

CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 3, 2012

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners *reconvened their recessed regular session of November 20, 2012 on this date, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.*, in the Commission Chamber of the Cleveland County Administrative Offices.

PRESENT: Johnny Hutchins, Chairman
Ronald J. Hawkins, Vice-Chairman
Jason Falls, Commissioner
Eddie Holbrook Commissioner, Commissioner
Susan Allen, Commissioner-Elect
Eddie Bailes, County Manager
Robert Yelton, County Attorney
Kerri Melton, County Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Johnny Hutchins called the meeting to order and led the audience in the “Pledge of Allegiance” to the flag of the United States of America. Tony Tench, of First Baptist Church, provided the invocation for the meeting.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: OATH OF OFFICE

North Carolina Representative Tim Moore administered the oath to Susan Allen, Ronnie Hawkins and Johnny Hutchins for the office of Cleveland County Commissioner.

REGISTER OF DEEDS: OATH OF OFFICE

Clerk of Court Mitzi Johnson administered the oath to Bonnie E. Reece for the office of Register of Deeds.

COMMISSIONERS CALLED FOR A 10 MINUTE RECESS

CALL TO ORDER

Eddie Bailes, County Manager, reconvened the meeting.

NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIR

Mr. Bailes opened the floor to accept nominations for Commission Chair.

NOMINATIONS: Johnny Hutchins nominated Ronnie Hawkins for Chair (*Jason Falls seconded the motion*). Mr. Bailes called for the vote. ***Ronnie Hawkins was elected Chairman by a unanimous vote.***

NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION OF COMMISSION VICE-CHAIR

Chairman Hawkins opened the floor to accept nominations for Commission Vice-Chair.

NOMINATIONS: Eddie Holbrook nominated Jason Falls for Vice-Chair (*Susan Allen seconded the motion*). Hearing no further nominations, Eddie Holbrook made a motion, which was seconded by Johnny Hutchins to, ***close nominations. Jason Falls was elected Vice-Chairman by a unanimous vote.***

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Hutchins stated, “I have enjoyed serving as chair for the past two years. I had great support from our team. It was my pleasure to serve. The new chairman and vice-chairman have my support this upcoming year. This will be a critical year. We need to continue to be a close team.”

On behalf of all the Commissioners, Eddie Holbrook welcomed Susan Allen to the board.

Commissioner Falls, a junior member to the board as well, welcomed Susan Allen. “I have enjoyed my time serving with people who feel as passionate about Cleveland County as I do.”

Chairman Hawkins is looking forward to working with Commissioner Falls as the Vice-Chairman. He thanked Commissioner Hutchins for moving Cleveland County forward.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Jason Falls made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to adjourn the meeting. The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for ***Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.*** in this Commission Chamber.

*Ronald J. Hawkins, Chairman
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*

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