

Cleveland County Board of Commissioners
November 15, 2016

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, November 15th, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Chamber of the Cleveland County Administrative Office.

PRESENT: Jason Falls, Chairman
Eddie Holbrook, Vice-Chair
Johnny Hutchins, Commissioner
Debbie Hoyle, Belwood Mayor
Jeff Richardson, County Manager
Tim Moore, County Attorney
Andrea Leslie-Fite, Assistant County Attorney
Henry Earle, Clerk to the Board
Kerri Melton, Community Services Director
Brian Epley, Finance Director
Chris Green, Tax Administrator
Allison Mauney, Human Resources Director
Bill McCarter, Planning Director
Sam Lockridge, Foothills Shooting Complex Director
Paul Ezell, Building Inspections Director

ABSENT: Susan Allen, Commissioner
Ronald Hawkins, Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER

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

AGENDA ADOPTION

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchins moved to adopt the agenda, postponing item 5 (Code Text Amendment for the Planning Board) indefinitely. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously approved by the Board.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION

- No one registered to speak.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES: There being no corrections, additions or deletions, the minutes of the November 1st, 2016 regular meeting were presented.

ACTION: Commissioner Holbrook moved to adopt the Minutes as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Hutchins and unanimously adopted by the Board.

TAX ADMINISTRATION: For the month of October 2016 Supplements were \$4,011,873.34 and Abatements were \$645.77.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchins moved to accept the Abatements and Supplements report as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously approved by the Board.

TAX ADMINISTRATION: As of October 31st, 2016, 54.8% of taxes had been collected for fiscal year 2016-2017.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchins moved to accept the Collection Report for September 2016. It was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously approved by the Board.

FOOTHILLS SHOOTING COMPLEX: BNA #018

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
049.470.4.350.00	State Gov. Grants	\$653,976.00	
049.470.5.991.00	Construction	\$653,976.00	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget money received from NC Wildlife Commission to upgrade Range One (250 yard rifle range) with new steel baffling and side walls.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchins moved to approve the budget amendment. It was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously approved by the Board.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

INCENTIVE AGREEMENT UPDATE FOR GREENHECK FAN, INC.: Chairman Falls recognized Brian Epley, Finance Director for Cleveland County. Mr. Epley stated that staff was coming before the Board to ask for a wording amendment to the 2012 Incentive Agreement with Greenheck Fan Corporation. The original agreement had as its project name "Project Tundra." The proposed amendment would update section 3.3 of the current contract, changing the wording from "net new investment" to "taxes paid." Mr. Epley stated that this change would reflect a modernization of Incentive Agreement language and would also match up with a 2014 expansion Incentive Agreement that the county had with Greenheck Fan Corporation. This would align both contracts and would match the 2012 agreement with the pro forma given to the company.

The public hearing was opened at 6:10 p.m. and was closed at 6:11 p.m. after hearing no one.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchins moved to accept the addendum as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously approved by the Board.

CODE TEXT AMENDMENT FOR THE PLANNING BOARD: *This item was postponed indefinitely per the motion to adopt the agenda above.*

REGULAR AGENDA

MINIMUM HOUSING CODE VIOLATION AT 1140 ROLLINGBROOK COURT: Chairman Falls called Bill McCarter, Planning Director, to the podium. Mr. McCarter stated that the property was first reported to his department in November 2015 by several neighbors. Several letters were sent to the property owner and a legal ad was placed in the newspaper instructing the property owner to clean up the property. The mobile home on the property is not listed for taxes and is not hooked up to water, sewer, or power.

Taxes on the property have not been paid since 2005. On top of this, the Sheriff's Office has received over 84 calls to this property.

ACTION: Commissioner Holbrook moved to approve the order to demolish the property in 30 days.

ACTION: Commissioner Falls made a substitute motion, approving the order to demolish the property within 90 days. It was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously approved by the Board.

LANDFILL EXPANSION BID AWARD: Chairman Falls recognized Sam Lockridge, Foothills Shooting Complex and Health Services Director. Mr. Lockridge recognized Wayne Sullivan, Project Engineer from Principal Engineering, and Gene Wright, Assistant Landfill Manager. Mr. Lockridge stated that staff was coming before the Board to ask for approval of a low bid given for an 18 acre expansion for the Self-McNeily landfill. The landfill currently has 18 months left and the expansion would enable the County to handle solid waste for an additional 12 years. The cost of the project would be \$4,774,109.11 with Earnhardt Grading. The money for the project would come from the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund, which was created for the purpose of expanding the landfill.

Commissioner Hutchins asked if the project could be done in 18 months. Mr. Lockridge stated that his crew had already begun to clear the land but that the project would be done in eight (8) months once it has begun.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchins moved to approve the low bid for the expansion of the Self-McNeily landfill. It was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously approved by the Board.

Commissioner Hutchins asked Mr. Lockridge if he could give the Board an update regarding Animal Control. Mr. Lockridge said that the County was under an agreement with two national humane organizations. On November 29th at the Public Health Center at 6:00 p.m. there will be a community meeting where these two groups are going to share best practices for animal welfare in Cleveland County. The three components of this are better communication with humane groups, starting a comprehensive volunteer program and working toward becoming a no kill shelter. Mr. Lockridge said that his team had been sending out emails and utilizing social media to make citizens and community groups aware of the event.

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE DECEMBER MEETING DATES FOR COMMISSIONER

MEETINGS: Chairman Falls stated that there was potential for some changes to their December meeting schedule and asked the Clerk to read the following resolution:



Resolution

Resolution 15-2016

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 their regular meeting of Tuesday, December 6th, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. to Monday December 5th at 10:00 a.m. for the swearing in of newly elected Commissioners, and;

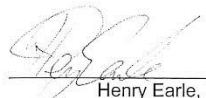
WHEREAS, the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners has also decided that it is appropriate to change their regular meeting of Tuesday, December 20th, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. to Tuesday, December 13th at 6:00 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT, the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners change their meeting in accordance with the mandates of North Carolina General Statute 153A-40.

ADOPTED THIS THE 15TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016.


Jason Falls, Chairman

ATTEST:


Henry Earle, Clerk



Chairman Falls reiterated that the meeting on December 5th was an Organizational Meeting, used to swear in newly elected officials and that the second meeting would be a regular agenda meeting and was simply being moved from the 20th to the 13th.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchins moved to approve the resolution, changing the dates of the December Commissioner meetings to December 5th at 10:00 a.m. and December 13th at 6:00 p.m. It was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously approved by the Board.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Commissioner Holbrook: Commissioner Holbrook said it continues to be a very busy time for economic development. He has been in several meetings with prospective clients over the past several weeks.
- County Manager Richardson: County Manger Richardson stated that staff from the Cleveland County Public Health Center spoke with Charlotte media earlier in the day about the air quality in Cleveland County due to the wildfires on South Mountain and around the region. The county was currently in a CODE RED alert, meaning that the air quality was very poor and both children and adults should limit their outdoor exposure.
- Commissioner Falls: Commissioner Falls said that he and Mr. Richardson had driven to the northern end of the County earlier in the day and noted that it was much worse in the northern end. He wanted

to assure the mayors of the smaller municipalities that the Commissioners would offer any support that they could to them.

- Commissioner Hutchins: Commissioner Hutchins asked if something like Reverse 911 could be used to get information out to individuals in the County. Mr. Richardson stated that he would check with 911 Communications in the morning and let the Board know what could be done.

ADJOURN

Chairman Falls entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Commissioner Holbrook, seconded by Commissioner Hutchins and unanimously approved by the Board. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners will be Monday, December 5th at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Chamber for an Organizational Meeting.