

Cleveland County Board of Commissioners
January 17th 2017

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Chamber of the Cleveland County Administrative Office.

PRESENT: Eddie Holbrook, Chairman
Susan Allen, Vice-Chair
Johnny Hutchins, Commissioner
Jason Falls, Commissioner
Ronnie Whetstine, Commissioner
Jeff Richardson, County Manager
Andrea Leslie-Fite, Assistant County Attorney
April Crofts, Deputy Clerk to the Board
Kerri Melton, Community Services Director
Brian Epley, Finance Director
Chris Martin, Senior Planner
Chris Green, Tax Administrator
Allison Mauney, Human Resources Director
Dayna Causby, Board Of Elections Director

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Eddie Holbrook called the meeting to order and Scout Troop 93 of Kings Mountain led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and provided the invocation for the meeting.

AGENDA ADOPTION

ACTION: Commissioner Falls moved to adopt the agenda, with the amendment to remove Consent Agenda Item E and add it to the Regular Agenda as item 8A. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Allen and unanimously approved by the Board.

EARLY BUSINESS

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE FOR COMMISSIONER RONALD HAWKINS: Chairman Holbrook played a January 6, 2017 video of US Congressman Patrick McHenry who spoke on the House Floor to pay tribute to former Cleveland County Commissioner Ronnie Hawkins who passed on December 8th, 2016. Following the video Chairman Holbrook asked Libby Hawkins to join the Commissioners on the floor and presented her with a photo and Commissioner Hawkins' official name plate from the Commissioners Chambers. Each Commissioner gave remarks to honor Commissioner Hawkins for his service as Commissioner and to the citizens of Cleveland County.

SWEARING IN OF NEW COMMISSIONER RONNIE WHETSTINE: Chairman Holbrook invited Ronnie Whetstine to the floor and Speaker Tim Moore gave him the Oath of Office for County Commissioner. Each Commissioner gave remarks welcoming Commissioner Whetstine and he took his place with the Board.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

RESOLUTION OF CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS: Chairman Holbrook asked Board of Election board members Wayne King, Douglas Sharp and Allen Langley to come forward to the front and then he asked the Clerk to read the following resolution.

Number 02-2017

**A RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF
THE CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, Wayne King, Allen Langley and Douglas Sharp have served on the Board of Elections since July, 2014; and

WHEREAS, through their leadership, the Board of Elections remained committed to their mission of conducting fair, honest, and impartial elections for the citizens of Cleveland County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Elections was recognized by the State Board of Elections for merging 26 precincts to 21 precincts reducing the number of election workers, supplies and strain on the county's resources; and

WHEREAS, with expected high voter turnout during the 2016 Election, the Board of Elections used creative problem solving to determine early voting locations; and

WHEREAS, in determining early voting locations for the 2016 election, the Board took into account not only the process but the safety for voters of Cleveland County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Elections consistently increased the number of Early Voting Hours and increased security measures at both the Early Voting locations and Board of Elections office and reached out to Care Facilities to increase absentee voting; and

WHEREAS, all of these efforts led to an increase in voter turnout comparing like elections; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland County piloted the first ever program in North Carolina for cutting edge technology of touch screen ballot marking and printing.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners commends the Board of Elections for their many accomplishments and for their continuing to provide fair, honest and impartial elections for the citizens of Cleveland County.

Adopted this the 17th day of January 2017.

Eddie Holbrook, Chairman

Susan Allen, Vice-Chair

Jason Falls, Commissioner

Johnny Hutchins, Commissioner

Ronnie Whetstine, Commissioner

After the resolution was read Chairman Holbrook invited the Commissioners down front. Commissioners took turns each thanking the Board of Elections on a successful 2016 Election cycle and for the wonderful job they have done over the last four years.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION

- Tom Spurling, Belwood Town Council: Mr. Spurling came before the Board to present a letter from the Town of Belwood along with a petition from members of the town. Below is the letter from Mr. Spurling:

To: Cleveland County Commissioners

January 17, 2017

I am here this evening to share with you a survey recently conducted regarding properties in and near Belwood that are outside of Fallston's and Casar's 5-mile Fire Service Districts.

After hearing concerns from homeowners about the distance to the nearest fire department, response time and the high cost of home insurance, the Belwood Town Council decided to survey homeowners in upper Cleveland County living outside of the 5-mile Fire Service Districts. This survey only includes owners living within the 6-mile Fire Service Districts, which is the farthest designation for the Districts, and owners classified as 'Class 10' areas who are those living outside of any designated Fire Service District.

Council members went door to door with a petition asking homeowners whether or not they would support efforts for a closer fire department. The petition read as follows: "We, the undersigned, support the Belwood Town Council in their efforts to get a satellite station of the Fallston Fire Department located in the Belwood-Toluca area".

The survey was conducted within about a month's time period during weekdays and weekends, trying to find as many residents at home as possible. The participation was very good, with 141 homes in support of efforts to secure better fire protection. Of all homes surveyed, only 2 owners had reservations regarding signing. We estimate that we reached about 70% of homes in the specified area.

We understand and regret that the proposed sales tax increase for Public Protection & Safety did not pass. However, our concerns still remain that the residents in upper Cleveland County are in need of some means to enhance their personal safety and property concerns.

Please accept these 15 pages of signatures. We do further acknowledge that there are other residents that still could be reached.

We respectfully request your consideration of our concerns and ask for any assistance you may have to help provide better fire protection service in Upper Cleveland County.

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Belwood.

Presented by Tom Spurling, Belwood Town Council

- Krystal Porter, Waco Citizen: Ms. Porter stated her concerns with the Waco Fire Department and would like to meet with County Attorney, Tim Moore. She believes that her meeting with Tim Moore will help resolve this issue.
- Todd Price, Waco Citizen: Mr. Price also stated his concerns with the Waco Fire Department and would like to see more County oversight with concerns citizens have over the problems.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES: There being no corrections, additions or deletions, the minutes of the January 3, 2017 Regular Meeting were presented.

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

TAX ADMINISTRATION: As of December 31st, 2016, 73.13% of taxes had been collected for fiscal year 2016-2017.

ACTION: Vice-Chair Allen moved to accept the Collection Report for December 2016. It was seconded by Commissioner Hutchins and unanimously adopted by the Board.

TAX ADMINISTRATION: For the month of December 2016 Supplements were \$9,221.37 and Abatements were \$23,392.

ACTION: Vice-Chair Allen moved to accept the Abatements and Supplements report as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Hutchins and unanimously adopted by the Board.

FINANCE: The Manager's Report for December 2016 was presented with budget line item transfers. Highlights include that operating budget packets have been disbursed to operational departments and a great piece of information is that monthly employment wellness costs for December 2016 are trending flat compared to December 2015.

ACTION: Vice-Chair Allen moved to accept the Manager's Report. It was seconded by Commissioner Hutchins and unanimously adopted by the Board.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS ON THE PLANNING

BOARD: Chairman Holbrook called Chris Martin, Senior Planner, to the podium. Mr. Martin stated staff would like to ask Commissioners to amend:

ARTICLE II. - PLANNING BOARD Sec. 8-26. - Appointment and terms of planning board members.

(a) There shall be a planning board consisting of seven (7) ~~eleven (11)~~ members. The Board of Commissioners shall endeavor to appoint a representative from diverse areas of the planning jurisdiction.

Mr. Martin stated when the Planning Board was originally formed, Commissioners appointed representatives from each of the eleven County townships. It has become increasingly difficult to fill seats with eleven (11) members. Eventually, township lines were abolished, eliminating the need for an eleven member board with township representation. It is the recommendation of the Planning staff to reduce the Planning Board to seven (7) members.

The public hearing was opened at 6:44 p.m. After hearing no one the public hearing was closed at 6:44 p.m.

ACTION: Commissioner Whetstine moved to amend ARTICLE II.-PLANING BOARD Sec. 8-26 reducing the Planning Board from eleven(11) members to seven(7) . It was seconded by Commissioner Falls and unanimously approved by the Board.

REGULAR AGENDA

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE DATE OF 2-7-17 REGULAR AGENDA MEETING TO 2-6-17:

Chairman Holbrook asked the Deputy Clerk to read the following resolution.

Resolution 01-2017

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

WHEREAS, the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners has also decided that it is appropriate to change their regular meeting of **Tuesday, February 7th, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. to Monday, February 6th, 2017 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 17TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2017.

Eddie Holbrook, Chairman

ATTEST:

April Crotts, Deputy Clerk

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchins moved to approve the resolution as presented to the Board. It was seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously approved by the Board.

FINAL RESOLUTION FOR PUBLIC DEBT ISSUANCE INSTALLMENT FINANCING

Chairman Holbrook asked Brian Epley, Finance Director to the podium. Mr. Epley presented a RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INSTALLMENT FINANCING CONTRACT, A DEED OF TRUST AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH FINANCING CERTAIN PROJECTS. These documents are required for installment financing for the Public Debt Issuance that was approved at the 1-3-2014 Commissioners Meeting. This is a requirement of the Local Government Commissioner and details the loan the County has with Capital One financing. Mr. Epley discussed a timeline included below:

- October 2016 – Pre-application meeting with LGC
- November 2016 – Issue Bank Finance Request for Proposal

- December 2016 -
 - 1.) Bank Proposals Received by County
 - 2.) School Board Opens Construction Bids
 - 3.) County Commissioners schedule Public Hearing
- January 2017 –
 - 1.) County Commissioners Approve Preliminary Finding Resolution
 - 2.) County Commissioners Consider Installment Financing Contract Package Resolution
- February 2017 – County staff finalize closing documents & execute installment contract

Mr. Epley also discussed the Preliminary Finding Resolution the Board approved on January 3rd, 2017 and the Installment Financing Contract Package for consideration now, including recommending approval of Financing Documents, Transactional Documents between Cleveland County & Cleveland County School Board and Authorizing County Staff to complete closing. Chairman Holbrook asked Mr. Epley if this resolution is consistent with similar loans other counties would apply for. Mr. Epley stated yes, this is a very formal process and these are standard documents with the Local Government Commission and the Lender. Commissioner Holbrook asked does this resolution change in anyway what the board approved on January 3rd and Mr. Epley stated no.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchins moved to adopt the resolution presented to the Board. It was seconded by Commissioner Falls and unanimously approved by the board.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Adult Home Advisory Board

Applicant	Address	Occupation	Boards currently on
Jason Eaker*	1915 Rucker Rd-Shelby	Consultant	
Tina Pruitt*	534 Casar Belwood Rd-Lawndale	Site Manager	
Charles Webber*	1018 Mark Dr-Shelby	Pastor-Mt. Olive Baptist Church	
Joseph Brown	416 Elam Rd-Lawndale	CT Technologist	
Freida Pauley	1921 Riverhill Dr-Shelby	Retired from CC DSS	
Elizabeth Thomas	1106 Hendrick Lake Rd-Shelby	Ingles	
Wanda Robinson	126 Ocean Dr-Shelby	Registered Nurse	

Terms:

Appoint Three
 Three (3) year term
 Term Expires 12/31/2019

ACTION: Vice-Chair Allen moved to appoint Jason Eaker, Tina Pruitt and Charles Webber to the Adult Home Advisory Board. It was seconded by Commissioner Whetstine and unanimously approved by the Board.

Agricultural Advisory Board

Applicant	Address	Farmland Preservation Program Member
Harry Sain*	6315 Fallston Road-Lawndale	Yes
Myron Edwards*	839 Oak Grove Clover Hill Church Road-Lawndale	Yes
Dennis Martin*	PO Box 114-Fallston	Yes

Terms:

Appoint Three
 Three (3) year term
 Term Expires 12/31/2019
 *Soil and Water Recommendations

ACTION: Commissioner Falls moved to appoint Harry Sain, Myron Edwards and Dennis Martin to the Agricultural Advisory Board. It was seconded by Commissioner Hutchins and unanimously approved by the Board.

Board of Health

Applicant	Address	Board Qualification	Currently Serving
Katie Borders**	1039 E. Sanders Road-Shelby	Physician	
Cameron Street Hamrick*	1602 Wesson Road-Shelby	Optometrist	
Sara Karner*	120 Oak Point Drive-Shelby	Dentist	
Dianne Sanders*		Registered Nurse	Board of Health
Wanda Robinson	126 Ocean Drive-Shelby	Registered Nurse	

Terms:

Appoint One	Appoint Three
Fill Remainder of Unexpired Term	Three (3) Year Term
Term Expires 12/31/2018	Term Expires 12/31/2019
**HD Recommendation	*HD Recommendation

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchins moved to reappoint Dianne Sanders, appoint Katie Borders to fill the unexpired term ending 12/31/2018, and appoint Cameron Hamrick and Sara Karner to the Board of Health.

It was seconded by Vice-Chair Allen and unanimously approved by the Board.

Commission for Women

Applicant	Address	Occupation	Boards Currently On
Shirley Lail*			Commission for Women
Linda Martin*			Commission for Women
Jennifer Drum	1011 Caldwell Circle-Shelby	Division of Workforce Solutions	Veteran's Advisory
Kim Davis	PO Box 3142-Shelby	Owner-Dragonfly Marketing	
Angela Woods	113 S. Gaston Street-KM	DSS Attorney	
Deborah Coleman	1104A Frederick Street-Shelby	Retired Teacher	
Connie Savell	206 North Roxford Road-KM	Retired Teacher	Library Board

Elizabeth Greene Thomas	1106 Hendrick Lake Rd-Shelby	Ingles	
Cathy Robertson	2639 Pamlico Drive-Shelby	Director-Abuse Prevention Council	Child Fatality

Terms:

Appoint Two
 Three (3) Year Term
 Term Expires 12/31/2019
 *Recommendation

ACTION: Commissioner Falls moved to reappoint Shirley Lail and Linda Martin to Commission for Women. It was seconded by Commissioner Hutchins and unanimously approved by the Board.

Gaston Community Action

Applicant	Address	Occupation	Boards Currently On
Georgianna Hartgrove*	717 E. Zion Church Rd-Shelby		Gaston Community Action
Willie Green	152 Farmington Rd-Shelby	Self-employed	
Charles Webber	1018 Mark Drive-Shelby	Pastor	

Terms:

Appoint One
 Three (3) Year Term
 Term Expires 12/31/2019

ACTION: Vice-Chair Allen moved to reappoint Georgianna Hartgrove to the Gaston Community Action Board. It was seconded by Commissioner Whetstine and unanimously approved by the Board.

Kings Mountain Planning and Zoning (ETJ)

Applicant	Address	Occupation	Boards Currently On
Donald Adkins	231 Scism Road-KM	Data Center Manager	

Terms:

Appoint One
 Three (3) Year Term
 Term Expires 12/31/2019

ACTION: Commissioner Whetstine moved to appoint Donald Adkins to the Kings Mountain Planning and Zoning Board (ETJ). It was seconded by Commissioner Falls and unanimously approved by the Board.

Nursing Home Advisory Board

Applicant	Address	Occupation	Boards Currently On
Ginger Poteat*	169 Northshore Drive-Cherryville		Nursing Home Advisory
Wanda Robinson*	126 Ocean Drive-Shelby		Nursing Home Advisory
Tina Pruitt	534 Casar Belwood Road-Lawndale	Site Manager	
Joseph Brown	416 Elam Rd-Lawndale	CT Technologist	
Frank Kopenec	213 John Cline Road-Cherryville	Lab manager	

Angela Woods	113 S. Gaston Street-Kings Mountain	DSS Attorney	
Alva Finney	1205 Borders Road-Shelby	Retired pastor	

Appoint Two (2)
 Three Year Term
 Term Ending
 12/30/2019

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchins moved to reappoint Ginger Poteat and Wanda Robinson to the Nursing Home Advisory Board. It was seconded by Commissioner Falls and unanimously approved by the Board.

Planning Board

Applicant	Address	Occupation	Boards Currently On
Max Hopper*	PO Box 40-Earl	Mayor-Earl	Planning Board
Darryl Crawford*	153 Dunes Drive-KM		Planning Board
Lucas Shires*	109 North Oakwood Drive-KM	Senior Planner-Concord	
Charles Christenbury*	107 Pebble Beach Drive-KM	Workforce Trainer-CCC	
Robin Brackett	831 Casar-Belwood Road	President-Brackett Insurance	Library Board
Amanda Curtis	213 Pleasant Ridge Church Rd-Shelby	Owner-Cedar Lane	
Willie Green	152 Farmington Road-Shelby	Self-employed	
Will Troutman	257 Cornwell Road-Shelby	Director-McEwen Funeral	
Elizabeth Greene Thomas	1106 Hendrick Lake Rd-Shelby	Ingles	

Appoint Four
 Three Year Term
 Term Ending 12/30/2019

ACTION: Commissioner Falls moved to reappoint Max Hopper and Darryl Crawford and appoint Lucas Shires and Charles Christenbury to the Planning Board. It was seconded by Commissioner Whetstine and unanimously approved by the Board.

Region C Workforce Development Board

Applicant	Address	Occupation	Boards Currently On
Tim Blackwell*	1316 Vista Drive-Shelby	Personnl Services Unlimited	Region C Workforce
Charles Webber	1018 Mark Dr-Shelby	Pastor-Mt. Olive Baptist Church	
Jeff Aderholdt	113 Shadowgate Drive-Shelby	Maintenance-IMC Metals	
Cathy Robinson	2639 Pamlico Drive-Shelby	Director-Abuse Prev. Council	
Charles Christenbury	107 Pebble Beach Drive-KM	Workforce Trainer-CCC	
Seth Manuel	4008 Hillview Circle	Fastenal-Sales	

Appoint One (1)
 Three Year Term
 Term Ending
 12/30/2019

ACTION: Vice-Chair Allen moved to reappoint Tim Blackwell to the Region C Workforce Development Board. It was seconded by Commissioner Falls and unanimously approved by the Board.

Commissioner Board Appointments

Board	Commissioner	Expiration
Airport Commission Liaison	Ronnie Hawkins	No expiration
CARE Block Grant Advisory Committee	Eddie Holbrook	12/31/2018
CCEDP	Eddie Holbrook	Appointed by Chair
Commission for Women	Jason Falls	12/31/2018
Cleveland County Fair Association	Jason Falls	12/31/2017
Board of Health	Johnny Hutchins	No expiration
Isothermal Board of Directors	Johnny Hutchins	6/30/2017
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council	Susan Allen	6/30/2017
Kings Mountain Advisory Council	Ronnie Hawkins	No expiration
Cleveland Memorial Library	Jason Falls	Terms track Commissioners term
Metropolitan Planning Organization	Johnny Hutchins	6/30/2017
Partners Behavioral Health	Susan Allen	Terms track Commissioners term
Public Shooting Range	Johnny Hutchins	No expiration
Rural Fire Commission	Susan Allen	12/31/2016
Social Services	Susan Allen	12/31/2016
Veteran's Council	Jason Falls	12/31/2018
Uptown Shelby Association	Eddie Holbrook	12/31/2017

ACTION: Chairman Holbrook moved to appoint Commissioner Falls as the Airport Commission Liaison.

It was seconded by Commissioner Hutchins and unanimously approved by the Board.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchins moved to except the resignation of Jason Falls and appoint Commissioner Whetstine to the Commission for Women. It was seconded by Commissioner Falls and unanimously approved by the Board.

ACTION: Vice-Chair Allen moved to except the resignation of Johnny Hutchins and appoint Commissioner Whetstine to the Isothermal Board of Directors. It was seconded by Commissioner Falls and unanimously approved by the Board.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchins moved to appoint Commissioner Whetstine to the Kings Mountain Advisory Council. It was seconded by Commissioner Falls and unanimously approved by the Board.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchins moved to reappoint Vice-Chair Allen to the Rural Fire Commission and the Social Services Board. It was seconded by Commissioner Falls and unanimously approved by the Board.

ACTION: Chairman Holbrook moved to be reappointed to the Cleveland County Economic Development Partnership Board. It was seconded by Commissioner Hutchins and unanimously approved by the Board.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Vice-Chair Allen had no announcements at this time.

- Commissioner Hutchins stated he attended the NCACC Legislative Goals meeting. All goals for 2017-18 have been approved by the NCACC and a committee will determine what the top 5 goals will be for this year. Commissioners asked staff to include the Goals in the February Meeting.
- Commissioner Falls stated all commissioners received a letter from the NCACC about the Medical Audit that is being received by many counties. The NCACC plans to help counties help resolve these issues. Commissioner Falls thanked all the people who serve on County boards and stated this process may look short while commissioners appoint members but these volunteers commit many hours for the boards they serve and the board appreciates all their hard work.
- Commissioner Whetstine state he was excited and looked forward to working with the group. I hope to continue the legacy that Ronnie Hawkins started and help make Cleveland County better.
- Chairman Holbrook had no announcements at this time.

ADJOURN

Chairman Holbrook entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Commissioner Hutchins, seconded by Commissioner Falls and unanimously approved by the Board.