

CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 29, 2013

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on this date, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., in the Commission Chamber of the Cleveland County Administrative Offices.

PRESENT: Ronald J. Hawkins, Chairman
Eddie Holbrook Commissioner
Johnny Hutchins, Commissioner
Susan Allen, Commissioner
Eddie Bailes, County Manager
Kerri Melton, County Clerk

ABSENT: Jason Falls, Vice-Chairman

PUBLIC HEARING; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES FOR PROJECT X-CEL

County Manager Eddie Bailes reviewed details of the incentive agreement between Cleveland County and Project X-Cel (*copy found on Page _____ of Minute Book _____*).

Chairman Hawkins opened the public hearing (*notice of this hearing was accomplished in accordance with the General Statutes in The Shelby Star on January 19, 2013*).

David Dear, representative of Cleveland County Economic Development Partnership, spoke in support of the project. Project X-Cel is a market leader in metal parts for the automotive industry. Mr. Dear and Kristin Fletcher visited two of their plants in Europe and were very impressed. "This is a company that anyone in America would love to have in their community." Mr. Dear thanked Commissioners for all they have done regarding economic development. "Lots of people have been put to work through your efforts."

Martina Clark, asked if something would be done to track the \$500,000 that the county would be getting from the NCDOT for construction of the access road to serve Project X-Cel. She claimed she was a member of Eskridge Grove Baptist Church. Ms. Clark was concerned with whether or not this project would affect the church. She spoke in support of the project but again voiced her concern about how this may encroach on the constitutional rights of the church.

Michael Chrisawn, 107 Cameron Drive Kings Mountain, on behalf of the 630 Chamber members, spoke in support of the project. He said this would diversify the economic base and create jobs. "2012 was great. 2013 is opening just as positive."

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

County Manager Bailes clarified that this project would have no effect on Eskridge Grove Baptist Church.

ACTION: Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook and unanimously adopted by the board, *to approve the incentive agreement as presented (Copy found on Page ____ of Minute Book _____)*.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Eddie Holbrook 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, February 5, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.* in this Commission Chamber.

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

*Kerri Melton, CMC, Clerk
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