

**Cleveland County Board of Commissioners**  
**July 18, 2017**

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on this date, at the hour of 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Chamber of the Cleveland County Administrative Offices.

**PRESENT:** Eddie Holbrook, Chairman  
Susan Allen, Vice-Chair  
Jason Falls, Commissioner  
Johnny Hutchins, Commissioner  
Ronnie Whetstine, Commissioner  
Jeff Richardson, County Manager  
Tim Moore, County Attorney  
Phyllis Nowlen, Clerk to the Board  
Chris Green, Tax Administrator  
Allison Mauney, Human Resources Director  
Andrea Leslie-Fite, Assistant County Attorney  
Dayna Causby, Board of Elections

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Eddie Holbrook called the meeting to order and Commissioner Whetstine led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and provided the invocation for the meeting.

**AGENDA ADOPTION**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Allen made the motion seconded by Commissioner Hutchins and unanimously approved by the Board to, *approve the agenda with the following amendment:*

*Add item 11, to go into closed session per North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with the County Attorney on a potential legal matter.*

**CITIZEN RECOGNITION**

No citizens registered to speak.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Clerk to the Board included the Minutes of the *June 20, 2017 regular meeting*, in Board Members packets.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Allen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Falls, and passed unanimously by the Board to, *approve the minutes as written.*

**TAX COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT**

The Tax Collector provided Commissioners with the following detailed written report regarding taxes collected during *June 2017*. Cleveland County ended the 16-17 Fiscal Year with a 98.42% collection rate. This collection rate is .19% higher than last year which equals approximately \$105,000.

*(copy found on Page \_\_\_\_ of Minute Book \_\_\_\_).*

**TAX ABATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS**

The Tax Assessor provided Commissioners with a detailed written report regarding tax abatements and supplements during *May 2017*. The monthly grand total of tax abatements was listed as (\$2,180.34) monthly grand total for tax supplements was listed as \$1,868.31.

PENDING REFUNDS / RELEASES (RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL)											
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The following requests have been reviewed by the County Assessor and found to be in order. They are hereby submitted for approval by the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners per G.S. 105-381. Supporting documentation is on file in the County Assessor's Office. Staff Recommendation: Approve Requests.											
NAME	YEAR	RECEIPT	NOTE	REQUESTED VALUE CHANGE	DISTRICT	RATE	TAX, FEES & INTEREST	PAID	REQUEST RELEASE REFUND		
KENNINGTON, BRACK	2012	3624689	MH not located in cleveland county	(19,569)	63	0.7700	199.68	199.68		199.68	
KENNINGTON, BRACK	2013	3886450	MH not located in cleveland county	(19,569)	63	0.7900	215.51	215.51		215.51	
KENNINGTON, BRACK	2014	4005719	MH not located in cleveland county	(19,569)	63	0.7900	215.51	215.51		215.51	
KENNINGTON, BRACK	2015	3602544	MH not located in cleveland county	(19,569)	63	0.7900	215.51	215.51		215.51	
KENNINGTON, BRACK	2016	4189122	MH not located in cleveland county	(9,621)	63	0.7900	215.51	215.51		215.51	
								TOTAL	0.00	1,061.72	
PENDING REFUNDS / RELEASES (RECOMMENDED FOR NON-APPROVAL)											
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The following requests have been reviewed by the County Assessor and Assistant County Attorney. It is their opinion that the stated request does not constitute a valid defense to the tax imposed or any part thereof, as provided in G.S. 105-381. Supporting documentation is on file in the County Assessor's Office. Staff recommendation: Deny requests.											
NAME	YEAR	RECEIPT	NOTE	REQUESTED VALUE CHANGE	DISTRICT	RATE	TAX, FEES & INTEREST	PAID	REQUEST RELEASE REFUND		
(NONE CURRENTLY)											
								TOTAL	0.00	0.00	

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #001)**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Allen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Falls, and unanimously adopted by the Board to, *approve the following budget amendment:*

Account Number	Project Code	Department/Account Name	Increase	Decrease
012.535.4.350.00	01120-5503	Health Promotion/State Govt Grants	\$3,810.00	
012.535.5.310.00	N/A	Health Promotion/Travel-Training	\$1,905.00	
012.535.5.370.00	N/A	Health Promotion/Advertising-Promotion	\$1,905.00	

*Explanation of Revisions: Budget Amendment necessary for the DHHS Healthy Communities to use funds for travel/training of staff or community partners to attend training on health equity and/or topics related to Community Action Plan strategies and implement messaging campaigns promoting these strategies.*

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY ACQUISITION**

Chairman Holbrook called Matt Blackwell, Director of Business Services of Cleveland County Economic Development Partnership, to the podium. Mr. Blackwell seeks approval of a Purchase Contract and the utilization of Economic Development Capital Reserve Funds for the acquisition of real property, boundary survey and legal fees associated with a property located on Hwy 29 in Kings Mountain. On January 6, 2009, the Board of Commissioners approved the acquisition of 54 acres located on Hwy 29. The property, located between Eaton and the former EDC Corporation facility, is considered ideal future industrial development. A 5.6-acre parcel located

between the 54-acre County site and Hwy 29 is now available for purchase and would add approximately 860 linear feet of highway frontage providing greater visibility and flexibility for future industrial development.

Staff seeks Board of County Commissioners' approval of a Purchase Contract and authorization to utilize Economic Development Capital Reserve Funds for the acquisition of this property located at 726 S. Battleground Avenue, Kings Mountain. The parcel includes a residential structure and multiple detached storage buildings. The 2016 Total Tax Value of the property is \$189,576.00. The current list price is \$199,000.00. Staff seeks approval of the Purchase Contract with a defined Purchase Price of \$185,000.00 and authorization for the Chairman and/or County Manager to execute associated documents to complete the transaction and initiate a boundary survey of the property. Commissioner Falls inquired about the zoning of the land. Mr. Blackwell advised all the surrounding area(s) are zoned as light industrial.

Chairman Holbrook opened the Public Hearing at 6:16 pm for anyone wanting to speak for or against the property acquisition. No citizen chose to speak. Chairman Holbrook closed the Public Hearing at 6:17 pm. (Legal Notice was published in the Shelby Star on Friday, July 7, 2017).

**ACTION:** Commissioner Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Whetstine, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the Purchase Contract with a defined Purchase Price of \$185,000.00 and authorization for the Chairman and/or County Manager to execute associated documents to complete the transaction and initiate a boundary survey of the property.*

### **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

#### **ADULT CARE HOME ADVISORY BOARD**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Falls made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Whetstine, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to re-appoint Irvin Chadwick and Annie Browner to serve as a member of this board*, for a period of three-years, scheduled to conclude June 30, 2020.

#### **COMMISSION FOR WOMEN**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Whetstine made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Allen, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to re-appoint Betsy Wells, Robert Miller, Alva Finney, Joyce Morrow-Coleman and Debra Blanton, and appoint Cathy Robertson and Martha Davis to serve as members of this board*, for a period of three-years, scheduled to conclude June 30, 2020.

#### **JURY COMMISSION**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Allen made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to re-appoint Jeff Ames to serve as a member of this board*, for a period of two-years, scheduled to conclude June 30, 2019.

### **NURSING HOME ADVISORY BOARD**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Falls made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Whetstine, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to re-appoint Judy Barrett, Suzy Buckner and Elaine Champion to serve as members of this board*, for a period of three-years, scheduled to conclude June 30, 2020.

### **RURAL FIRE COMMISSION**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Allen made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to re-appoint Chris Poole, Floyd Queen, Marvin Hutchison, Thomas Hartis, and William Davis to serve as a member of this board*, for a period of three-years, scheduled to conclude June 30, 2020.

### **VETERAN'S ADVISORY BOARD**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Falls made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Whetstine, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to re-appoint Ken Ledford and appoint Valerie McCoy and Gregory McIntyre to serve as members of this board*, for a period of three-years, scheduled to conclude June 30, 2020.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Allen made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to go into closed session per North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with the County Attorney on potential legal matter.*

*(Copy of closed session minutes found in Closed Session Minute Book)*

### **RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Allen made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Falls, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to reconvene in open session.*

Chairman Holbrook announced direction was given to the County Manager and County Attorney. No action was taken during the closed session.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Whetstine along with Commissioner Hutchins attended Bethlehem Baptist Church on Sunday as Commissioner Falls presented the church with a proclamation celebrating their 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Commissioner Whetstine and Commissioner Hutchins also attended the Casar Volunteer Fire Department Appreciation Dinner.

Commissioner Falls thanked the Board for the proclamation given to his home church in recognition of their 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. He also gave an update on the Community College. There have been several meetings held by the Cleveland College Board of Trustees over the last two months. That Board has found the interim President for the College, Dr. Bill Aiken from Tennessee, pending approval from the State Board of Colleges. They are expecting approval by the end of this week. Commissioner Falls thanked the Board of Commissioners for their

continued support during the Community College's recent transitions. Chairman Holbrook thanked Commissioner Falls for his hard work and dedication on the Board of Trustees.

Commissioner Hutchins has been re-appointed to the Council of Aging. They have several community events coming up.

Commissioner Holbrook gave an update on the upcoming American Legion World Series event(s).

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Commissioner Allen made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Falls, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to adjourn the meeting*. The next meeting of the Commissioners is scheduled for ***Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Chamber.***

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*Eddie Holbrook, Chairman  
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*

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*Phyllis Nowlen, Clerk to the Board  
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*