

**Cleveland County Board of Commissioners**  
**March 7, 2017**

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 7, 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  
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  
Dayna Causby, Board Of Elections Director

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Eddie Holbrook called the meeting to order and County Manager Jeff Richardson 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 as presented by the Clerk to the Board. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Allen and unanimously approved by the Board.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

**CLEVELAND COUNTY RESCUE MISSION UPDATE:** Vice-Chair Allen asked Jocelyn Hill, Director of Community Development for to come to the podium. Ms. Hill introduced Michael Gullatte, Executive Director, as well. Mr. Gullatte began by giving a history of the men's shelter and how it started on Beacon Street in 1991 before opening its new facility in May of 2015 on Buffalo Street in Shelby. The Rescue Mission is set up to help men who are homeless but giving them basic necessities like food and shelter but also by providing education and job skill training, resume preparation and interview skills. The ultimate aim is to get these men to a place of being independent and self-sufficient. The facility is funded primarily by grants and donations and is heavily reliant on volunteers. Ms. Hill concluded by stating that the facility is always open for tours and that she would love to have Commissioners come see it. Chairman Holbrook thanked them for the work they did.

**PARTNERS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH UPDATE:** Chairman Holbrook asked Andrew Schrag, Director of Community Operations for Partners Behavioral Health, to the podium. Mr. Schrag thanked Commissioners for another opportunity to come before them and to present the local business plan for 2017-2021, which was recently approved by the Partners Board. Mr. Schrag stated that there were three local

initiatives and four state initiatives. The local initiatives are Crisis Services, Whole Person Integrated Care, and Housing and the state initiatives are addressing the opioid epidemic, behavioral health needs of foster care children, DOJ Transition to Community Living and the appropriate use of Emergency Departments. Mr. Schrag spoke about the Partnering for Excellence Program. Partners is working with the Department of Social Services to provide screening for children that are coming into the foster care system to help with the trauma that is associated with being uprooted from one's family and placed into the foster care system. The training that Partners has provided is being expanded to include foster parents, community members and law enforcement personnel. Mr. Schrag also spoke about the Cleveland Strong Population Health Project. This project is currently being shepherded in Cleveland County by Chris Gash at Graham Elementary. The Ollie Harris Center at the Public Health Center saw 153 unique new patients in February 2017, which is around the average that the facility is seeing. According to Mr. Schrag, 36% of patients that come to the Ollie Harris Center stated that if it wasn't for the walk-in health center that he or she would be unable to get the services he or she needed. Lastly, Mr. Schrag said that Partners was providing Naloxone kits and doing Critical Intervention Training (CIT) with law enforcement to get them to recognize the symptoms of mental illness and how to deal with the situation involving a mentally ill person. Mr. Schrag turned it over to Commissioners for questions.

- Attorney Moore: Do you have a waiting list for CAP services? Yes we do and I can get you the numbers. What about fraud? We do have mechanisms in place to keep that in check.
- Commissioner Hutchins: It seems we may be moving, as a state, from seven regional hubs to four. Do you see this happening in the near future? At the moment Partners is not looking to merge.
- Commissioner Falls: Do you think there are services at Ollie Harris that will be self-sustaining? Yes, we believe that, within a few years, several services at Ollie Harris will be self-sustaining. You mentioned 32.7 million in Cleveland County, how much of that was spent with providers in Cleveland County? It's difficult to say because some providers have offices in multiple counties but certainly not all stays in Cleveland County. There are certain higher level treatments that are not provided in Cleveland County.
- Commissioner Hutchins: How many providers we have in Cleveland County? Including therapeutic foster homes, group homes and therapists, it is around 50.
- Commissioner Whetstine: Do you think you're doing a good job covering the County? We are currently doing a gaps analysis to test what our strengths and weaknesses are. A big problem is indigent care because these are people who do not qualify for Medicaid or Medicare.

- Attorney Moore: What is your Medicaid single stream balance? \$230 million for Medicaid and \$32 million for IPS. Do you think you'll use all of it? We will. Current fund balance, state and local? Current Medicaid fund balance is \$94 million, County balance is \$404,716.

Commissioner Holbrook asked Mr. Schrag to come back in a month and address the Board's questions.

**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 21, 2017 regular agenda meeting were presented.

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

**FINANCE:** The Manager's Report from February 2017 was presented. Highlights included that the County received \$555,000 in annual Medicaid Cost Settlement money which exceeded the prior year amount by over \$150,000. Also, the Master Facility Plan, Energy Audit and Pay and Class Study are all underway.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Falls moved to approve the Manager's Report. It was seconded by Commissioner Whetstine and unanimously adopted by the Board.

**LIBRARY: BNA #027**

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
010.611.4.310.00	Federal Grants	\$1,400.00	
010.611.5.310.00	Federal Grants	\$1,400.00	

*Explanation of Revisions: Budget \$1,400.00 in LSTA grant funds from the NC State Library to be used for travel for the National Evergreen Conference in April 2017.*

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

**PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER: BNA #028**

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
012.533.4.310.00	Federal Grants	\$1,100.00	
012.533.5.121.00	Salaries-Regular	\$1,100.00	

*Explanation of Revisions: Budget \$1,100.00 in Ebola/Zika funds from the NC Department of Health and Human Services for salary of the existing Zika Coordinator.*

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

**PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER: BNA #029**

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
012.536.4.810.00	Donations	\$100.00	
012.536.5.790.00	Donations	\$100.00	

*Explanation of Revisions: Budget donation given for expenses in the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program.*

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

**PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER: BNA #030**

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
012.537.4.310.00	Federal Grants	\$20,129.00	
012.537.5.121.00	Salary-Regular	\$20,129.00	

*Explanation of Revisions: Budget \$20,129.00 in NC Department of Health and Human Services Immunization Action Funds for salary of existing staff in Immunizations.*

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

**PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER: BNA #031**

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
012.538.4.310.00	Federal Grants	\$456.00	
012.538.4.350.00	State Grants	\$342.00	
012.538.5.310.00	Travel/Training	\$798.00	

*Explanation of Revisions: Budget \$798.00 from the NC Department of Health and Human Services Maternal Health Funds for staff training.*

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

**PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER: BNA #032**

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
012.539.4.310.00	Federal Grants	\$1,005.00	
012.539.4.350.00	State Grants	\$752.00	
012.539.5.122.00	Salary-PT	\$1,757.00	
012.539.4.350.00	State Grants	\$3,500.00	
012.539.5.122.00	Salary-PT	\$3,500.00	

*Explanation of Revisions: Budget NC Department of Health and Human Services Family Planning Block Grant funds for provider salary..*

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

**PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER: BNA #033**

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
012.543.4.410.00	Local Grants	\$955.00	
012.543.5.461.00	License/Permits	\$955.00	

*Explanation of Revisions: Budget \$955.00 from the Budget Office of Rural Health to use for an upgrade to the MAP software.*

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

**PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER: BNA #034**

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
012.546.4.410.00	Fund Balance App	\$1,201.00	
012.546.5.581.00	Awards/Incentives	\$1,201.00	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget \$1,201.00 from the Hearst Health Award to be used for staff appreciation as written in the award proposal.

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

**SOCIAL SERVICES: BNA #035**

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
011.507.4.410.00	Local and Other Grants	\$5,000.00	
011.507.5.700.00	Grants	\$5,000.00	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget \$5,000.00 in United Way grant money to be used to assist with emergency shelter for adults.

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

**SOCIAL SERVICES: BNA #036**

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
011.519.4.310.00	Federal Grants	\$50,000.00	
011.519.5.512.08	LIEAP	\$50,000.00	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget \$50,000.00 in additional federal LIEAP funds for fiscal year 2016/2017 and this is a result of additional state funding.

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

**SOCIAL SERVICES: BNA #037**

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
011.519.4.310.00	Federal Grants	\$21,575.00	
011.519.5.512.05	Crisis	\$21,575.00	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget \$21,575.00 in additional Federal Crisis funds for fiscal year 2016/2017 and this is a result of additional state funding.

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

**SOCIAL SERVICES: BNA #038**

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
044.802.4.400.00	Loan Proceeds	\$19,975,833.00	
044.802.5.995.00	Reim Resolution	\$19,975,833.00	
482.236.4.400.00	Loan Proceeds	\$13,374,167.00	
482.236.5.991.00	In Progress		

Explanation of Revisions: Budget \$33,350,000.00 in debt issuance to be used for Economic Development Infrastructure in partnership with the City of Shelby, Information Technology Upgrades and the North Shelby School project.

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

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**ZONING MAP AMENDMENT CASE 17-01: REQUEST TO REZONE 5.45 ACRES OF PROPERTY AT 700 SOUTH BATTLEGROUND AVENUE FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO RESIDENTIAL CONDITIONAL DISTRICT:** Chairman Holbrook called Senior Planner Chris Martin to the podium. Mr. Martin stated that Uniquetex, LLC, had requested to rezone a 5.45 acre portion of their property, currently zoned Light Industrial, to Residential Conditional District. The intention of the company was to set up five one acre tracts that each held a trailer on it. The company was expecting to have engineers and project managers from China to come to the United States for six months to one year at a time and it was customary for their employees to stay onsite. In Cleveland County this was not allowed within current zoning standards. Mr. Martin stated that the Isothermal Planning Consultant said this use was inconsistent with the current land use plan, yet, the consultant noted, the current land use plan did not anticipate international industry. With that in mind, the Isothermal Planning Consultant approved if proper conditions were met. The Planning Board, stated that it was afraid of this being spot zoning and voted to recommend denial of the petition. However, the Planning Board also asked the Planning staff to put together a Text Amendment that would allow this use within Industrial uses for them to consider. Mr. Martin recommended to the Board that he be allowed to take the text amendment to the Planning Board and bring a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners before the Board makes a decision on this rezoning case.

**ACTION: Commissioner Hutchins moved postpone the public hearing until the April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting and to have the Planning Board recommend a text amendment for the Board of Commissioners to consider at the March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 meeting. It was seconded by Commissioner Falls and unanimously approved by the Board.**

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

- Commissioner Whetstine said he was very glad to go to the NACo Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. He also had the KM Advisory Council meeting as well.
- Commissioner Falls echoed Commissioner Whetstine's words and said he was very impressed with the conference.
- Commissioner Hutchins said he was very thankful to have gone to Washington and to have been a part of the wreath ceremony in Arlington. Also, the public health center was tasked at the Commissioner Work Session to make plans to tackle the County's poor health ranking and the department is busily working on those plans.

- Vice-Chair Allen said she was very excited to be a part of the wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the NACo legislative conference. She also stated that she was very busy with meetings over the next week with Partners, JCPC and Crime Stoppers.
- Chairman Holbrook thanked the Board for covering so many events within the County and thanked Commissioner Falls for his work on the Arlington trip. He also stated that this week he would be involved in American Legion planning.
- County Manager Richardson stated that the County was very fortunate to be the recipient of a \$50,000 grant from the NCACC to bring on a Management Fellow for a two year position. He also thanked the Board for allowing Community Services Director Kerri Melton and himself to go to Washington.

**ADJOURN**

Chairman Holbrook entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Commissioner Falls, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously approved by the Board. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017.