

Cleveland County Board of Commissioners
February 21, 2017

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 21, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Chamber of the Cleveland County Administrative Office.

PRESENT: Eddie Holbrook, Chairman
Susan Allen, Vice-Chair
Jason Falls, Commissioner
Johnny Hutchins, Commissioner
Ronnie Whetstine, Commissioner
Betsy Harnage, Register of Deeds
Jeff Richardson, County Manager
Tim Moore, 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
Dayna Causby, Board Of Elections Director

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Eddie Holbrook called the meeting to order and Commissioner Johnny Hutchins 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 as presented by the Clerk to the Board. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Allen and unanimously approved by the Board.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

RECOGNITION OF DEPLOYMENT OF COUNTY EMPLOYEE LANGSTON RAMSEUR:

Chairman Holbrook asked Langston Ramseur, fiscal analyst with the Cleveland County Finance Department, to come forward. Mr. Ramseur told the Commissioners that he has enlisted with the Air Force National Guard and in March he will begin a yearlong deployment. Commissioners thanked Mr. Ramseur for his service to the County and looked forward to seeing him upon his return. They also thanked him for his willingness to serve the Country. Commissioners presented Mr. Ramseur with a commemorative coin and took photos with him.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

UPDATE FROM PINNACLE CLASSICAL ACADEMY: Vice-Chair Allen asked Robert Brown, Headmaster of Pinnacle Classical Academy (PCA), to come to the podium. Mr. Brown introduced his associates, Beverly Mueller, Dr. Shelly Butler, Wendy Clary, Bobby Horton and Board member Wes Westmoreland. Mr. Brown talked about the success of PCA and that it was a home grown venture, locally developed and locally managed. PCA is one of the fastest growing charter schools in North Carolina and currently has 570 students, with next year's enrollment growing to 740. Mr. Brown spoke about the program

that the school has in conjunction with Cleveland Community College, which allows all students at the school to graduate from high school with an Associate's Degree. Mr. Brown stated that the Charter School is operating on a smaller budget than other schools within the County and that they are accomplishing as much, if not more, to get their students prepared for life after high school. Commissioner Falls asked about the difference in funding and Mr. Brown stated that it was due to capital outlay money being given to charter schools and Fund Eight and Article 42. Vice-Chair Allen thanked Mr. Brown for what he was doing and asked him if the Associate's degree was transferable. Mr. Brown said it was transferable, as is, to any of the North Carolina state schools. Commissioner Hutchins asked if this program was like the Early College high school and Mr. Brown said it's similar but that there is no student cap, every student that tests into the program will graduate with an associate's degree. Chairman Holbrook asked if PCA was going to do any vocational training outside of college prep. Mr. Brown said he would like to incorporate robotics and advanced manufacturing into the curriculum. Chairman Holbrook said that the school would need to be in communication with him about it because workforce development is a Commissioner goal and he would love to get PCA involved in it as well. Mr. Brown thanked the Board for the opportunity to come before them.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION

- There were no citizens registered for citizen recognition.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES: There being no corrections, additions or deletions, the minutes of the February 6, 2017 regular agenda meeting were presented.

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

TAX ADMINISTRATION: For the month of January, 2017, Abatements were in the amount of \$515.52 and Supplements were in the amount of \$10,162.01. Documentation for pending refunds for February were also presented.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchins moved to approve the Abatements and Supplements report. It was seconded by Commissioner Whetstine and unanimously adopted by the Board.

TAX ADMINISTRATION: As of January 31, 2017, the county had collected 93.07% of taxes for fiscal year 2016/2017.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchins moved to approve the Collections Report. It was seconded by Commissioner Whetstine and unanimously adopted by the Board.

TAX ADMINISTRATION: Per NC General Statute 105-369 the County is required to advertise uncollected taxes for the current year that are a lien on real property. This advertisement requires action by the Board to give the tax administrator the authority to advertise.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchins moved to approve the order to advertise. It was seconded by Commissioner Whetstine and unanimously adopted by the Board.

SHERIFF’S OFFICE: BNA #026

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
010.441.4.810.00	Sheriff’s Office-Donations	\$4,000.00	
010.441.5.790.00	Sheriff’s Office-Donations	\$4,000.00	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget \$4,000.00 in donations received from Southern Power Company for the purchase of AED defibrillators to be carried in patrol cars for first responders.

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

SHERIFF’S OFFICE: The Sheriff’s Office requested to retire the service weapon for Deputy Timothy Russ. Deputy Russ retired after 16 years with the Sheriff’s Office. The service weapon is a Glock model 17, serial number BDTK-865.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchins moved to approve the service weapon retirement. It was seconded by Commissioner Whetstine and unanimously adopted by the Board.

PLANNING: The Planning Department requested that a Public Hearing be set for Tuesday, March 7th to hear Zoning Case 17-01. Uniquetex is requesting a zoning map amendment on a 5.45 acres of their property at 700 South Battleground Avenue from Light Industrial (LI) to Residential Conditional District (R-CD).

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchins moved to set the public hearing date for Tuesday, March 7th, 2017. It was seconded by Commissioner Whetstine and unanimously adopted by the Board.

REGULAR AGENDA

LATE APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTION: Tax Administrator Chris Green came forward and showed Commissioners the following slide with late applications for exemption. Mr. Green stated that all of the cases met the requirements if they had been timely applications. Mr. Green stated that, as always, action was at the Board’s discretion.

2016 LATE APPLICATIONS (2/21/17 MEETING)				
NAME	PARCEL	TYPE	VALUE TO BE	
			EXEMPT / DEFERRED	FISCAL IMPACT (COUNTY RATE ONLY)
Jerry T. Tessener	73586	Eld/Dis	\$ 53,226	\$ 303.39
William J. Conoly	42109	DAV	\$ 45,000	\$ 256.50
Melissa N. Stroud	30669	Eld/Dis	\$ 47,388	\$ 270.11
Sandra G. Wilson	73077	Eld/Dis	\$ 42,342	\$ 241.35
Charles E. Jones Jr.	161	Eld/Dis	\$ 68,094	\$ 388.14
Marilyn C. Peacock	M41559	Eld/Dis	\$ 25,000	\$ 142.50
Neisler Street Solar 1 LLC	Personal Property	Solar	\$ 4,166,588	\$ 23,749.55
TOTAL			\$ 4,447,638	\$ 25,351.54

ACTION: Commissioner Falls moved to approve the late applications for exemption. It was seconded by Commissioner Hutchins and unanimously approved by the Board.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Isothermal Planning and Development Commission

Applicant	Address	Occupation	Boards Currently On
Robin Brackett	831 Casar-Belwood Road-Lawndale	Brackett Insurance Agency	Library
Bill Chambless	107 Northeastern Drive-Shelby	Broker-Carolinas Commercial	
Alva Finney	1205 Borders Road-Shelby	Retired Pastor	

ACTION: Commissioner Allen moved to appoint Bill Chambless to the Isothermal Planning and Development Commission. It was seconded by Commissioner Hutchins and unanimously approved by the Board.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Commissioner Whetstine said he was able to attend the Kings Mountain Advisory Council as his first board meeting as a new Commissioner and he also attended a ribbon cutting for the new green house at the Kings Life Enrichment Center.
- Commissioner Falls attended the 4H Achievement Awards night and had a Veteran's Council meeting.
- Commissioner Hutchins attended a kid's shooting day at the Foothills Shooting Complex and stated that he was very proud of the effort and work that went into the Employee Recognition luncheon last Tuesday. He also attended the NCACC Board of Directors meeting in Raleigh on the 15th and the groundbreaking for North Shelby School on Sunday the 19th.
- Vice-Chair Allen said she was very excited to see the groundbreaking for North Shelby on the 19th. She also stated that she got to serve as Principal for the Day at Crest High School.
- Chairman Holbrook stated that he was fortunate to attend a cancer prevention event sponsored by the hospital. Also, the last two weeks have been spent with economic development and that the Board needs to do a better job of communicating with our school system, charter schools and with the Community College to make sure that the workforce needed is available.

ADJOURN

Chairman Holbrook entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Commissioner Falls, seconded by Commissioner Hutchins and unanimously approved by the Board. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Tuesday, March 7th, 2017.