

Cleveland County Board of Commissioners
November 18th, 2014:

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, November 18th, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Chamber of the Cleveland County Administrative Office.

PRESENT: Jason Falls, Chairman
Eddie Holbrook, Vice-Chairman
Johnny Hutchins, Commissioner
Susan Allen, Commissioner
Ronnie Hawkins, Commissioner
Jeff Richardson, County Manager
Andrea Fite, County Attorney
Henry Earle, County Clerk
April Crotts, Deputy Clerk
Chris Greene, Tax Administrator
Brian Epley, Finance Director
Allison Mauney, Human Resources
Bill McCarter, Planning Director
Kerri Melton, Community Services Director

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Falls called the meeting to order. Commissioner Hutchins then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and provided the invocation for the meeting.

AGENDA ADOPTION

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to adopt the agenda as presented by the County Clerk.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION

The following residents spoke in opposition to the proposed casino project:

Don Clarke: 35 Dreary Lane, Shelby
Gloria Clarke: 532 Forest Hills Drive, Shelby
Debbie Keever: 524 School Road, Kings Mountain
Karen Clarke: 35 Dreary Lane Shelby

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: Commissioner Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Allen, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to approve the following items:

MINUTES: There being no corrections, additions or deletions, the Minutes of the November 4th, 2014 regular meeting were presented and approved as written.

TAX ADMINISTRATION: As of October 31st, 2014, the county has collected 54.84% of property taxes.

TAX ASSESSOR: During the month of October Abatements were in the amount of \$305,462.43 and Supplements were in the amount of \$4,172,107.28.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: The Sheriff's Office requested that service weapons be issued to retiring deputies Deborah Arrowood and Captain Philip Todd.

SOCIAL SERVICES: BNA #020:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
011.504.4.350.00	Income Maintenance	\$ 12,000.00	
011.504.5.899.00	Income Maintenance	\$ 12,000.00	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget Amendment is to accept additional state funds for Special Needs Adoption for fiscal year 2014/2015.

PUBLIC SAFETY: BNA #021:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
010.437.4.310.00	Public Safety	\$ 3,500.00	
010.437.5.210.00	Public Safety	\$ 3,500.00	

Explanation of Revisions: Request to budget fiscal year 2015 SMAT III money to buy disaster preparedness supplies.

PUBLIC SAFETY: BNA #022:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
010.437.4.310.00	Public Safety	\$ 10,000.00	
010.437.5.311.00	Public Safety	\$ 10,000.00	

Explanation of Revisions: Request to budget Homeland Security Sustainment Training Grant money for period 9/1/14-2/28/16.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BNA #023:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
012.533.4.310.00	Health Department	\$ 1,862.00	
012.533.5.230.05	Health Department	\$ 1,862.00	

Explanation of Revisions: Request to budget funds from the department of health and human services to purchase Wisewoman lab supplies.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BNA #024:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
012.538.4.800.00	Health Department	\$ 1,080.00	
012.538.5.500.00	Health Department	\$ 1,080.00	

Explanation of Revisions: Request funds received from Carolinas Healthcare System for a student preceptorship.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BNA #025:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
012.548.4.310.00	CODAP	\$ 125,000.00	
012.548.5.121.00	CODAP-salary	\$ 39,585.00	
012.548.5.131.00	CODAP-Social Security	\$ 2,528.00	
012.548.5.132.00	CODAP-Retirement	\$ 2,882.00	
012.548.5.133.00	CODAP-Hospitalization In.	\$ 6,626.00	
012.548.5.134.00	CODAP-Dental Insurance	\$ 198.00	
012.548.5.135.00	CODAP-401K	\$ 2,038.00	
012.548.5.136.00	CODAP-Medicare Insurance	\$ 591.00	
012.548.5.210.00	CODAP-Supplies	\$ 3,414.00	
012.548.5.211.00	CODAP-Controlled Property	\$ 3,370.00	
012.548.5.310.00	CODAP-Travel & Training	\$ 6,434.00	
012.548.5.370.00	CODAP-Advertising	\$ 43,080.00	
012.548.5.490.00	CODAP-Professional Services	\$ 12,114.00	
012.548.5.581.00	CODAP-Awards/Incentives	\$ 2,140.00	

Explanation of Revisions: Request to budget funds from the Drug Free Communities Grant from the Department of Health and Human Services. This money will fill a vacant unfunded Health Education Specialist and operating expenses to fulfill their scope of work.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BNA #026:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
012.532.4.310.00	Health Department	\$ 1,000.00	
012.532.5.310.00	Health Department	\$ 500.00	
012.532.5.370.00	Health Department	\$ 500.00	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget STD funds from DHHS for staff training and educational material.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BNA #027:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
012.545.4.310.00	Health Department	\$ 9,000.00	
012.545.5.210.00	Health Department	\$ 9,000.00	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget funds from MDRC so the Nurse Family Partnership can participate in a research project to learn more about home visiting programs

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Chairman Falls recognized Carol Wilson, Veteran’s Administration Director and asked her to come forward. Chairman Falls then asked the clerk to read the following resolution:

Number 08-2014

**A RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF
VETERAN SERVICES DIRECTOR CAROL MCCRAW**

WHEREAS, effective November 30th, 2014, Carol McCraw retired from Cleveland County; and

WHEREAS, Carol has been a full-time employee of Cleveland County since June 16th, 1989 beginning with the Department of Social Services before becoming a Cleveland County Veterans Services Officer on October 23rd, 1995; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure, Carol has been honored with numerous recognitions from several veterans groups as well as from Congressman Patrick McHenry, having the American Flag being flown in her honor over The United States Capital on January 31st, 2012; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career Carol has helped numerous Veterans and their family members with VA benefits including compensation, medical assistance, scholarships and widow benefits; and

WHEREAS, Carol has been an advocate for Cleveland County Veterans and has served on the Veterans Advisory Council; earning the admiration, respect and friendship of those with whom she has worked and come into contact; and

WHEREAS, Carol will always be remembered by Cleveland County employees as well as veterans across the county as the “VA lady”;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners commends Carol McCraw for her years of service to the County and the citizens and we extend to Carol best wishes for many years of good health and happiness during her retirement and future endeavors.

Adopted this the 18th day of November 2014.

Jason Falls, Chairman

Eddie Holbrook, Vice-Chairman

Susan K. Allen, Commissioner

Ronnie Hawkins, Commissioner

Johnny Hutchins, Commissioner

After the resolution was read the Commissioners came down front and took pictures with Carol and her family. Each Commissioner took turns congratulating her on the job she did and how much she has meant to the community and the veterans in the community. Carol then thanked everyone in attendance and expressed her sadness at leaving but her excitement about the future.

PUBLIC HEARING

Economic Development Incentive Agreement on Project Rich: Chairman Falls called up Stuart Hair, associate director of Cleveland County Economic Development Partnership. Mr. Hair said his focus at the Partnership is aiding existing businesses, so he was bringing forward a new economic incentive agreement called Project Rich. The company employs 44 people and is looking to create \$10,000,000 in new taxable investment and 10 new jobs within the next three years. Commissioners were given the draft agreement in the agenda packet.

Chairman Falls opened up the public comment at 6:51 p.m. and, hearing no comment, closed at 6:52 p.m. Chairman Falls asked for a motion and the motion was made by Commissioner Hawkins and was seconded by

Commissioner Holbrook to approve Project Rich as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

GATEWAY TRAIL PHASE 5 CONSTRUCTION GRANT: Chairman Falls called Bill McCarter, Planning Director to the podium. Mr. McCarter recognized Shirley Brutko and Bill McMurray who were Gateway Trail Board members. Mr. McCarter said the grant is there to add 3 more miles to the current 5.2 miles of the Gateway Trail. Phase 5 is going to take the park all the way to I-85. Mr. McCarter emphasized that there are 3 phases to the project; engineering, right of way and construction. The county has the option to stop at any phase of the project if the county does not see fit to continue or there are unforeseen costs the county does not wish to assume. A few cons from the project are extended oversight due to it being a federal grant. The county will have oversight of the project and Mr. McCarter will personally oversee the project from the county's perspective.

Chairman Falls asked the question if the county was fronting the money for the project and Mr. McCarter said yes. The grant is set up as a reimbursement grant, which is customary with this type of grant.

Commissioner Hutchins made a motion to approve the grant as presented and Commissioner Hawkins seconded. It passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE MEETING DATE

The clerk read the resolution listed below:

NUMBER 09-2014

**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, December 2nd, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.** to **Monday, December 1st at 10:00 a.m. for the swearing in of newly elected Commissioners; followed by a regular business meeting in the Commissioner's Chamber.**

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 on Tuesday, December 16th, 2014.

ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF November 2014.

JASON FALLS, CHAIRMAN
CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

HENRY EARLE, CLERK
CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Hawkins asked the Clerk if the reason for the change in meeting was noted in the resolution. The clerk assured Commissioner Hawkins that the state statute referenced above indicated the reasoning for the date change.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Falls stated that the Board, per North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (a)(6), was going into closed session to conduct the county manager's annual review. Chairman Falls entertained a motion that they go into closed session, inviting Allison Mauney, Human Resources Director, back with them. Commissioner Holbrook made the motion and Commissioner Hutchins seconded the motion. It was unanimous and the Commissioners, along with the county manager and the county HR director went into closed session.

After the closed session the Commissioners reconvened. Chairman Falls entertained a motion to reconvene and Commissioner Allen made the motion to reconvene. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion to reconvene and it was approved unanimously. Chairman Falls added that no action was taken during the annual review of the county manager.

ADJOURN

Chairman Falls asked the Commissioners if they wanted to do Commissioner Reports but they declined and Chairman Falls entertained a motion to adjourn the

meeting. Commissioner Holbrook made the motion to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously approved. The next scheduled meeting will be Monday, December 1st at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Chambers for the annual Organizational Meeting.