

**CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**April 17, 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  
Ronnie Hawkins, Vice-Chairman  
Mary S. Accor, Commissioner  
Jason Falls, Commissioner  
Eddie Holbrook, Commissioner  
Eddie Bailes, Interim County Manager  
Andrea Leslie-Fite, Attorney  
Kerri Melton, County Clerk  
April Crotts, Deputy Clerk  
Karen Ellis, DSS Director  
Bill McCarter, Planning Director  
Chris Green, Tax Administrator  
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. Members of Girl Scout Troop 40 and 2037 led the audience in the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag of the United States of America. Chris Green, Tax Administrator provided the invocation for the meeting.

**AGENDA ADOPTION**

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, 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 *April 3, 2012 regular meeting*, motion was made by Ronnie Hawkins, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to *approve the minutes as written.*

**TAX COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT**

The Tax Collector provided Commissioners with the following detailed written report regarding taxes collected during *March 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 *March 2012*. The monthly grand total of tax abatements was listed as (\$8,394.31) monthly grand total for tax supplements was listed as \$14,018.92.

**LANDFILL: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #066)**

**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>
054.474.4.350.00/05510-EWYM	Solid Waste/State Gov't Grants	\$30,000.	
054.474.5.490.00	Solid Waste/Professional Services	30,000.	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget grant funds from NC DENR for scrap tire clean up services at 1223 Yarn Mill Rd.

**LANDFILL: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #067)**

**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>
054.474.4.350.00/05510-EWST	Solid Waste/Federal Grants	\$ 7,695.	
054.474.5.211.00	Solid Waste/Controlled Prop Exp	6,480.	
054.474.5.240.00	Solid Waste/Automotive Supplies	1,215.	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget Electronic Waste Recycling Funds to purchase two utility trailers and spare parts.

**LANDFILL: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #068)**

**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>
054.473.5.790.09	Disposal/Landfill/Donat Cap Equip	\$17,417.11	
054.473.4.810.09	Disposal/Landfill/Donat Cap Equip	17,417.11	

Explanation of Revisions: To record funds received for transmission rebuild on eq9991430. County initially paid for rebuild then vendor reimbursed for entire repair due to disputes on findings for the repair.

**WORKERS COMPENSATION: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #069)**

**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>
060.650.4.991.00	Workers Comp/Fd Bal Apprd	\$200,000.	
060.650.5.586.00	Workers Comp/Claims/Settlements	200,000.	

Explanation of Revisions: To budget additional funds for expected claims through June 30 based on recent historic averages; two claims from prior years have been settled in amounts over \$75,000.

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT CODE TEXT AMENDMENT - Amateur Radio Towers (Case #10-18) (Schedule Public Hearing for May 1, 2012)**

**ACTION:** Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to schedule the public hearing as requested.*

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT ZONING MAP AMENDMENT - Dennis Wayne and Richard Moore (Case #12-07) (Schedule Public Hearing for May 1, 2012)**

**ACTION:** Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to schedule the public hearing as requested.*

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT ZONING MAP AMENDMENT - Dennis Scott Snellings (Case #12-08) (Schedule Public Hearing for May 1, 2012)**

**ACTION:** Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to *schedule the public hearing as requested.*

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**HAL DEDMON- NURSING HOME ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Hal Dedmon has served on the Nursing Home Advisory Committee for 24 years. Commissioner Jason Falls, who also serves on this committee, asked that Mr. Dedmon be recognized for his years of service. Commissioners presented Mr. Dedmon with the following Certificate of Recognition:

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

***PRESENTED TO***

***HAL DEDMON***

***FOR ACTIVELY SERVING ON THE CLEVELAND COUNTY NURSING HOME  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE LAST 24 YEARS ~ FOR LEADING THE  
NURSING HOME ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS CHAIRMAN FOR MANY OF  
THOSE YEARS ~ FOR BEING COMMITTED TO LOOKING OUT FOR THE  
WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS OF NURSING HOMES THROUGHOUT  
CLEVELAND COUNTY ~ WE COMMEND YOU!***

***Presented this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012.***

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH ~ TELL TELL TELL PROGRAM**

In honor of Child Abuse Awareness Month, Commissioners invited several students from Higher Learning Childcare Academy to present a program titled "Tell, Tell Tell." The program was written by Danyel Phelps and teaches the children to simply TELL. Ms. Phelps invited Commissioners to a balloon release which will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup> in recognition of Child Abuse Awareness Month.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ~ SMALL BUSINESS &  
ENTREPRENEURIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM ~ MACO INCORPORATED**

Teresa Spires of Isothermal Planning and Development Commissioner spoke to Commissioners about a Small Business & Entrepreneurial Assistance Grant Program for MACO, Incorporated. She explained the project has two elements. First, it will provide \$216,500 to MACO, Inc. to help them expand operations by purchasing additional equipment. The expansion will result in the hiring of 10 new, full-time employees during the grant period. The grant requires that the County loan the money from the grant to the company with the stipulation that the loan be forgiven once the terms of the grant are met by the job creation. MACO, Inc. currently has 45 employees. The company will spend approximately \$123,000 in equipment purchases as well.

The second element is the requirement that the County use a small portion of the grant to create or nurture an entrepreneurial environment. This will be accomplished by Cleveland Community College. The college will create and market an intensive single semester entrepreneur certification program. The Cleveland Chamber of Commerce will provide support and marketing assistance for this effort.

She presented the budget as follows:

Equipment ---	\$339,345
Administration --	\$ 25,000
Planning --	\$ 8,500
TOTAL	\$372,845

Sources:

MACO, Inc.	\$122,845
CDBG	\$250,000
TOTAL	\$372,845

Todd Melton, President of MACO, Inc., thanked Commissioners for considering the grant.

MACO is a thirty-three year old business that was started by his father. Their goal is to expand into new markets including the nuclear industry. Many of the contracts received in this industry run for ten to twelve years.

Chairman Hutchins opened the public hearing.

Chairman Hutchins asked if there were any comments or if Commissioners had questions of anyone in the audience or staff.

Hearing no comments, he called for the public hearing to be closed.

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the board, *to adopt the following resolution authorizing submittal of the grant application.*

*Number 04-2012*

RESOLUTION FOR THE COUNTY OF CLEVELAND  
APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING FOR THE  
MACO INC. EQUIPMENT FOR EXPANSION PROJECT

**WHEREAS**, the County's Board of Commissioners has previously indicated its desire to assist in economic development efforts for small businesses/entrepreneurs within the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has held two public hearings concerning the proposed application for Community Development Block Grant funding to benefit MACO, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes the County to pursue a formal application for Community Development Block Grant funding to benefit MACO, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board certifies it will meet all federal regulatory and statutory requirements of the State of North Carolina Community Development Block Grant Program,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners that the Cleveland County is authorized to submit a formal application to the North Carolina Department of Commerce for approval of a Community Development Block Grant for Small Business & Entrepreneurial Assistance to benefit MACO, Inc.

Adopted this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Hawkins sponsored a joint meeting with the Humane Society and Animal Control.

There were approximately thirty five people in attendance and the groups seem to be working collaboratively.

A report was given at the Board of Health which listed Cleveland County at the bottom as far as health of its citizens. Although the Health Department is doing a great job, there is more work to do on issues such as obesity and smoking.

Commissioner Accor again thanked Mr. Dedmon for his service to the Nursing Home Advisory Committee.

The Veteran's Office had received a call from a local pawnshop about some medals that were found after the recent passing of the owner. On Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, Commissioners met in the Chamber and presented a Mr. James Earl Sims, an 87 year old local Veteran with his medals which he thought he would never see again. Commissioner Accor, as well as all the Commissioners, were thankful to have participated in this ceremony.

Commissioner Holbrook met with the Exchange Club and the Board of Realtors to talk about Economic Development in Cleveland County.

A ceremony honoring the memory of Staff Sergeant Chris Newman will be held during the American Legion World Series in August.

Commissioner Falls reminded Commissioners of the Special Olympics which will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> at Keeter Stadium. On April 28<sup>th</sup>, another fundraiser will be held at the Fairgrounds to raise money for those animals which are housed at the animal shelter.

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Jason Falls made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to adjourn the meeting*. The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for *Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.* in the Commission Chamber. The Board of Equalization and review will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1, 2012, prior to the regular meeting.

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*Johnny Hutchins, Chairman*  
*Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*

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