & FABRICATION, BIRDSEYE RENEWABLE ENERGY, L.L.C.,

Ken Mooney, Manager, Existing Industry presented four incentive agreements to Commissioners.

He highlighted each incentive agreement as follows:

Kings Plush, Inc. (doing business as Specialty Textiles, Inc.):

- Located at 515 Marie Street, Kings Mountain
- Project will create approximately \$4.9 Million in new taxable investment over five years
- Grant term- 5 years
- Project will create sixty-two (62) new, full-time jobs
- The grant award will be the appraised value of the net new taxable investment of the project of each of the five years multiplied by .0057 (tax rate) multiplied by 60%.

B&W Fiberglass, Inc.:

- Located at 4222 W. Dixon Boulevard, Shelby
- Project will create approximately \$2 Million in new taxable investment
- Project will create twenty-five (25) new, full-time jobs
- Grant shall include a \$26,900 match for approximately \$342,000 in sewer and water line extension grants.

Ultra Machine & Fabrication, Inc.:

- Located at 2011 Randolph Road, Shelby
- Project will create approximately \$2 Million in new taxable investment
- Grant term- 10 years
- Project will create thirty-six (36) new, full-time jobs
- The grant award will be the appraised value of the net new taxable investment of the project of each of the five years multiplied by .0057 (tax rate) multiplied by 65%.
- Grant shall also include a \$10,800 match to a \$360,000 Rural Center building re-use grant.

Birdseye Renewable Energy, LLC:

- Located on Tax Parcel #11496 (approximately 44 acres) in Kings Mountain
- Project will create approximately \$18 Million in new taxable investment over a twelve-month period.
- Grant term- 10 years
- The grant award will be the appraised value of the net new taxable investment of the project of each of the five years multiplied by .0057 (tax rate) multiplied by 25%.

Mr. Mooney then spoke of the similarities in the incentive agreements of the four projects

including the following:

- The value of the equipment will be determined by the Tax Assessor
- All applicable taxes must be paid in full
- Grantee is required to provide any information to the county in order to be in compliance with the grant agreement.

Should the grant agreements be approved, approval would result in a total of \$26.9 Million in new investment and a total of 124 new, full-time jobs.

Chairman Hutchins opened the public hearing and asked anyone wishing to speak for or against the proposed incentive agreements to come forward.

Kristin Fletcher, Executive Vice President of CCEDP, noted that Cleveland County has garnered a lot of attention from across the state regarding the success of the Cleveland County Economic

Development Partnership. Ms. Fletcher said, “People continue to ask why? I continue to tell them that we have five secret weapons. Those secret weapons are all of you.” Ms. Fletcher praised Cleveland County’s ability to “think outside the box.” She praised Commissioners for putting partisanship aside to do what is best for Cleveland County. Lastly, Ms. Fletcher made note of the diversity of the projects and thanked Commissioners for their continued support.

Michael Chrisawn, Cleveland Chamber President, spoke on behalf of the 650+ Chamber members by wholeheartedly supporting all four of the Economic Development Projects. He made note of Birdseye Renewable Energy project which is a new “type” of project to Cleveland County. “I hope that we can build upon this”, he said.

Mr. Chrisawn again noted that he believes the economic recovery will come from existing industry with three out of four incentive packages being for existing industries. “Thank you for pushing it as hard as you do every day.”

Hearing no other comments, Chairman Hutchins closed the public hearing.

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Jason Falls and unanimously adopted by the board, ***to approve the incentive agreements as presented (copy of agreements found on Pages ____ of Minute Book ____).***

Chairman Hutchins spoke about the partnerships in Cleveland County. “When we partner together, you can see the results. It takes one big team to achieve these goals. The winners are the 123 people who will get these jobs.”

Commissioner Holbrook thanked the Economic Development Team, “We are not the foot soldiers in the field. Thanks to Kristin Fletcher, Ken Mooney and David Dear...I wish all could understand that although it is not great, we are getting better...We’re not there, but we are getting there.”

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Falls:

Commissioner Falls has been working on recruiting retail business to Cleveland County. He thanked Commissioner Hawkins for his work on an adoption clinic which was held on October 1, 2011 at Tractor Supply. Lastly, he asked Commissioners to review the Pathways Intent to Merge Document and contact him with questions.

Commissioner Holbrook:

A kick-off for the public campaign phase of the LeGrand Center is now underway. Commissioner Holbrook reminded Commissioners of the Foothills Commerce Center Dedication and check presentation by the Golden Leaf Foundation which will be held on Friday, October 14th at 10:00am.

Commissioner Accor:

Commissioner Accor thanked Assistant County Manager Eddie Bailes for attending the Social Services Board Meeting.

As a board member of the Fair Board, she shared the success to date of this years Cleveland County Fair.

Commissioner Hawkins:

On September 24th a rabies clinic was held at Burns High School. Over 800 shots were given that day. Commissioner Hawkins also mentioned the success of the Animal Adoption Day at Tractor Supply.

Chairman Hutchins:

Chairman Hutchins thanked Eddie Bailes and Alexis Pearson for their work on the recent Health Insurance Meetings.

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. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held ***Tuesday, October 18, 2011 in the Commissioners Chamber.***

*Johnny Hutchins, Chairman
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*

*Kerri Melton, Clerk
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*