

Cleveland County Board of Commissioners
February 16, 2016:

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, February 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Chamber of the Cleveland County Administrative Office.

PRESENT: Jason Falls, Chairman
Eddie Holbrook, Vice-Chairman
Susan Allen, Commissioner
Ronnie Hawkins, Commissioner
Johnny Hutchins, Commissioner
Jeff Richardson, County Manager
Tim Moore, County Attorney
Andrea Leslie-Fite, Assistant County Attorney
Henry Earle, Clerk
Kerri Melton, Community Services Director
Brian Epley, Finance Director
Allison Mauney, Human Resources Director
Chris Green, Tax Administrator
Perry Davis, Emergency Management Director
Lorie Poston, Communications Director

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jason Falls called the meeting to order and Commissioner Ronnie Hawkins led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and provided the invocation for the meeting.

AGENDA ADOPTION

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

DESTINATION CLEVELAND COUNTY: Gail McKillop of Destination Cleveland County was called to the podium. Ms. McKillop spoke about DCC's new plans to promote the Don Gibson Theater and Earl Scruggs Center via a video and electronic press kit that would be focused on travel writers and group organizers. Ms. McKillop showed Commissioners the video and thanked the Commissioners for their support of Destination Cleveland County.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION

- No one signed up for citizen recognition.

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 January 19th, 2016 regular meeting were presented and approved as written.

TAX ADMINISTRATION: As of January 31st, 2016, 92.44% of taxes had been collected for fiscal year 2015-2016.

TAX ADMINISTRATION: For January 2016 Abatements were \$23,487.86 and supplements were \$19,415.95 with no pending refunds or releases.

TAX ADMINISTRATION: Per NC GS 105-369, the tax administration requested permission to advertise tax liens on real property in the newspaper. Estimated cost would be \$7,200.00.

TAX ADMINISTRATION: Shelby Mall had appealed their tax value for years 2012-2015 of 13.2 million. Proposed terms of 12 million for property value was accepted by both parties for those years with an estimated fiscal savings of \$12,000 in further court costs.

SOCIAL SERVICES: BNA #044

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
011.504.4.310.00	FEDERAL GOV. GRANTS	\$9,179.00	
011.504.4.350.00	STATE GOV. GRANTS	\$9,007.00	
011.504.4.980.00	COUNTY	\$2,909.00	
011.504.5.420.00	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$21,095.00	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget amendment necessary to accept additional federal and state allocated funds for FY 2015/2016.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BNA #045

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
012.538.4.800.00	MISC REVENUE	\$1,500.00	
012.538.5.211.00	CONTROLLED PROPERTY	\$1,500.00	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget funds given by Gardner-Webb University for precepting students in Maternal Health, to purchase wheelchair scales.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BNA #046

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
012.538.4.350.00	FEDERAL GOV. GRANTS	\$20,000.00	
012.538.5.490.00	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$20,000.00	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget DHHS Maternal and Child Health Funds, used to contract with the Alliance for Health to utilize evidence based solutions to help lower infant mortality rates.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BNA #047

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
012.535.4.350.00	STATE GOV. GRANTS	\$4,160.00	
012.535.5.310.00	TRAVEL/TRAINING	\$1,000.00	
012.535.5.370.00	ADVERTISING/PROMOTION	\$1,500.00	
011.504.5.420.00	AWARDS/INCENTIVES	\$1,660.00	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget additional DHHS Healthy Communities funds to increase current intervention programs through incentives, travel and education materials.

SOCIAL SERVICES: BNA #048

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
012.533.4.800.00	FEDERAL GOV. GRANTS	\$9,179.00	
012.533.5.500.00	STATE GOV. GRANTS	\$9,007.00	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget revenue given by Carolinas Healthcare Systems for pharmacy student preceptor to purchase department supplies for the new health department facility.

SOCIAL SERVICES: BNA #049

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
012.546.4.310.00	FEDERAL GOV. GRANTS	\$86,921.00	

012.546.5.211.00	CONTROLLED PROPERTY	\$1,000.00
012.546.5.310.00	TRAVEL/TRAINING	\$3,594.00
012.546.5.321.00	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$485.00
012.546.5.490.00	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$74,566.00
012.546.5.581.00	AWARDS/INCENTIVES	\$7,276.00

Explanation of Revisions: Budget CCNC Practice Transformation Grant federal funds for operating expense and professional services to carry out the scope of work to improve quality improvement for primary care provider.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BNA #050

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
012.548.4.810.00	DONATIONS/CONTRIB.	\$2,000.00	
012.548.5.310.00	TRAVEL/TRAINING	\$1,000.00	
012.548.5.581.00	AWARDS/INCENTIVES	\$1,000.00	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget donation from Cleveland County Sheriff's Office to support CODAP for travel/training and awards/incentives.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BNA #051

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
012.539.4.350.00	STATE GOV. GRANTS	\$40,000.00	
012.539.5.122.00	SALARY-P/T	\$10,000.00	
012.539.5.230.01	PRESCRIPTION DRUGS	\$30,000.00	
012.545.4.350.00	STATE GOV. GRANTS	\$20,000.00	
012.545.5.121.00	SALARY-REGULAR	\$10,000.00	
012.545.5.310.00	TRAVEL/TRAINING	\$4,000.00	
012.545.5.490.00	PROFESSIONAL SERV.	\$3,000.00	
012.545.5.581.00	AWARDS/INCENTIVES	\$2,000.00	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget DHHS Infant Mortality Reduction Grant for implementing evidence based strategies to lower infant mortality rates.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: BNA #052

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
010.443.4.991.00	FD BALANCE APPROP	\$25,000.00	
010.443.5.500.00	MISC. EXPENSES	\$25,000.00	

Explanation of Revisions: Request to budget additional drug buy funds for Narcotics Division.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: The Sheriff's Office requested to remove from county inventory a Glock, Model 30, .45 caliber, serial number DRD-954, asset # 200459. It will be presented to Deputy Maurice Jamerson who retired on January 31, 2016.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Emergency Management requested Commissioner approval on the contract for Lawndale Volunteer Fire Department. At the October 7th meeting Commissioners approved a new fire district map, allowing Lawndale VFD to provide coverage to a previously labeled class 10 fire district. This reclassification will allow homes to save money on fire insurance and will give Lawndale extra operating income to cover those areas. The contract will pay Lawndale VFD \$10,000 annually.

REGULAR AGENDA

ANIMAL CONTROL REGISTRATION/LICENSE ORDINANCE DISCUSSION: Chairman Falls recounted the need for the creation of the Animal Control Task Force 3 years ago and their mandate to come up with a proposed solution to the unwanted pet population. In July 2015 Commissioners approved the Task

Force's recommendations and amended the animal control ordinance to go into effect July 2016. Recently members of the public had complained about the ordinance changes, asking for Commissioners to revisit it. County staff proposed an amendment, eliminating the registration mandate for altered animals and making the licensing requirement strictly complaint driven. Commissioners reviewed the amendment and discussed.

ACTION: Commissioner Holbrook moved to table the discussion and action on the ordinance until the next board meeting with Commissioners Hutchins and Hawkins meeting with the County Manager and animal control to review the ordinance and make a suggestion to the Board. It was seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously approved by the Board.

TOBACCO FREE CAMPUS STUDY COMMISSION REPORT: Allison Mauney, Human Resources Director, came to the podium. She recounted the request from the Board of Health in October to establish a tobacco free campus study commission. The committee, comprised of the health director, DSS director, Captain Joel Shores from the Sheriff's department, the Communications director and the HR director, reviewed tobacco use policies from around the state, with a wide range of policies and enforcement. The commission proposed changes in stating that all county owned or leased buildings will be tobacco free and each county owned or leased building will have a designated tobacco use area at least 50 feet away from the building. Estimated costs for the project would be \$7,500.00 which will include a bench, signage, small roof and trash receptacles. Commissioner Holbrook asked who would be maintaining the cleanliness of the tobacco areas. Mrs. Mauney said she was not sure but it would probably fall to the maintenance teams for each building. Commissioner Holbrook stated that this was not meant to infringe on the freedom of others but to provide a safer place for people who do not use tobacco.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchins moved to approve the recommendations from the Tobacco Free Campus Study Commission, with wording to ensure that the restriction is in buildings. It was seconded by Commissioner Hawkins. It was unanimously approved by the Board.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY CONTRACT APPROVAL: Kerri Melton, Community Services Director, came to the podium and presented the proposal for the renovation of the building that will be used for the district attorney's office. County administration had decided in 2014 that the Dixon building, across from the administration building, would be the best choice to house the DA. Requests were sent out and Boomerang Architects won that contract. T.C. Strickland, a local construction company, presented the lowest bid for construction at \$533,000 with an alternate IT infrastructure bid of \$22,000. Mrs. Melton requested that the Commissioners approve the bid.

ACTION: Commissioner Hawkins moved that the bid from T.C. Strickland be accepted. It was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously approved by the Board.

CONSIDERATION OF TWO NEW FTE DEPUTIES: County Manager Richardson said that the Sheriff and County Manager have continued to monitor sworn officer deputy staffing needs for several years. Since

2013 the Commissioners have approved 8 deputies. Tonight he was coming to ask for two more, bringing the total to 10 since 2013. This has allowed the Sheriff's office to be more responsive, which has generated positive comments from the community about police presence.

ACTION: Commissioner Hawkins moved to approve the two new deputy positions. It was seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously approved by the Board.

Sheriff Norman came forward and thanked the Board for their vision and willingness to help out with the Sheriff's department and to be pro law enforcement. Chairman Falls thanked the Sheriff for his work and commitment to Cleveland County.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Hawkins: Thanked the staff for their work on the work session yesterday.

Commissioner Allen: Also thanked the staff for their work at the work session and thanked public safety staff for their work during the weather events.

Commissioner Hutchins: Thanked the manager and staff for their work on the shooting range. April 19th is the target date for the opening of the gun range.

Commissioner Holbrook: Thanked the staff for their work on employee appreciation day. Project Hedgehog is 90 days out from being announced and it will be a \$330 million project. The world series may go live for 3 days this year and possibly every day next year.

County Manager Richardson: Thanked the Sheriff for being present and thanked Perry Davis, Emergency Management Director, and Lorie Poston, Communications Director, for their incredible work during weather events.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Falls entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Commissioner Hutchins, seconded by Commissioner Hawkins and unanimously approved by the Board. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners will be on Tuesday, March 1st at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Chamber.