

CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 18, 2014

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: Jason Falls, Chairman
Eddie Holbrook, Vice-Chairman
Susan Allen, Commissioner
Ronnie Hawkins, Commissioner
Johnny Hutchins, Commissioner
Jeff Richardson, County Manager
Bob Yelton, County Attorney
Kerri Melton, County Clerk
April Crotts, Deputy Clerk
Chris Green, Tax Administrator
Chris Crepps, Finance Director
Allison Mauney, Human Resources Director
Sam Lockridge, Health Services Director
Jessica Pickens, *The Shelby Star*
Other individual names on file in the Clerk's Office

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jason Falls called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance and invocation were led by Vice-Chairman Eddie Holbrook.

AGENDA ADOPTION

ACTION: Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to *adopt the agenda as presented by the County Clerk.*

CITIZEN RECOGNITION

Joe Spangler, 4428 Fallston Road is the owner of Deerbrook Development. Mr. Spangler has had several inquiries about lots in his development. Several of these calls expressed concern with the proposed Gun Range. Mr. Spangler asked questions including what kind of affect the noise would have on his development and whether the range would be indoor or outdoor.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no corrections, additions or deletions to the minutes of *January 24, 2014 regular meeting and January 28, 2014 Work Session*, motion was made by Ronnie Hawkins, seconded by Johnny Hutchins and unanimously adopted by the Board, to *approve the minutes as written.*

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #039)

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, 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>
029.492.4.310.00/14228-2240	Economic Development/Fed Govt Grants	\$150,000.	
029-492-5-910.00/14228-2440	Economic Development/Capital Equipment	136,030.	
029.492.5.490.00/14228-2440	Economic Development/Professional Serv.	22,500.	
029.492.4.410.00/14228-2440	Economic Development/Other Grants	8,530.	

Explanation of Revisions: To budget CDBG funds and to budget Seal Wire's portion of Seal Wire Expansion Project.

LANDFILL: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #040)

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, 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>
054.473.4.427.00	Disposal/Landfill/Court-Restitution	\$ 463.	
054.473.5.581.00	Disposal/Landfill/Awards/Appreciation	463.	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget funds received based on restitution charged from larceny of items at the Landfill re: D Addison/R Edgerton

TAX COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

The Tax Collector provided Commissioners with the following detailed written report regarding taxes collected during **January 2014**(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 2014**. The monthly grand total of tax abatements was listed as (\$5,330.42); and, the monthly grand total for tax supplements was listed as \$11,530.95.

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: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to authorize the tax collector to, on or about March 17, 2014, advertise tax liens on real property that remain unpaid as of March 7, 2014.*

REGULAR AGENDA

MARTIN STARNES AND ASSOCIATES ANNUAL AUDIT PRESENTATION

Brian Epley of Martin, Starnes and Associates thanked Commissioners for giving his firm the opportunity to serve Cleveland County. Mr. Epley began by explaining that there is new terminology in the audit this year. The opinion is now considered an unmodified opinion. In the past, it was an unqualified opinion. He also explained next year's audit will have an outline and presentation changes per the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The audit is a year-round process.

Mr. Epley shared a PowerPoint Presentation with Commissioners (copy found on Page ____ of Minute Book _____).

Commissioners asked how the County's fund balance was in relation to other county's across the State. Mr. Epley directed Commissioners to the Local Government Commission website but did state the Cleveland County's fund balance is above their peer groups.

UPDATE ON THE CLEVELAND COUNTY GUN RANGE

Commissioner Hutchins began by answering Joe Spangler’s question from earlier in the meeting. He informed Mr. Spangler that a noise study was completed which focused on an area within a shorter distance than Deerbrook Development. No noise issues were determined.

Commissioner Hutchins then shared a PowerPoint Presentation which described the timeline and costs for the project (*Copy found on Page ____ of Minute Book ____*).

Commissioners stressed the importance of gun safety and a proposed Education Center in Phase II which could possibly be used for BLET training.

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve Cleveland County’s estimated costs for Phase I of the Gun range as follows and authorize Commissioner Hutchins and the County Manager to begin discussions regarding Phase II:*

- Land Acquisition \$492,000.
(Savings by using unusable Landfill buffer)
- Concessions/Public Restrooms \$290,000.
- Architect Fees \$ 23,000.
- Utilities \$ 20,000.
- House Renovations \$ 60,000.
- Contingency \$ 85,000.
- Phase II Conceptual Design \$ 5,000.

LATE APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTION

Chris Green, Tax Administrator presented Commissioners with a list of properties which represent those who have submitted late applications for exemptions which mostly involve Homestead Exclusion. All applications have been reviewed for qualifications and would qualify had they been timely.

ACTION: Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve and accept the following late applications.*

2013 LATE APPLICATIONS (2/18/2014 SESSION)

NAME	PARCEL	TYPE	VALUE	TAX (COUNTY GEN.)
Wm. A. Spivey	48951	Eld	\$ 9,571	\$ 54.55
Matilda Miskell	56148	Eld	\$ 56,417	\$ 321.58
Sean M. Hobert	42867	DV	\$ 45,000	\$ 256.50
Brenda Edmonson	71178	Eld	\$ 56,318	\$ 321.01
Rita Hamrick	26787	Eld	\$ 102,591	\$ 584.77
Jackie Stone	26699	Eld	\$ 88,939	\$ 506.95
Rhonda Philbeck	11360	Eld	\$ 24,271	\$ 138.34
Allen Byrd	41962	DV	\$ 45,000	\$ 256.50
Thomas Bell	5428	Eld	\$ 35,015	\$ 199.59
Veneil Turner	5287	Eld	\$ 29,788	\$ 169.79
Harvey Kale	31088	Eld	\$ 32,417	\$ 184.78
Marilyn Gidney	18597	Eld	\$ 23,889	\$ 136.17
Roger Chipman, etal	49709	PUV	\$ <u>158,261</u>	\$ <u>902.09</u>
Total			\$ 707,477	\$ 4,032.62

TAX FORECLOSURE PROPERTY SALE- PARCEL 73675

Chris Green, Tax Administrator, presented Parcel #73675, a .09 piece of property located on Hardy Street in Shelby, for approval of sale. Commissioners received a bid of \$222.00 from Darin Feaster. Mr. Feaster's driveway is located on this very small piece of property. This property would not be big enough to build a dwelling on. The county has no investment or use for this property.

ACTION: Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Susan Allen, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve sale of Parcel #73675 to Darin Feaster for \$222.*

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE MARCH 4, 2014 MEETING TO MARCH 11, 2014

ACTION: Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Susan Allen, and unanimously adopted by the board, *to adopt the following resolution.*

NUMBER 02-2014

**CHANGE IN REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE
CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners has decided that it is appropriate to change the meeting date for their regular meeting of ***Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 6:00pm*** to ***Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 6:00pm for a Special Recognition of Boards and Committee members in the Commission Chamber*** in order for several Commissioners to attend the NACo Legislative Conference to be held March 1st-5th in Washington, DC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT, the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners will change the meeting date of 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 this meeting.

ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2014.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Hutchins attended the NCDOT meeting where they discussed prioritization. He made note that Gaston County had more representation than Cleveland. They discussed major projects such as widening of 84 and the Highway 74 Bypass.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Ronnie Hawkins made a motion seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to adjourn. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on March 11, 2014 in the Commissioners Chamber.*

*Jason Falls, Chairman
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*

*Kerri Melton, Clerk
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*