

**CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**June 19, 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 Bailes, County Manager  
Bob Yelton, Attorney  
Kerri Melton, County Clerk  
Chris Green, Tax Administrator  
Chris Crepps, Finance Director  
Rebecca Clark, *The Star*  
Other individual names on file in the Clerk's Office

**ABSENT:** Eddie Holbrook, Commissioner

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Hutchins called the meeting to order and led the audience in the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag of the United States of America. Chairman Johnny Hutchins provided the invocation for the meeting.

**AGENDA ADOPTION**

**ACTION:** Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Jason Falls, 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 **May 15, 2012**, motion was made by Mary Accor, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to *approve the minutes as written.*

**TAX COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT**

The Tax Collector provided Commissioners with a detailed written report regarding taxes collected during **May 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 **May 2012**. The monthly grand total of tax abatements was listed as (\$9,344.29); and, the monthly grand total for tax supplements was listed as \$17,700.03.

**JCPC ANNUAL FUNDING ALLOCATION**

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to *approve the Cleveland County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Annual Plan and Funding Allocation for 2012-2013 (see plan and funding allocation form below).*

A Risk and Needs Assessment Committee for Cleveland County, formed of Cleveland County JCPC members, completes a 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. They, then, identify the gaps in services and advertise the availability of funds to youth serving agencies. Information is taken from reviewed data gleaned from the Juvenile Risk Assessment and Needs Assessment instruments administered by the Juvenile Court Counselors. The Planning Committee comprised the following priority risks and needs of court involved youth:

*School Behavior (Alternative to suspension programming)  
Family Needs: (Parental Supervision, Domestic Violence and Family Criminality)  
Mental Health/Substance Abuse  
Peer Relationships/Mentoring/Gang Prevention and Intervention/  
Recidivism  
Restorative Services*

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, Vocational Skills)
2. **Family Needs:** (which include: Parental Supervision, Family Support, Domestic Discord/Violence and Family Criminality): Service: (Parent/Family Skill Building, Home Based Family Services).
3. **Peer Relationships:** (which include Gang Prevention/Intervention) Service: (Interpersonal Skills and Mentoring)
4. **Mental Health and Substance Abuse Assessment and Treatment (ranked together).** Service: (Counseling, Home Based Family Services, Crisis Assessment, Counseling and Placement, Sexual Offender Treatment, Substance Abuse Assessments and Treatment.)
5. **Community Service/Restitution, Mediation and Teen Court:** Service: (Restorative Services).

JCPC advertised request for proposals and received nine proposals. The risk factors guided this committee in making recommendations to 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 2012-13 funding are:

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| \$17,334 | <b><u>Restitution and Community Service:</u></b> 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 | <b><u>Teen Court:</u></b> 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. Misdemeanor cases (only) will be 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.  |
| \$85,589 | <b><u>Roots and Wings – Parent/Youth Skill Development:</u></b> Administered by the Cleveland County Health Department. Roots and Wings is a program that deals with high percentage of court involved youth and their families. They provide counseling and work on family dynamics throughout a 12 session program.  |
| \$17,265 | <b><u>Multi-systemic Therapy:</u></b> Administered through Alexander Youth Network is a community based program which focuses on and works with court involved youth. An evidence based program with Master-leveled clinicians work in the homes of these youth. The goal is to track progress in school or work and avoid further court involvement. Statistics show that 50%-80% of youth who completed this program do not recidivate five years out. Re-entry money was added to this program to assist with youth transitioning home from secure facilities or youth development centers. |
| \$19,893 | <b><u>Juvenile Mediation:</u></b> 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.  |
| \$22,138 | <b><u>Roots and Wings – Substance Abuse Assessment:</u></b> Administered by Cleveland County Health Department. This program provides preliminary assessment to determine the level of substance use/abuse or risk for future substance use by adjudicated youth.  |



**E911 PHONE SYSTEM: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #086)**

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, 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> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 026.454.4.991.00      | E911 Phone System/Fund Appropriated | \$4,674.        |                 |
| 026.454.5.211.00      | E911 Phone System/Capital Equipment | 4,674.          |                 |

*Explanation of Revisions: To purchase 5 routers and 2 network modules with the remaining 50% public safety funds available for use within the E911 Phone System Funds through June 30, 2012.*

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #087)**

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, 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> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 010.712.4.350.00/ONCID-U | Water/State Govt Grants        | \$500,000.      |                 |
| 010.712.5.700.00/ONCID-U | Water/ Grants                  | 500,000.        |                 |

*Explanation of Revisions: To budget NC Department of Commerce IDF/Utility grant funds for the Project Cardinal (AT&T) water and sewer lines at Countryside Drive.*

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #088)**

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, 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> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 010.712.4.350.00/ONCID-U | Water/State Govt Grants        | \$500,000.      |                 |
| 010.712.5.490.00/ONCID-U | Water/ Professional Services   | 108,847.        |                 |
| 010.712.5.700.00/ONCID-U | Water/ Grants                  | 391,153.        |                 |

*Explanation of Revisions: To budget NC Department of Commerce IDF/Utility grant funds for the Project Cardinal (AT&T) water and sewer lines at the data center in Kings Mountain.*

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #089)**

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, 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> |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 010.712.4.350.00/OREDC-ATT | Water/State Govt Grants        | \$687,909.      |                 |
| 010.712.5.490.00/OREDC-ATT | Water/Professional Services    | 12,500.         |                 |
| 010.712.5.700.00/OREDC-ATT | Water/ Grants                  | 675,409.        |                 |

*Explanation of Revisions: To budget NC Rural Center grant funds for the Project Cardinal (AT&T) water line to the AT&T data center.*

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**BOILING SPRINGS LIBRARY REPORT**

Shannon Hovis, Interim Executive Director of the Ruby Hunt YMCA, shared a brief presentation of the Boiling Springs Library over the past year. She made note of several exciting things which have happened at the library including the following:

- Each week, the library averages 24 hours of volunteer assistance, along with two part time staff. Hours of Operation are Mon – Thursday 10 am – 6 pm. During those hours all ages utilize the library.

- The library averages 5 people checking out books each day, the afterschool program of 40+ kids utilizes the area for quiet homework time, the library is a drop off point for Thomas Jefferson and many of those kids stay in the library to begin homework and work on projects or play games on the computers.
- The library has morning book clubs that meet each month and a writer's group that meets monthly.
- A monthly potluck which is attended by the community and Y members is held each month.
- The Red Cross utilizes the back corner of the library for blood drives.
- An Employment Staffing agency recently held a job fair at the library.
- The Summer Reading Program is kicking off July 12 – August 9. The library is preparing for 5 weeks of fun! For the past two years, the program has averaged 35 kids each week. The theme is in line with the other libraries in the county – Dream Big – Read. Supporting students with meeting their summer reading goals is a part of the library's Strategic Plan. Carol Wilson with the Cleveland County Library has given the library copies of their materials.
- The Mauney Memorial library is also supporting us with book donations.
- This year, Alpha Chi of Gardner Webb University, supported the library with a book drive. The students visited the library and read with many after school students. Each student received a book based on their age level. The students enjoyed reading with Gardner-Webb ladies.

#### **FOREST RANGER REPORT**

Travis Shidal, Cleveland County Forest Ranger, presented Commissioners with a short video showing the different programs in which Mr. Shidal participates in. He then presented Commissioners with a report of activities covering FY 2012-2013 (*copy found on Page \_\_\_\_\_ of Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_*).

#### **RESOLUTION TO CHANGE JULY MEETINGS TO JULY 10, 2012**

**ACTION:** Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the board, *to adopt the following resolution.*

**NUMBER 10-2012**

#### **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 meetings of **Tuesday, July 3, 2012 and Tuesday July 17, 2012** in recognition of Independence Day and the NACo Annual Conference and to schedule a regular meeting for **Tuesday, July 10, 2012 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 19th DAY OF JUNE, 2012.***

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

**#3 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMISSION**

**ACTION:** Jason Falls made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***appoint Thomas Austell, Bobby Biggers and Neal Stroup as members of the #3 Volunteer Fire Department Commission to serve a two-year term to conclude June 30, 2014.***

**AGRICULTURE ADVISORY BOARD**

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Jason Falls, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***appoint Thomas Covington and Marvin Hutchison to serve as members of this board.*** This appointment is for a period of three-years, scheduled to conclude on June 30, 2015.

**CLEVELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**ACTION:** Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Jason Falls, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***re-appoint Ellis Monroe to serve a four year term to expire June 30, 2016 and to appoint Greg Melton to serve the unexpired term of Bobby Rauf to expire June 30, 2013.***

**CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***appoint Greg Thompson as an alternate member of this board.*** There is no term expiration for this appointment.

**CLEVELAND MEMORIAL LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD**

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***appoint Alva Finney and Carol Ledbetter to serve as members of this board.*** These appointments are for a period of three-years, scheduled to conclude on June 30, 2015.

**COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**ACTION:** Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Jason Falls, and unanimously adopted by the board, to ***appoint/re-appoint Darius Griffin, Keith Rhodes, Holly Sweat and Donna Senter to serve as members of this board.*** These appointments are for a period of three-years, scheduled to conclude on June 30, 2015.

**ISOTHERMAL PLANNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**ACTION:** Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the board, to ***re-appoint Jason Falls as Commissioner Representative on the Isothermal***

***Planning Board of Directors*** This appointment is for a period of three-years, scheduled to conclude on June 30, 2015.

**JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL**

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the board, ***to appoint/re-appoint Rodney Borders, Joel Shores, Sara Brunner, Greg Grier, Sherrie Geer, Vonn McGee, Jason Falls, John Michael Twiggs, Joni Smith, Ali Paksoy, Dina Foster, Jamey Davis, Kathy Ledbetter, Margie Christopher, Mike Mittelman, Phil Weathers and Omar Porter to serve as members of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.*** These appointments are for a period of two-years, scheduled to conclude on June 30, 2014.

**COMMISSION FOR WOMEN**

**ACTION:** Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Jason Falls, and unanimously adopted by the Board, ***to appoint Danyel Phelps to serve the unexpired term of Rosaline Hunt to expire December 30, 2013.***

**PARTNERS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MANAGEMENT**

**ACTION:** Jason Falls made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, ***to appoint Roger Gaddis to replace Carol Ledbetter who is unable to serve on this board.***  
The appointments for this newly created board have not been determined at this time.

**SHELBY PLANNING & ZONING BOARD**

**ACTION:** Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, ***to re-appoint Bob Cabiness and Roy Dedmon to serve as members of this board,*** for a period of three-years, scheduled to conclude June 30, 2015.

**SHELBY ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

**ACTION:** Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, ***to re-appoint Roger Holland and Noel MacArthur to serve as members of this board,*** for a period of three-years, scheduled to conclude June 30, 2015.

**COMMISSIONERS REPORTS**

Commissioner Hawkins, as well as other Commissioners, attended the Volunteer Appreciation Event. This event was a success. He made note that Alan Lockhardt, District Boy Scouts Executive Director, will be moving. Mr. Lockhardt has done a great job for the local Boy Scouts.

Commissioner Accor asked that everyone remember Phyllis Elmore in your prayers as she battles cancer.

Commissioner Falls will attend the final Pathways Board meeting before the merger.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to adjourn the meeting. The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for ***Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.*** in the Commission Chamber. (*Note: The regular meeting of July 3<sup>rd</sup> was cancelled in observance of Independence Day.*)

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*Johnny Hutchins, Chairman  
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*

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*Kerri Melton, Clerk  
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*