

Cleveland County Board of Commissioners
November 6, 2018

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
Johnny Hutchins, Commissioner
Ronnie Whetstine, Commissioner
Doug Bridges, Commissioner
Brian Epley, County Manager
Tim Moore, County Attorney
Phyllis Nowlen, Clerk to the Board
Kerri Melton, Assistant County Manager
Chris Green, Tax Administrator
Shane Fox, Chief Financial Officer
Elliot Engstrom, Senior Staff Attorney
Scott Bowman, Maintenance Director
Lorie Poston, E-911 Communications Director
Perry Davis, Emergency Management Director/Fire Marshal
Jason Falls, LeGrand Center Director
Allison Mauney, Human Resources Director
Betsy Harnage, Register of Deeds

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Holbrook called the meeting to order, provided the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADOPTION

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Whetstine and unanimously approved by the Board to, *approve the agenda with the following addition to the Consent Agenda:*

Item E: Set a public hearing pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 153A-77(a), for the December 18, 2018 Regular Commissioners Meeting. The subject of the public hearing will be to consider the adoption of a resolution assuming and conferring upon the Board all powers, responsibilities and duties of the Cleveland County Department of Social Services and transitioning the current DSS board to an advisory board.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

National Hunger and Homelessness Week 2018: Chairman Holbrook recognized Sonja Bristol, Housing Choice Voucher Program Director for the Isothermal Planning and Development Commission and Bre Griffin, Housing Educator for Partners Behavioral Health Management who represent the Gaston, Lincoln and Cleveland County Continuum of Care (CoC). The CoC is a community group composed of leaders of local government, nonprofits, business and citizens. The goals of the CoC are to work to increase affordable housing options in the local communities, create safe and immediate solutions for those experiencing homelessness and collect data to assist with funding those solutions. In January 2017, there were 8,962 people who were identified as homeless in North Carolina. Of those numbers

- 67% were adults without dependents
- 33% were families with child(ren)

- 249 of those 8,962 people live in either Gaston, Lincoln or Cleveland County

The Board thanked Ms. Bristol and Ms. Griffin for the information and invited them to come back in January 2019 and present updated information.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION

Jeannie Ford, 349 Oates Drive, Shelby – stated her dog was attacked by aggressive dogs three days ago. The number of dogs roaming the Light Oak neighborhood continues to grow. The majority of the dogs appear to be aggressive and make the residents of the neighborhood fearful to be outside. Ms. Ford presented a petition to the Commissioners, which was given to the Clerk, asking for the installment of a leash law. The Board gave direction to Assistant County Manager Kerri Melton to meet with Ms. Ford after the meeting for further review and follow up.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Clerk to the Board included the Minutes of the *October 16, 2018 regular meeting*, in Board Members packets.

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

SOCIAL SERVICES: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #014)

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

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Project Code</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
011.507.4.41.00		Outside Poor/Local & Other Grants	\$4,600.00	
011.507.5.700.00		Outside Poor/Grants	\$4,600.00	

Explanation of Revisions: Request to budget \$4,600 in funds received from a United Way grant for the FY 2018/2019. This grant will assist with emergency food and shelter for adults.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #015)

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

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Project Code</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
010.437.4.310.00	93889-3SMT	Public Safety Grants/Federal Govt Grants	\$3,500.00	
010.437.5.211.00	93889-3SMT	Public Safety Grants/Controlled Property Exp	\$3,500.00	

Explanation of Revisions: To budget grant from Metrolina Healthcare Preparedness Coalition for the purchase of a Vestill DC Power Jib Crane 1500lb for lift operations and a vinyl coated tarp for transfer truck to cover cargo/flatbed tracks with rails.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #016)

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

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Project Code</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
010.437.4.310.00	97067-HSGP	Public Safety Grants/Federal Govt Grants	\$35,000.00	
010.437.5.910.00	97067-HSGP	Public Safety Grants/Capital Equipment	\$35,000.00	

Explanation of Revisions: To budget grant award from NC DPS – Homeland Security Grant Program to be used for the purchase of a rehabilitation station trailer package that will be available for use by Cleveland County and will be available for deployment to the other DPR7 counties, the western branch and statewide use as need arises.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD (Schedule Public Hearing for December 18, 2018)

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 153A-77(a), request to set a public hearing for the December 18, 2018 Regular Commissioners Meeting to consider the transition of the Department of Social Services Board to an advisory board.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, and unanimously adopted by the Board to, ***approve scheduling the public hearing as requested.***

REGULAR AGENDA

PINNACLE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER CONTRACT

Chairman Holbrook recognized County Manager Brian Epley to present the Pinnacle School Resource Officer Contract. Pinnacle Classical Academy received a \$33,000 grant and requests to use those funds for a School Resource Officer on their campus. The Cleveland County Sheriff's Office will be creating a position to meet this need and the contract for services is between Cleveland County Board of Commissioners, the Cleveland County Sheriff and Pinnacle Classical Academy. The County will supply the services of one (1) sworn law enforcement officer to serve as a School Resource Officer beginning November 1, 2018 and runs through May 31, 2019 for the 2018-2019 school year. The officer shall be assigned full-time to provide their services to Pinnacle. The contract can be automatically renewed for additional one (1) year based on County's fiscal year (July 1 - June 30), not to exceed a total of six (6) renewals. The total cost to Pinnacle Classical Academy for the services provided shall not exceed a total of the base salary, taxes, and benefits for one (1) law enforcement officer and deferred maintenance for capital management which includes necessary operational equipment. Deferred maintenance will be divided over six years beginning in FY 18/19. Remaining years of the contract will be billed at an annual rate that is mutually agreed upon between the Cleveland County Manager and Headmaster of Pinnacle.

Chairman Holbrook opened the floor to the Board for questions and discussion. Commissioner Hutchins stated with the rise of violence in the schools across the Country, a School Resource Office assigned to Pinnacle Classical Academy is a good idea. Commissioner Whetstine asked if there has ever been an SRO at Pinnacle prior. Mr. Epley replied to the best of his knowledge there has never been an officer designated for Pinnacle Classical Academy.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Whetstine and unanimously approved by the Board to, ***approve the Pinnacle School Resource Officer Contract.*** (copy found on Page ____ of Minute Book ____).

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

ACTION: Commissioner Whetstine made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Bridges and unanimously approved by the Board to, ***omit the Commissioners Reports from the November 6, 2018 meeting.***

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Commissioner Bridges made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Allen, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to adjourn the meeting*. The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for *Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Chamber*.

*Eddie Holbrook, Chairman
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*

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