

CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 21, 2012

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
Mary Accor, Commissioner
Jason Falls, Commissioner
Eddie Holbrook, Commissioner
Eddie Bailes, Interim County Manager
Bob Yelton, County Attorney
Kerri Melton, County Clerk
April Crotts, Deputy Clerk
Chris Green, Tax Administrator
Chris Crepps, Finance Director
Alexis Pearson, Human Resources Director
Rebecca Clark, *Shelby Star*
Barry Dietz, *Cleveland Headline News*
Other individual names on file in the Clerk's Office

ABSENT: Ronnie Hawkins, Vice-Chairman

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Johnny Hutchins called the meeting to order. Cub Scout Jake Self, Troop 413 Belwood, led the audience in the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag of the United States of America. Reverend Dr. Robert E. Devoe provided the invocation.

AGENDA ADOPTION

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to *adopt the agenda as presented by the County Clerk with the following addition:*

8. APPOINTMENT TO PARTNERS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MANAGEMENT BOARD

CONSENT AGENDA

TAX COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

The Tax Collector provided Commissioners with a detailed written report regarding taxes collected during *January 2012* (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 *January 2012*. The monthly grand total of tax abatements was listed as (\$37,267.10); and, the monthly grand total for tax supplements was listed as \$11,420.77.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #046)

ACTION: Jason Falls made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, 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>
010.492.4.350.00/OREDC-CPRR	Econ Development/State Grants	\$445,500.	
010.492.5.970.00/OREDC-CPRR	Econ Development/C/O Land	435,328.	
010.492.5.490.00/OREDC-CPRR	Econ Development/Prof Services	10,172.	
010.492.4.991.00/OREDC-CPRR	Econ Development/Fund Bal Approp	33,727.	
010.492.5.970.00/OREDC-CPRR	Econ Development/C/O Land	33,727.	

Explanation of Revisions: To budget grant award from the Rural Center for the Clearwater Paper Rail Improvements. The county has agreed to a match of \$33,727.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #047)

ACTION: Jason Falls made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, 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>
010.492.4.350.00/OREDC-BEBR	Econ Development/State Grants	\$780,000	
010.492.5.700.00/OREDC- BEBR	Econ Development/Grants	780,000.	
010.492.4.991.00/OREDC- BEBR	Econ Development/Fund Bal Approp	39,000.	
010.492.5.490.00/OREDC- BEBR	Econ Development/Prof. Services	39,000.	

Explanation of Revisions: To budget grant award from the Rural Center for the Building Reuse and Restoration of Baldor (former Copeland Building). The county has agreed to provide \$39,000 as the local match.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #048)

ACTION: Jason Falls made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, 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>
010.495.4.410.00/0NCCE-2495	Cooperative Extension/Local Grants	\$ 1,000.	
010.495.5.700.00/0NCCE-2495	Cooperative Extension/ Grants	1,000.	

Explanation of Revisions: To budget funds awarded from Area Agency of Aging to support program Grandparents Raising Grandkids.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #049)

ACTION: Jason Falls made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, 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>
010.445.4.310.00/97067-1445	Emergency Mgt/Federal Grants	\$104,000.	
010.445.5.910.00/97067-1445	Emergency Mgt/Capital Equip	104,000.	

Explanation of Revisions: Supplemental MOA from the NC Dept. of Public Safety to increase grant funds from 2011 Homeland Security Grant to purchase two additional generators.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #050)

ACTION: Jason Falls made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, 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>
010.444.4.357.02	Detention Ctr./ST Grant Inmate SSA	\$ 1,729.	
010.444.5.211.00	Detention Ctr./Controlled Prop Exp.	1,729.	

Explanation of Revisions: Request approval to budget sufficient funding to allow for the purchase of one HP Compaq 8200 desktop computer (at a cost of \$1,559) and one printer at a cost of \$170. Both the printer and the computer will be used in the Detectives Division.

COMMISSIONERS: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #051)

ACTION: Jason Falls made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, 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>
010.411.4.991.00	Commissioners/Fd Bal Appropriated	\$ 50,000.	
010.411.5.700.00	Commissioners/Grants	50,000.	

Explanation of Revisions: *To provided for needed communication, power and other upgrades to facilities used for the ALWS in this first of at least four years of tournaments.*

TAX DEPARTMENT: ADVERTISE OF TAX LIENS ON REAL PROPERTY

Per NCGS 105-369, uncollected taxes for the current year that are a lien on real property must be advertised in a newspaper having general circulation in the taxing unit. Upon receipt of the Tax Collector's report in February, the governing body must order the Tax Collector to advertise tax liens.

ACTION: Jason Falls made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to authorize the tax collector to, on or about March 19, 2012, advertise tax liens on real property that remain unpaid as of March 9, 2012.*

PLANNING DEPARTMENT: ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 12-01 (Set public hearing for March 20, 2012)

ACTION: Jason Falls made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to set the public hearing for March 20, 2012.*

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

A TRIBUTE TO BLACK HISTORY

In honor of Black History Month, Commissioners recognized the following individuals for their achievements:

In Memory of Mr. Clarence C Brantley

(Rev.) Dr. Fidi F. Giles

(Rev.) Dr. Theodore A Powell

(Rev.) Dr. Robert E. Devoe

Attorney Clayward C Corry (Mickey)

In Memory of (Rev.) Dr. Samuel A Raper

Mr. Bunnie Clyde

Dr. Christian G. Anderson, MD

Dr. Maggie McMoore White, H-Ed

Commissioner Accor shared a presentation outlining each of their accomplishments (*copy found on Page _____ of Minute Book _____*).

Commissioners then presented the following proclamation celebrating Black History Month to former County Commissioner Willie McIntosh (current President of the Cleveland County Chapter of NAACP):

Number 01-2012

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS: Black History Month affords special opportunity to become more knowledgeable about black history, and to honor the many leaders who have contributed to the progress of our nation, state and our community; and

WHEREAS: Black History Month was initiated in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson as Negro History Week and since 1976 it has been celebrated the entire month of February; and

WHEREAS: Recognition of Black History Month can strengthen the insight of all citizens regarding the issues of human rights and the continuing struggle against racial discrimination and poverty; and

WHEREAS: African Americans have made significant contributions in science, medicine, theology, education, music, sports and public service; and

WHEREAS: We join with all Americans in celebrating our diverse heritage and culture and continuing our efforts to protect democracy for all people, and recognizing the vital achievements of our local African American residents; and

NOW THEREFORE, THE CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS do hereby proclaim February, as *Black History Month* in Cleveland County and urge all citizens of our community to give full regard to the past and continuing service of African Americans in our nation, state and our community.

SIGNED THIS THE 21st DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2012.

PUBLIC HEARING

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT~ PROJECT NAVAJO INCENTIVE AGREEMENT

Ken Mooney, CCEDP Manager of Existing Industry, presented an incentive agreement to Commissioners. Project Navajo, now known as Kendrion FAS Controls, will be expanding their operations in Cleveland County. The company is currently located at 1100 Airport Road. Kendrion FAS Controls is a multi-national, German based company. Mr. Mooney highlighted details of the agreement some of which included:

- **\$7.5 Million investment in machinery, equipment and building improvements**
- **57 new permanent full time jobs**

Mr. Mooney explained this was a competitive process and described this as a big win for Cleveland County.

Chairman Hutchins opened the public hearing (*public notice was accomplished in accordance with the mandates of NCGS 158-7.1, with an advertisement published in The Star on February 10, 2012*).

Allen Langley, 306 Windsor Drive, representing the Cleveland Chamber, spoke in support of the incentive agreement. “What a wonderful opportunity to employ 57 citizens.”

Cindy Bailey, 214 S. Lafayette Street, “I have learned a lot about what the Commissioners are doing. I am very pleased with the developments bringing jobs and I fully support the project.”

Reverend Robert DeVoe, spoke in support of the project. “Anytime we can bring jobs here, I am for it.”

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

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Jason Falls, and unanimously adopted by the board, to ***approve the incentive contract for FAS Controls (copy found on Page _____ of Minute Book_____)***

REGULAR AGENDA

GOVERNOR'S CRIME COMMISSION GRANT

Lt. John Wright of the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office shared information regarding a grant opportunity through the NC Governor's Crime Commission. The goal of the grant is to establish an intervention program that will intercept and disrupt the illegal use and possession of prescription drugs. The maximum grant award is \$60,000. The county would be required to pay a 25% local match. The grant term is one year with the possibility of reapplying for a second year. The grant cannot be used to purchase, lease or maintain vehicles.

Lt. Wright explained, prescription drug diversion is rapidly becoming the biggest drug problem within Cleveland County. The Sheriff's Office is looking at a multi-faceted approach to this problem;

Education, Partnership, Deterrence and Enforcement.

The budget was presented as follows:

Total:	\$58,807.24
Federal Share	\$44,105.43
Local Match	\$14,701.81

The project would include the hiring of one full-time Drug Diversion Investigator (\$41,409.45- salary and benefits included), basic required equipment (\$4,440- sidearm, body armor and portable radio), surveillance equipment (\$7,360- audio/video recording, monitoring equipment) and one part-time investigator (\$6,308- 468 hours undercover operations & asset forfeiture).

Chairman Hutchins brought up the idea of possibly using Drug Forfeiture money for the local match and Commissioner Falls mentioned possibly having this match paid for by excess Pathways funding.

ACTION: Jason Falls made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***approve funding the local match, as presented by Lt. Wright.***

RESOLUTION TO CANCEL MARCH 6, 2012 MEETING

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

Number 03-2012

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 meeting of ***Tuesday, March 6, 2012*** so that Commissioners can attend the ***NACo Legislative Conference in Washington, DC***.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT, the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners will cancel 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 21st DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2012.

APPOINTMENT TO PARTNERS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MANAGEMENT BOARD

The Pathways merger will go into effect in July, 2012. A new board will need to be created to govern the merged agency. The merger committee has asked that Cleveland County's appointments to this board be expedited. Current Pathways board members were asked if they would like to serve on the Partners Behavioral Health Management Board. Carol Ledbetter and Kris Thompson expressed their willingness to serve.

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, ***to appoint Kris Thompson, Carol Ledbetter and Commissioner Jason Falls to serve on the Partners Behavioral Health Management Board. Term expiration will be decided at a later date.***

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Holbrook reminded Commissioners, over the last thirty days, three announcements have been made- Baldor, FAS Controls and Project Cardinal. These announcements have secured 430 new jobs for Cleveland County citizens.

On Friday, February 24th, the World Series Committee will announce the country music act which will perform at the Fairgrounds during the ALWS.

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, March 20, 2012 in the Commissioners Chamber.

*Johnny Hutchins, Chairman
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*

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