

**CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**June 4, 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 Crofts, Deputy Clerk  
Chris Green, Tax Administrator  
Allison Mauney, Human Resources Director  
Bill McCarter, Planning Director  
Brian Epley, Finance 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. Vice-Chairman Eddie Holbrook led the audience in the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag of the United States of America and provided the invocation for the meeting.

**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 with the following change:*

***REMOVE Item 6 ZONING MAP AMENDMENT- 14-06- THOMAS JOHNSON- PARCEL 62174***

***ON TROY ROAD***

**CITIZEN RECOGNITION**

*Adam Forcade-1005 Serenity Woods Bessemer City*, spoke in opposition to the proposed casino.

*Beauford Burton, 322 Margrace Road, Kings Mountain*, spoke in opposition to the proposed casino.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**SOCIAL SERVICES: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #064)**

**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</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
011.519.4.310.00/93568-P372	Public Asst/Fed Gov Grants	\$32,944.	
011.519.5.512.05	Public Asst/Crisis	32,944.	

*Explanation of Revisions: Budget amendment necessary to accept additional federal LIEAP for FY 2013/2014. The additional monies are the result of the increased need for services.*

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #065)**

**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</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
012.542.4.410.00	Rabies/Local & Other Grants	\$10,000.	
012.542.5.500.01	Rabies/Misc. Grant Expense	10,000.	
012.542.4.460.99	Rabies/Other Units-Pr Yr	17,024.	
012.542.5.910.00	Rabies/C.O. Equipment	17,024.	
010.998.4.840.00/10998-3404	Contingency/Insurance Settlement	10,378.	
010.998.5.586.00/10998-3404	Contingency/Insurance Settlement	10,378.	

*Explanation of Revisions: Budget Animal Control Grants from City Dogs Rescue and US Humane Society for vaccines and purchase of a sound system at the Animal Shelter. Also, budget insurance and revenue earned from municipalities to purchase a replacement truck.*

**NUMBER 7 VFD 2014/2015 BUDGET**

**ACTION:** Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, ***to approve the following Number 7 Volunteer Fire Department 2014/2015 budget as presented (copy found on Page \_\_\_\_\_ of Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_).***

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF GABE DEVOE**

Commissioners presented a Certificate of Recognition to Gabe DeVoe, a recent graduate of Shelby High School. The certificate read as follows:

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

***PRESENTED TO***

***ROBERT GABRIEL (GABE) DEVOE, III***

***FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE NOT ONLY ON THE BASKETBALL COURT BUT ALSO IN THE CLASSROOM ~ FOR VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME AND BEING A ROLE MODEL FOR YOUTH THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY ~ FOR YOUR MANY ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS ~ WE COMMEND YOU***

***Presented this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2014.***

**CLEVELAND COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION UPDATE**

Mason Fleisher, President of the Cleveland County Youth Commission thanked Commissioners for the opportunity to present to them. This year, the Youth Commission held two successful can food drives. They also held a fundraiser at Fatz. The Youth Commission raised \$543 at the Fatz Fundraiser. The money will be donated to the Boys and Girls Club to help toward the construction of a Teen Center.

Former County Commissioner Mary Accor was in attendance. Ms. Accor serves as an advisor for the group. Ms. Accor talked about her passion for youth, "If we grow our youth, the county will continue to grow."

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**BUDGET: FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015**

Chairman Jason Falls reminded Commissioners, County Manager Jeff Richardson presented the budget at the May 20<sup>th</sup> County Commissioners meeting. The budget has been available since that day for

Commissioners and the public to review.

Chairman Falls opened the public hearing (*notice of this hearing was accomplished in accordance with the General Statutes in The Shelby Star*).

Robert Williams, 814 E. Stagecoach Trail, asked Commissioners numerous questions regarding the budget including how the hospital sale was reflected.

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

**ACTION:** Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins and unanimously adopted by the board to, *to adopt the budget as presented.*

**COUNTY MANAGER’S BUDGET MESSAGE**

**FY 2014-2015**

May 20, 2014

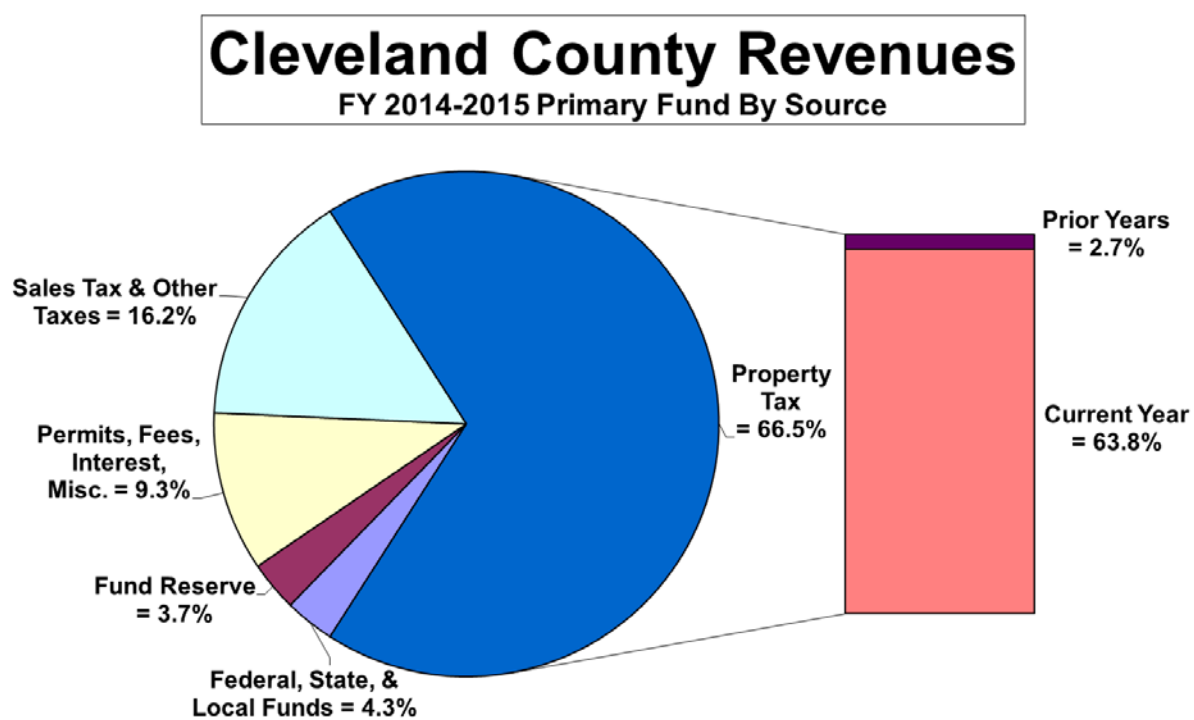
**To the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners:**

The proposed fiscal year 2014-2015 budget for Cleveland County has been prepared in accordance with the North Carolina Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act and General Statute 153A-82. The fiscal year 2014-2015 budgeted revenues and expenditures are balanced with a property tax rate of 57 cents per \$100 of property valuation. The budget will be open for public inspection on May 20, 2014 and a public hearing will be held on June 3, 2014. Over the past several years, it has been the number one priority of Commissioners to recruit new industry to Cleveland County. Because of the Commissioners strong leadership and sound fiscal management, Cleveland County is beginning to see the success of these efforts in a lower unemployment rate and an increase in tax base.

**General Fund Budget**

The projected tax base for fiscal year 2014-2015 is \$7,930,434,275. This is a projected increase of \$460,434,275 in value over the previous year, which translates into \$2,545,741 in new revenue at a 57 cents tax rate with a 97% collection rate. Sales tax distributions are expected to increase about 3.91% or roughly \$320,000 for fiscal year 2014-2015.

Fiscal sustainability is a focus area in the Commissioners Strategic Plan. Because of this, I have included \$300,000 in the budget to increase the county’s fund balance. The county’s fund balance will increase from 15% to 16%. I will continue to work toward your goal of 18%. I have also included as part of this focus area the addition of a Grants Writer position. I believe this position will pay for itself in savings of grant administration costs we are currently paying to third party agencies.



**Human Services**

The overall appropriation of funding for the *Department of Social Services* is \$7,949,336 resulting in an increase of \$80,012. Although the overall department shows an increase, the required local match funding has decreased by approximately \$200,000.

The Social Services Department budget includes an additional three Income Maintenance Case workers needed due to the implementation of NC Fast.

The *Health Department* budget reflects a total county appropriation of \$4,014,273. A strategic goal of Commissioners was to create a Model Animal Control Program. To accomplish this, the budget includes a Rescue Coordinator and two new positions and upgrades at the Animal Shelter. In the area of Community Education, I have included \$25,000 in funding to bolster public outreach for a county wide recycling campaign as well as \$13,000 in shelter, rescue and adoption education. The budget also includes a Solid Waste Mechanic position, a Public Health Nurse II and a Pharmacy Tech II.

### **Public Safety**

The *Emergency Medical Services* department budget totals \$5,836,094. This department budget has increased primarily due to Cleveland County EMS seeing a 7.5% increase in emergency transports from FY 11-12 through FY 12-13. The EMS budget continues to reflect necessary capital replacement needs. The purchase of one new ambulance is included in the budget.

The *Sheriff's Office* budget reflects a total appropriation of \$11,180,683. This budget includes the addition of 14 new Sheriff's vehicles to replace current high mileage vehicles and the creation of four deputy positions in the Sheriff's Patrol Unit. The budget also reflects full-year funding to increase the presence of School Resource Officers in our county elementary schools. Included in the budget is a Detention Center Maintenance staff member. The addition of this position will eliminate outside contracts for laundry service and cleaning. This position and subsequent insourcing will create an annual savings of approximately \$50,000.

### **Volunteer Fire Service Districts**

Number Seven Fire District is requesting an increase of 1 cent for a total tax rate of 5 cents. This tax rate increase will be voted on during your May 20, 2014 regular meeting. This increase will line the Number Seven Fire District tax rate with all other fire districts in Cleveland County. Our volunteers are enthusiastic in their desire to provide outstanding service to the citizens of Cleveland County.

### **Tax Administration**

This budget proposes no change in the current county property tax rate of 57 cents per \$100 of valuation. The tax rate for the county-wide school district will remain at 15 cents. The early payment discount for taxpayers who pay during the month of August will remain at the current discount rate of one-half of 1%.

### **Human Resources**

Last year, was the first year in several years that employees received a pay increase. This budget includes a 2% cost of living adjustment for all permanent full-time employees. Set hourly rates will also rise by 2%.

Cleveland County's health insurance costs have been steadily rising. For next year, the premiums paid by the county on behalf of the employees will rise by 18%. The county has enhanced its Wellness Program in an effort to encourage employees to become healthier. The Wellness program includes disease management, expanded health wellness coaching, smoking cessation and corporate YMCA membership packages for employees and their families. The dental program has been stable this past year so there will not be an increase in dental premiums in the budget.

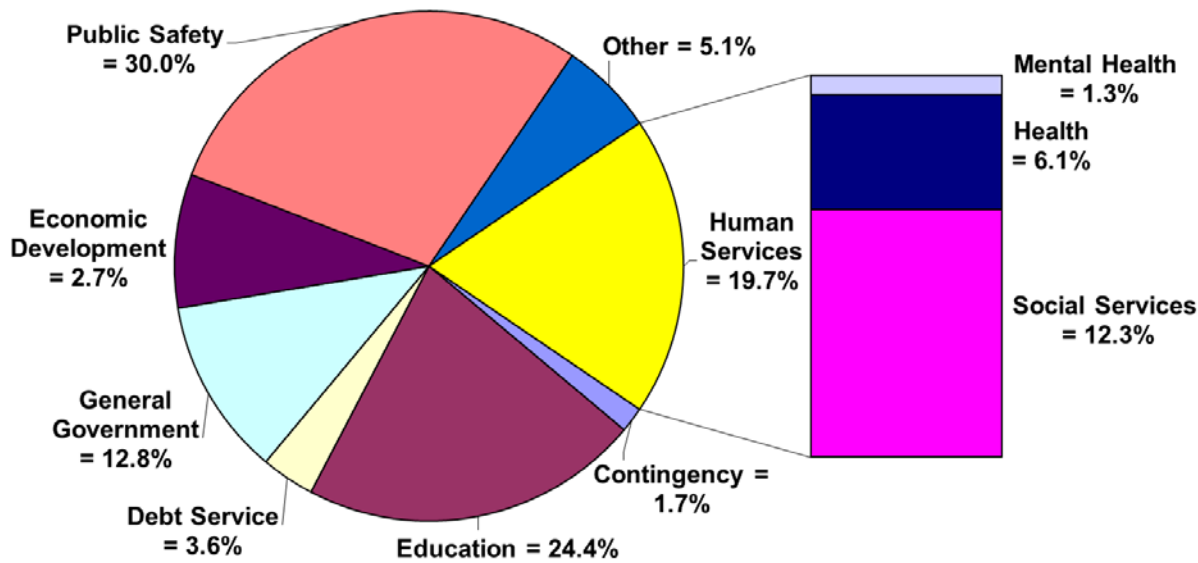
The Wellness Center and Pharmacy Program continue to be a great benefit for county employees. In conjunction with our wellness initiatives, we have extended our pharmacy formulary to offer the employees additional pharmacy options.

### **Cleveland County Library System**

Our library system consists of the Main Library in Shelby and the Spangler Branch Library in Lawndale. The libraries serve nearly a quarter of million visitors a year and circulate nearly 400,000 items each year. The library has 45 public Internet computers that are available during all open hours. As the library is the second most visited facility for job search in Cleveland County, the staff is very conscientious in helping people who are searching for jobs, creating resumes and pursuing their schooling and interests. The public computers are used more than 60,000 times each year. Included in the budget is \$30,000 for the replacement of antiquated computers.

## Cleveland County Expenditures

FY 2014-2015 Primary Fund By Function



### Community College

The budget includes an increase of \$215,000 to \$1,805,573 in current operating expenditures representing a 13% increase for Cleveland Community College funding. Funding for capital projects will increase \$30,000 for FY 2014-2015. Cleveland County is currently ranked 58<sup>th</sup> out of 58 community colleges in local funding. The Community College is instrumental in helping Cleveland County be workforce ready as we continue to experience economic growth.

### Economic Development/Tourism

The budget will appropriate \$162,200 to the Cleveland County Economic Development Partnership to be used in the recruitment of new businesses as well as existing industry expansions. Cleveland County continues to recruit new businesses to the county. In examining those companies with the largest capital investments, it was determined that the net tax revenues received equaled to 3.5 cents of the 57 cent tax rate. This success falls in line with your priority of focusing on the 2016 county-wide revaluation and is due to the vision of County Commissioners and the hard work of the Cleveland County Economic Development Partnership.

The county has continued to place an emphasis on local travel and tourism within our community. This budget is allocating \$120,000 for travel and tourism which is a \$10,000 increase over last year. This funding comes from the local occupancy tax revenues. Occupancy tax funds are also used for successful non-profit tourism initiatives such as the Kings Mountain Gateway Trail, Earl Scruggs Center and the Broad River Greenway.

### Public Schools

The per pupil funding for the Cleveland County School System will increase slightly to \$1,769.17. The county allocation budget totals \$26,719,709. Capital outlay will be \$1,500,000 and special capital projects will be funded at a total of \$900,000. The supplemental tax will increase by a projected \$36,117 and the sales tax is projected to increase by \$80,912.

### COUNTY OF CLEVELAND, NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FUNDING WORKSHEET (ACCRUAL BASIS) May 20, 2014

FISCAL YEAR	2015 <i>projected</i>	2014 <i>estimated</i>	2013	2012	2011	2010
<b>CLEVELAND COUNTY SCHOOLS</b>						
CURRENT EXPENSE	9,900,000	9,849,570	10,408,213	10,408,213	10,408,213	10,408,213
CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,500,000	1,550,000	1,550,000	1,750,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
SPECIAL CAPITAL PROJECTS	900,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,400,000	1,400,000
SUPPLEMENTAL TAX	10,919,709	10,883,592	11,113,150	10,608,257	10,150,211	10,170,229
FINES & FORFEITURES	500,000	430,403	437,001	474,075	506,623	580,292
SALES TAX	3,000,000	2,919,088	2,857,688	2,810,135	2,589,580	

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TOTAL FUNDING	26,719,709	26,832,653	27,566,052	27,250,681	27,054,626	27,159,239
PROJECTED A.D.M.(+)	15,103	15,453	15,651	15,886	16,107	16,411
PER PUPIL FUNDING	1,769.17	1,736.40	1,761.30	1,715.39	1,679.68	1,654.94
ANNUAL AMOUNT CHANGE	32.76	(24.89)	45.91	35.71	24.74	(1.78)
ANNUAL PERCENT CHANGE	1.89%	-1.41%	2.68%	2.13%	1.49%	-0.11%

### **Capital Projects**

This budget addresses several capital projects. These projects are summarized as follows:

- Cleveland County Public Shooting Range – the Public Shooting range will be funded through a \$1,000,000 grant from the North Carolina Wildlife Commission. The range is expected to open in July, 2015. One half-year salary for a Range Master has been designated in the operational budget.
- Cleveland County Health Department – construction on the Cleveland County Health Department will begin in FY 2014/2015. Construction is expected to cost approximately \$18M. Included in the cost is \$445K in campus entry/traffic safety improvements which will help create an integrated human services campus, a top priority of County Commissioners.
- Airport Partnership- Cleveland County will continue the successful partnership with the City of Shelby by earmarking \$50,000 in the budget for hangar expansion and security improvements at the airport.
- Public Safety Radio Maintenance-\$50,000 has been allocated in the budget for purchase of a radio diagnostics system that will enable staff to take a proactive approach to identifying dysfunctional public safety hand-held radios.
- District Attorney’s Office Relocation- in order to extend the life of the Law Enforcement Center, the District Attorney’s office will be strategically relocated to the current Cleveland County Maintenance building which is adjacent to the LEC. The renovations to this building are projected to cost \$250,000.
- Hunter School Renovations- with the relocation of the District Attorney’s office, the Cleveland County Maintenance Department will move to the Old Hunter School. Roof and window replacements and several other renovations will need to be completed in order to bring this building back online. The budget includes \$50,000 for these renovations.
- Boiling Springs EMS Base Station- Cleveland County EMS currently has a base station in the Boiling Springs town hall. The Town of Boiling Springs will be building a new town hall which does not include space for an EMS base station. In FY2013/2014, Cleveland County acquired the Boiling Springs Rescue Squad building. The relocation of the base station to this building will prevent future land acquisition and a possible EMS building project. Renovations to this building will cost approximately \$53,000.

### **Conclusion**

At the end of April, our community received the latest statewide unemployment figures. For the first time in recent memory, Cleveland County, reporting 6.9% unemployment, moved into the top fifty in ranking of all 100 counties by lowest to highest unemployment. This latest news triggered a wave of optimism and buzz through our region’s business community.

There are numerous reasons that our county continues to experience an economic pendulum pointing toward steady improvement while in the face of national and global economic uncertainty. You have provided visionary leadership to the community you serve, to county staff and key municipal and quasi-governmental partners with your Strategic Goal Setting and Prioritization process. Economic Development and Fiscal Sustainability constitute two of your four “Focus Areas”. These two focus areas now serve as the organization’s foundation as we strategically continue to grow and strengthen the county’s tax base while increasing our ability to fiscally sustain future economic downturns and other circumstances beyond our control. Job growth, increased retail sales, livable wages with benefits, increased community infrastructure, vibrant and walkable downtowns, a growing regional tourism economy, low crime, good primary healthcare and affordable living, all help make Cleveland County a sure bet as one of the top up and coming counties in North Carolina. These quality of life indicators each tie in some way to this year’s budget, which all tie directly to the County’s Strategic Goals.

Continued prioritization planning and community collaboration have served Cleveland County well in recent years resulting in numerous public-public partnerships. These partnerships would not have been possible without the collective pooling of resources and responsibility. This “community collaboration” attitude is part of what makes Cleveland County stand out in so many areas including our continued economic development industry growth.

I truly appreciate the County Commissioners favorable consideration of including a two percent cost of living adjustment for county employees in the proposed budget. More importantly, I appreciate the confidence shown and continued support of our rollout of the next level of Health Wellness Initiatives aimed at bolstering the county's employee health care program through improving employee health overall. When coupling these programs together, the message is clear from the Board as well as senior management that the County's success rests on the shoulders of our workforce and investing in our employee health and well-being is a smart investment.

My first year as manager has been a "transition year" for department managers and key support team members as everyone gets re-acclimated while working through several key staffing vacancies. I appreciate the professionalism, work ethic, friendliness, and most of all, the public service commitment of my co-workers. The care and commitment to serve others permeates from the Commission Board through the organization and out to the community we serve. Of special note, Tonya Sigmon, Sherri Geer, Chris Green, Kerri Melton, and April Crotts have provided tremendous budget and administrative support during this budget process.

I look forward to working with you and the community to adopt the Fiscal year 2014-15 Budget.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Jeffrey B. Richardson  
 County Manager

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLEVELAND COUNTY:**

**SECTION I. FUND ESTIMATED REVENUES.** It is estimated that the revenues and fund balances of the funds and departments as listed below will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015 to meet the functional appropriations as set forth in Section II. All fees, commissions, and other sums paid to or collected by any County Officer, or agent in their capacity, shall accrue to the benefit of the County and become County funds.

<b><u>A. GENERAL FUND ESTIMATED REVENUES</u></b>		<b>\$120,039,139</b>	
		<i>Less Transfers In:</i>	(\$14,777,994)    \$105,261,145
<b><u>Primary</u></b>		<b>\$66,455,290</b>	
		<i>Less Transfers In:</i>	(\$1,375,191)    \$65,080,099
<u>Ad Valorem Tax:</u>	Current Year	\$43,847,371	
	(57.0 Cents per \$100 value) X (\$7,930,434,275 total value) X (97% collection)		
	Prior Years	\$1,277,370	
	Advertising/Penalties	\$490,000	
	Sales		
<u>Other Taxes:</u>	Tax        1 Cent (Article 39)	\$4,750,000	
	Two 1/2 Cents (Art 40 & 42)	\$3,750,000	
	Occupancy Tax	\$240,000	
	Heavy Equip Tax	\$20,000	
	Vehicle Lease		
	Tax	\$30,000	
	Excise Stamps Tax	\$200,000	
<u>Intergovernmental:</u>	US Grant-Emergency Management	\$15,862	
	NC Telecommunications Surcharge	\$300,000	
	NC Grants-Third Party (Pass-Thru)	\$261,508	
	NC Grant--J.C.P.C.		
	Admin.	\$1,471	
	NC Court Arrest Fees-Sheriff	\$36,000	
	NC Forfeited Property-Sheriff	\$25,000	
	NC Housing of State Prisoners-Jail	\$190,000	
	NC Housing Inmate -		
	SSA	\$10,000	
	NC Court Fees-		
	Jail	\$60,000	
	NC License Revocation-		
	Jail	\$8,000	
	NC Grant-Soil Conservation Match	\$25,900	
	NC Grant-Veterans' Services Match	\$1,452	
	NC Grant-State Aid to Libraries	\$137,736	
	Kings Mtn: County Library System	\$2,884	
	Schools: School Resource Officers	\$349,854	
	Shelby: Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$11,000	
	Other Various Sources	\$16,015	
<u>Permits/Fees:</u>	Register of		
	Deeds	\$435,000	
	Sheriff	\$244,000	

	Inspections	\$175,000
	Planning & Zoning	\$17,500
<u>Sales/Services:</u>	Rents	\$3,050,000
	Contracted Revenues	
	Municipal Tax Collection	\$250,000
	Municipal Elections	\$0
<u>Sales/Services:</u>	Local Fees & Medicaid	
	Emergency Med Serv	\$2,525,000
	Volunteer Rescue	\$6,000
	Electronic Maintenance	\$15,000
	Cooperative Extension	\$15,950
	County Library System	\$30,000

**SECTION I. FUND ESTIMATED REVENUES.**

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**A. GENERAL FUND ESTIMATED REVENUES**

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<u>Interest:</u>	Interest on Investments	\$150,000
<u>Miscellaneous:</u>	ABC Per Bottle & Profit Distribution	\$75,000
	Sale of Used Assets	\$25,000
	Vending/Payphone Commissions	\$82,000
	Contributions & Donations (Library)	\$43,300
	Other Miscellaneous	\$20,000
<u>Other Sources:</u>	School Capital Reserve Fund (Transfer)	\$1,000,000
	Emergency Telephone Fund (Transfer)	\$75,191
	County Fire Fund (Transfer)	\$300,000
	ROD Automation E & P	\$48,000
	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$1,815,926

**Social Services & Public Assistance**

**\$24,553,676**

Less Transfers In: (\$7,869,850) \$16,683,826

	Grants-Federal and State Govts	\$16,624,027
	Local Fees	\$59,799
	Primary Fund (Transfer)	\$7,869,850

**Public Health**

**\$14,738,732**

Less Transfers In: (\$4,136,656) \$10,602,076

	Grants-Federal and State Govts	\$1,580,474
	Local Fees & Medicaid	\$9,021,602
	Primary Fund (Transfer)	\$4,014,273
	Other Funds (Transfer)	\$122,383

**Employee Wellness**

**\$719,053**

Less Transfers In: (\$587,053) \$132,000

	Local Fees	\$132,000
	Health Insurance Fund (Transfer)	\$587,053

**Court Facilities**

**\$346,404**

Less Transfers In: (\$202,404) \$144,000

	Departmental Fees	\$144,000
	Primary Fund (Transfer)	\$202,404

**School Property Taxes**

**\$11,874,931**

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	Ad Valorem Tax: Current Year	\$11,538,781
	(15.0 Cents per \$100 value) X (\$7,930,434,275 total value) X (97% collection)	
	Ad Valorem Tax: Prior Year	\$336,150

**Workers' Compensation**

**\$724,000**

Less Transfers In: (\$606,840) \$117,160

	Interest on Investments/Other	\$117,160
	Primary Fund (Transfer)	\$318,000
	Other Funds (Transfer)	\$288,840

**Health Insurance**

**\$627,053**

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	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$627,053
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**SECTION I. FUND ESTIMATED REVENUES.**

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**B. SPECIAL REVENUE FUND ESTIMATED REVENUES**

**\$2,512,356**

Less Transfers In: (\$66,667) \$2,445,689

**Emergency Telephone**

**\$405,089**

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	E911 Subscriber Fees	\$323,906
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Other Revenues	\$13,305		
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$67,878		
<b><u>County Fire Service District</u></b>		<b>\$2,040,600</b>	\$2,040,600
Ad Valorem Tax: Current Year (5.0 Cents per \$100 value) X (\$3,260,000,000 total value) X (97% collection)	\$1,581,100		
Ad Valorem Tax: Prior Years	\$28,800		
Other Revenues	\$405,000		
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$25,700		
<b><u>Community Development</u></b>		<b>\$66,667</b>	
	<i>Less Transfers In:</i>	(\$66,667)	\$0
Primary Fund (Transfer)	\$66,667		
<b><u>C. DEBT SERVICE FUND ESTIMATED REVENUES</u></b>		<b>\$5,188,986</b>	
	<i>Less Transfers In:</i>	(\$3,935,660)	\$1,253,326
<b><u>Debt Service</u></b>		<b>\$5,188,986</b>	
	<i>Less Transfers In:</i>	(\$3,935,660)	\$1,253,326
Other Revenues - Federal	\$988,082		
Other Unit's Share of Expenditures	\$265,244		
Primary Fund (Transfer)	\$2,078,420		
School Capital Reserve Fund (Transfer)	\$1,857,240		
<b><u>D. CAPITAL PROJECT FUND ESTIMATED REVENUES</u></b>		<b>\$8,331,492</b>	
	<i>Less Transfers In:</i>	(\$4,231,706)	\$4,099,786
<b><u>Capital Projects</u></b>		<b>\$2,737,126</b>	
	<i>Less Transfers In:</i>	(\$2,737,126)	\$0
Capital Reserve Fund (Transfer)	\$2,737,126		
<b><u>County Capital Reserve</u></b>		<b>\$2,737,126</b>	
	<i>Less Transfers In:</i>	(\$1,494,580)	\$1,242,546
County Funds/County Reserve	\$1,494,580		
Local Revenues	\$100,000		
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$1,142,546		
<b><u>School Capital Reserve</u></b>		<b>\$2,857,240</b>	\$2,857,240
Sales Tax: Two 1/2 Cents (Art. 40 & 42)	\$1,365,244		
Grants-Public School Bldg. Cap. Fds.	\$1,491,996		
<b><u>E. ENTERPRISE FUND ESTIMATED REVENUES</u></b>		<b>\$7,883,530</b>	
	<i>Less Transfers In:</i>	(\$913,776)	\$6,969,754
<b><u>Solid Waste Landfill</u></b>		<b>\$6,690,130</b>	
	<i>Less Transfers In:</i>	(\$250,000)	\$6,440,130
Grants and Shared Taxes-State Govt	\$168,786		
Local Fees and User			
Fees	\$5,966,006		
Sale of Recyclables/Other	\$155,338		
Primary Fund (Transfer)	\$250,000		
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$150,000		
<b><u>Public Shooting Range</u></b>		<b>\$153,776</b>	
	<i>Less Transfers In:</i>	(\$153,776)	\$0
Other Funds (Transfer)	\$153,776		
<b><u>LeGrand Conference Center</u></b>		<b>\$1,039,624</b>	
	<i>Less Transfers In:</i>	(\$510,000)	\$529,624
Fees, Beverage Sales	\$529,624		
Primary Fund (Transfer)	\$510,000		
<b><u>SECTION I TOTAL (TOTAL FUND ESTIMATED REVENUES)</u></b>		<b>\$143,955,503</b>	
	<i>Less Transfers In:</i>	(\$23,925,803)	\$120,029,700

**SECTION II. FUND APPROPRIATIONS.** It is hereby affirmed that the appropriations of the funds and departments as listed below will be sufficient to meet the County's normal operating obligations.

<b><u>A. GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>		<b>\$120,192,915</b>	
	<i>Less Transfers</i>		
	<i>Out:</i>	(\$17,536,247)	\$102,656,668
<b><u>General Government</u></b>		<b>\$27,293,125</b>	
	<i>Less Transfers</i>		
	<i>Out:</i>	(\$17,431,247)	\$9,861,878

10.411	Commissioners (Governing Body)	\$419,417
10.412	County Manager's Office	\$477,364
10.413	Finance/Purchasing	\$692,702
	Property Tax	
10.415	Administration	\$1,440,042
10.416	Legal/County Attorney	\$158,664
10.418	Elections	\$360,954
	Register of	
10.419	Deeds	\$383,796
10.421	Information Technology	\$666,189
	Human	
10.423	Resources	\$394,995
10.426	Building Maintenance	\$1,534,229
10.428	Municipal Elections	\$0
10.430	Municipal Grants	\$147,048
10.432	Grants--Third Party (Pass Thru)	\$261,508
10.433	Grant--J.C.P.C. Administration	\$1,671
10.613	Communities in Schools	\$59,500
10.615	Historic Property Survey	\$0
10.619	ROD Automation E & P	\$31,500
10.981	Transfers Out To:	\$16,804,194
	Social Services	\$6,064,080
	Public	
	Assistance	\$1,805,770
	Public Health	\$4,014,273
	Courts	\$202,404
	Workers' Comp.	\$318,000
	Community	
	Development	\$66,667
	Debt Service	\$2,078,420
	Capital Reserve	\$1,494,580
	Solid Waste	\$250,000
	Conference Center	\$510,000
	Emergency &	
10.998	Contingency	\$1,042,842
13.660	Employee Wellness	\$719,053
14.417	Court Facilities	\$346,404
60.650	Workers' Compensation	\$724,000
65.981	Employee Medical Insurance (Transfer)	\$627,053

**Public Safety**

**\$19,793,275**      \$19,793,275

10.440	School Resource Officers	\$411,962
10.441	Sheriff	\$6,703,933
	Forfeited Property--	
10.442	Federal	\$0
10.443	Forfeited Property--State	\$25,000
10.444	Detention Center/Jail	\$4,476,750
10.445	Emergency Management	\$324,038
10.446	Emergency Medical Services	\$5,836,094
	Volunteer	
10.447	Rescue	\$57,600
10.448	Communications	\$1,010,871
10.449	Electronic Maintenance	\$372,538
10.450	Building Inspections	\$448,356
10.451	Coroner	\$106,053
10.453	Hazardous Materials	\$20,080

**SECTION II. FUND APPROPRIATIONS.**

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**A. GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS**

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**Economic & Physical Development**

**\$5,355,572**      \$5,355,572

	Planning &	
10.491	Zoning	\$353,044
10.492	Economic Development/Tourism	\$4,559,207
10.495	Cooperative Extension	\$274,081
10.496	Forestry Management	\$73,727
10.498	Soil Conservation	\$95,513

**Transportation**

**\$44,465**

10.497	Transportation Admin. of Clev. Cty.	\$44,465
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**Human Services**

**\$40,200,540**

*Less Transfers*

**(\$105,000)**

**\$40,095,540**

			<i>Out:</i>		
10.560	Mental Health (Pathways)		\$648,607		
10.591	Veterans' Service Officer		\$105,490		
10.617	Council on Aging (Senior Center) Social Svcs. & Public		\$154,035		
11.000	Asst.		\$24,448,676		
11.000	Transfers Out To Other Funds		\$105,000		
12.000	Public Health		\$14,738,732		
<b><u>Education</u></b>				<b>\$25,978,906</b>	\$25,978,906
10.600	Cleveland County Schools		\$12,300,000		
	Current Expense	\$9,900,000			
	Capital Outlay	\$2,400,000			
10.604	Cleveland Community College Current Expense	\$1,803,975			
20.600	School Property Taxes		\$11,874,931		
<b><u>Cultural</u></b>				<b>\$1,467,877</b>	\$1,467,877
10.611	Libraries		\$1,122,001		
	County Library System	\$1,045,001			
	Other Libraries	\$77,000			
10.612	Recreation		\$99,700		
10.614	Historic Artifacts		\$92,400		
52.470	Public Firing Range		\$153,776		
<b><u>Debt Service (small lease purchase agreements)</u></b>				<b>\$59,155</b>	\$59,155
10.800	Debt Service		\$59,155		
<b><u>B. SPECIAL REVENUE FUND APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>				<b>\$2,512,356</b>	
			<i>Less Transfers</i>		
			<i>Out:</i>	(\$375,191)	\$2,137,165
<b><u>Public Safety</u></b>				<b>\$2,512,356</b>	
			<i>Less Transfers</i>		
			<i>Out:</i>	(\$375,191)	\$2,137,165
26.454	Emergency Telephone		\$329,898		
26.454	Transfer Out To Other Funds		\$75,191		
28.452	Volunteer Fire Departments		\$1,740,600		
28.452	Volunteer Fire Departments (Transfer)		\$300,000		
29.493	Community Development		\$66,667		
<b><u>C. DEBT SERVICE FUND APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>				<b>\$5,188,986</b>	\$5,188,986
<b><u>Debt Service</u></b>				<b>\$5,188,986</b>	\$5,188,986
30.800	Debt Service		\$5,188,986		
<b><u>SECTION II. FUND APPROPRIATIONS.</u></b>					<b>(continued)</b>
<b><u>D. CAPITAL PROJECT FUND APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>				<b>\$8,331,492</b>	
			<i>Less Transfers</i>		
			<i>Out:</i>	(\$5,594,366)	\$2,737,126
<b><u>Capital Projects</u></b>				<b>\$8,331,492</b>	
			<i>Less Transfers</i>		
			<i>Out:</i>	(\$5,594,366)	\$2,737,126
40.210	General Projects		\$2,737,126		
41.209	County: Capital Reserves (Transfer)		\$2,737,126		
42.105	Schools: Local Option Sales Taxes (Tr'fer)		\$1,365,244		
42.106	State Corporate Income Taxes (Transfer)		\$1,491,996		
<b><u>E. ENTERPRISE FUND APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>				<b>\$7,729,754</b>	
			<i>Less Transfers</i>		
			<i>Out:</i>	(\$419,999)	\$7,309,755
<b><u>Environmental</u></b>				<b>\$6,690,130</b>	
			<i>Less Transfers</i>		
			<i>Out:</i>	(\$419,999)	\$6,270,131
54.472	Solid Waste Capital Projects		\$150,000		
54.473	Solid Waste Disposal		\$3,993,401		
54.473	Transfers Out To Other Funds		\$183,840		
54.473	Transfer Out To Other Funds		\$236,159		
54.474	Solid Waste Collections		\$2,126,730		

<b><u>Cultural</u></b>		<b>\$1,039,624</b>	\$1,039,624
55.480 LeGrand Conference Center	\$1,039,624		

<b>SECTION II TOTAL (TOTAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS)</b>		<b>\$143,955,503</b>	
	<i>Less Transfers</i>		
	<i>Out:</i>	(\$23,925,803)	\$120,029,700

**SECTION III. PROPERTY TAX RATES.** The County-wide property tax rate shall be 57 cents per \$100 valuation for purposes of the General Fund and 15 cents per \$100 valuation for purposes of the School Property Taxes Fund; thus, the combined County-wide property tax rate shall be 72 cents per \$100 valuation. Further, the property tax rate for the County Fire Service District shall be 5 cents per \$100 valuation and derived revenues shall be used to benefit volunteer fire departments in the district. In addition, to benefit the volunteer fire department in a special fire district which is seeking approval of this rate change from the Board of County Commissioners, the property tax rate for the Number Seven Fire District shall be 4 cents per \$100 valuation.

**SECTION IV. BUDGET CHANGES.** The County Manager shall have authorization to make budget changes between any and all operating funds and departments as long as the Total Fund Estimated Revenues and Total Fund Appropriations remain at the level, including all subsequent budget amendments, approved and adopted by the County Board of Commissioners, except as provided below.

**SECTION V. BUDGET CARRY FORWARDS.** The County Manager shall have authorization to include in the budget all prior year budget amounts remaining for outstanding purchase order encumbrances, unspent grants, unspent donations, and other ongoing projects as determined by the Finance Department.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT: MIMIMUM HOUSING CODE VIOLATION- 2544 PLEASANT HILL CHURCH ROAD**

In accordance with Section 3.5-45(b), Planning Director Bill McCarter submitted an ordinance to Commissioners ordering the owners to comply with the Order of Code Enforcement to demolish an abandoned house.

According to the Building Inspector, the structure is beyond repair. The tax value of the property is \$212. The repairs would cost approximately \$5,500. This came to the Planning Department as the result of a complaint from a citizen. After holding a hearing, an order was issued on January 2, 2014 to demolish this dwelling within 90 days. This Order expired on April 2, 2014. To date, no action has been taken by the owner.

The adoption of the ordinance authorizes the Code Enforcement Officer to accept bids for any salvage materials in or about the dwelling and credit the proceeds against the costs of demolition. A lien will be placed against the property for any additional costs incurred by the county, as provided by NCGS 160A-446(6).

**ACTION:** Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to adopt the following ordinance ordering the demolition:*

CLEVELAND COUNTY  
NORTH CAROLINA

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO DEMOLISH  
A MOBILE HOME AT 2544 PLEASANTHILL CHURCH ROAD

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 160A, Article 19, Part 6 of the North Carolina General Statutes, the dwelling located at 2544 Pleasant Hill Church Road, Cleveland County, North Carolina has been inspected and found to be unfit for human habitation and to otherwise constitute a danger to persons and a threat to the health and welfare of the citizens within Cleveland County; and

WHEREAS, according to the procedures provided by law, the owner(s) of said property have been given notice of the aforesaid inspection, defective conditions, determination and order to bring said property into compliance with the minimum housing code of Cleveland County and the State of North Carolina by appropriate repair and/or demolition of said dilapidated dwelling; and

WHEREAS, the owner(s) have not complied with the Findings and Order by the Code Enforcement Officer within the period allowed by law; and

WHEREAS, the said dwelling remains, at this time, unfit for human habitation, dilapidated, and a danger to the health and safety of the citizens of Cleveland County and should be demolished in order to prevent and alleviate such danger and dilapidated conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that the dilapidated dwelling located at 2544 Pleasant Hill Church Road, (Parcel 7709) now or formerly owned by William D. Dycus; shall be demolished, and a lien placed against the property for the costs incurred by the county as provided by GS160A-443(6).

Adopted and approved this the 3rd day of June 2014 by the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners in open session.

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT: MINIMUM HOUSING CODE VIOLATION- 2319 PLEASANT HILL CHURCH ROAD**

In accordance with Section 3.5-45(b), Planning Director Bill McCarter submitted an ordinance to Commissioners ordering the owners to comply with the Order of Code Enforcement to demolish an abandoned house.

The Planning Department was unable to contact the property owner. They ran several legal ads as required by North Carolina General Statutes. After holding a hearing, an order was published in the Shelby Star on February 17, 2014 to demolish the dwelling within 90 days. This order expired on May 17, 2014. To date, no action has been taken by the owner.

The adoption of the ordinance authorizes the Code Enforcement Officer to accept bids for any salvage materials in or about the dwelling and credit the proceeds against the costs of demolition. A lien will be placed against the property for any additional costs incurred by the county, as provided by NCGS 160A-443(6).

**ACTION:** Susan Allen made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to adopt the following ordinance ordering the demolition:*

CLEVELAND COUNTY  
NORTH CAROLINA

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO DEMOLISH  
A MOBILE HOME AT 2319 PLEASANT HILL CHURCH ROAD

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 160A, Article 19, Part 6 of the North Carolina General Statutes, the dwelling located at 2319 Pleasant Hill Church Road, Cleveland County, North Carolina has been inspected and found to be unfit for human habitation and to otherwise constitute a danger to persons and a threat to the health and welfare of the citizens within Cleveland County; and

WHEREAS, according to the procedures provided by law, the owner(s) of said property have been given notice of the aforesaid inspection, defective conditions, determination and order to bring said property into

compliance with the minimum housing code of Cleveland County and the State of North Carolina by appropriate repair and/or demolition of said dilapidated dwelling; and

WHEREAS, the owner(s) have not complied with the Findings and Order by the Code Enforcement Officer within the period allowed by law; and

WHEREAS, the said dwelling remains, at this time, unfit for human habitation, dilapidated, and a danger to the health and safety of the citizens of Cleveland County and should be demolished in order to prevent and alleviate such danger and dilapidated conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that the dilapidated dwelling located at 2319 Pleasant Hill Church Road, (Parcel 5072) now or formerly owned by Charlene Denise Lowery; shall be demolished, and a lien placed against the property for the costs incurred by the county as provided by GS160A-443(6).

Adopted and approved this the 3rd day of June 2014 by the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners in open session.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Vice-Chairman Holbrook thanked Commissioner Hutchins for his work with the Gaston MPO.

Commissioner Hutchins attended an MPO meeting where they are continuing to discuss the bypass project and the widening of I85.

Commissioner Allen encouraged residents to get involved in the therapeutic riding program at North Shelby School.

Commissioner Hawkins is hoping the School Board will consider getting North Shelby School a new building.

Chairman Falls thanked the County Manager for the budget message and connecting it back to Commissioners Strategic Goals.

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to adjourn*.

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*Jason Falls, Chairman  
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*

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*Kerri Melton, Clerk  
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*