

**Cleveland County Board of Commissioners**  
**December 17, 2019**

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:** Susan Allen, Chairman  
Ronnie Whetstine, Vice-Chair  
Johnny Hutchins, Commissioner  
Doug Bridges, Commissioner  
Deb Hardin, Commissioner  
Brian Epley, County Manager  
Tim Moore, County Attorney  
Phyllis Nowlen, Clerk to the Board  
Kerri Melton, Assistant County Manager  
Chris Green, Tax Administrator  
Elliot Engstrom, Deputy County Attorney  
Allison Mauney, Human Resources Director  
Clifton Philbeck, Board of Elections Director  
Lorie Poston, E-911 Communications Director  
Katie Swanson, Social Services Director  
Ryan Wilmoth, Emergency Medical Services Director  
Lucas Jackson, Finance Director  
Scott Bowman, Maintenance Director  
Paul Ezell, Inspections Director  
Tony Adair, Animal Services Director  
Dorothea Wyant, Health Department Director  
Alan Norman, Sheriff

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Allen called the meeting to order and Commissioner Bridges provided the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA ADOPTION**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Hardin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hutchins and unanimously approved by the Board to, *approve the agenda as presented.*

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

**Earl Scruggs Center (ESC) Update:** Chairman Allen called Mary Beth Martin, ESC Executive Director, to the podium to present the Earl Scruggs Annual update. Ms. Martin reviewed highlights from the past year's events at the Earl Scruggs Center. Several high points include Coffee with the Curator, special exhibits, concerts and programs offered through the center. The Board thanked Ms. Martin for her hard work, dedication and enthusiasm in making the ESC a continued success.

**CITIZEN RECOGNITION**

**Robert Williams, 814 E. Stage Coach Trl., Lawndale** – spoke about his concerns in several areas of the county such as the Earl Scruggs Center, the confederate monument and the Accelerate Cleveland program.

**Wayne Johnson – 102 Highland Pines, Shelby** – read the following letter to the Commissioners:

*“Thank you for giving me this opportunity to address the commissioners today. I have served at Gardner-Webb University for nearly 30 years and am retiring from my current position in January to accept employment in the corporate world. In all my years, I have had the opportunity to work quite closely with many county*

employees. As GWU has locations across the state, I have also had a great deal of interaction with departments and employees in many other jurisdictions. I am pleased to say that Cleveland County is simply put...BETTER!

In all of my experience, I must state without reservation, that working with the people of Cleveland County has always been a pleasure. My responsibilities required close interaction with the Emergency Management, Planning, Building Inspection and Health Department teams. The managers of these areas, while highly professional, also exhibit a great deal of interest in being of service. In this age, the theme of public service has been lost from many governmental interactions, but not in Cleveland County. Our leaders and servants have a genuine attitude of service and demonstrate a willingness to be of help. This work climate makes living and working in Cleveland County a true pleasure.

In particular, the leadership of Perry Davis, Bobby Horton, Paul Ezell, Colt Farrington, Chris Martin, Lori Poston, Dorothea Wyatt and Sherry Yocum and all of the individuals who serve in these areas has been critical in the successes and challenges that I have personally endured over the past 3 decades. I applaud their service and thank you as commissioners for creating a climate where they have the authority, time and support to serve as they have done. I ask that as you plan for our future, that you continue to provide for these services in like manner so that our public servants have the time and support to continue this tradition of caring and excellence. Thank you for your time."

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Clerk to the Board included the Minutes from the *November 19, 2019 and December 3, 2019 regular meeting*, in board members packets.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Hutchins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hardin, 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 *November 2019.*

TOTAL TAXES COLLECTED NOVEMBER 2019			
YEAR	AMOUNT-REAL	AMOUNT-VEH	
DEF REV	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2019	\$2,302,625.07	\$0.00	\$2,302,625.07
2018	\$29,806.51	\$0.00	\$29,806.51
2017	\$14,412.67	\$0.00	\$14,412.67
2016	\$5,526.37	\$0.00	\$5,526.37
2015	\$5,278.83	\$0.00	\$5,278.83
2014	\$2,129.29	\$0.00	\$2,129.29
2013	\$490.03	\$49.74	\$539.77
2012	\$75.62	\$70.73	\$146.35
2011	\$257.10	\$39.76	\$296.86
2010	\$118.20	\$0.00	\$118.20
2009	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTALS	\$2,360,719.69	\$160.23	\$2,360,879.92
DISCOUNT	\$3.75		
INTEREST	\$10,987.58	\$64.56	\$0.00
TOLERANCE	(\$3.21)	(\$0.47)	
ADVERTISING	\$209.77	\$73.45	
GARNISHMENT	\$617.53		
NSF/ATTY	\$92.17		
LEGAL FEES	\$1,924.57		
TOTALS	\$2,374,551.85	\$297.77	
MISC FEE	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TAXES COLL	\$2,374,551.85	\$297.77	\$2,374,849.62
	\$2,374,551.85	\$297.77	

TOTAL TAXES UNCOLLECTED NOVEMBER 2019			
	AMOUNT-REAL	AMOUNT-VEH	COMBINED AMT
2019	\$35,275,019.45	\$0.00	\$35,275,019.45
2018	\$955,835.79	\$0.00	\$955,835.79
2017	\$477,732.27	\$0.00	\$477,732.27
2016	\$286,243.80	\$0.00	\$286,243.80
2015	\$199,474.97	\$0.00	\$199,474.97
2014	\$180,040.99	\$0.00	\$180,040.99
2013	\$128,493.55	\$63,524.74	\$192,018.29
2012	\$99,264.73	\$72,172.26	\$171,436.99
2011	\$74,686.93	\$55,163.44	\$129,850.37
2010	\$67,767.70	\$52,896.35	\$120,664.05
2009	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$37,744,560.18	\$243,756.79	\$37,988,316.97

**TAX ABATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS AND PENDING REFUNDS/RELEASES**

The Tax Assessor provided Commissioners with a detailed written report regarding tax abatements and supplements during **November 2019**. The monthly grand total of tax abatements was listed as (\$2,955.57) and monthly grand total for tax supplements was listed as \$1,289,298.00.

PENDING REFUNDS / RELEASES (RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL)										
December 17, 2019										
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	
K&K Living Trust	2019	4468589	MH hookup removed 11/09/18	(3,900)	51	0.8275	32.11	32.11	0.00	32.11
James Clifton Monroe	2015	4094941	MH billed in error	(2,244)	51	0.7900	83.13	83.13	0.00	83.13
James Clifton Monroe	2016	4179361	MH billed in error	(2,019)	51	0.7900	81.14	81.14	0.00	81.14
James Clifton Monroe	2017	4264798	MH billed in error	(2,019)	51	0.8275	90.24	90.24	0.00	90.24
James Clifton Monroe	2018	4351887	MH billed in error	(2,019)	51	0.8275	87.82	87.82	0.00	87.82
James Clifton Monroe	2019	4439657	MH billed in error	(2,019)	51	0.8275	91.99	0.00	91.99	0.00
John Curtis Herron	2017	4259662	MH billed in error	(2,594)	63	0.8275	101.90	101.90	0.00	101.90
John Curtis Herron	2018	4346984	MH billed in error	(2,594)	63	0.8275	93.06	93.06	0.00	93.06
John Curtis Herron	2019	4434953	MH billed in error	(2,594)	63	0.8275	97.23	0.00	97.23	0.00
								TOTAL	189.22	569.40
PENDING REFUNDS / RELEASES (RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL)										
December 17, 2019										
The following requests have been reviewed by the County Assessor and Deputy 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

**ACTION:** Commissioner Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hardin, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the Abatements and Supplements and Pending Refunds/Releases as submitted by the Tax Assessor.*

**TAX ASSESSOR RE-APPOINTMENT**

Counties in North Carolina must, at all times, have an appointed assessor (or acting assessor). Per N.C.G.S. 105-294, the Board of County Commissioners of each county shall appoint a County Assessor to serve a term of no less than two and no more than four years. To be eligible for re-appointment, a County Assessor must satisfy specific continuing education requirements for recertification by the N.C. Department of Revenue. The Tax Administrator position includes functions that are in addition to that of assessor and is not defined by statute. The current term of Cleveland County Assessor, Chris Green, will expire December 31, 2019. He has submitted a request for re-appointment.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hardin, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to re-appointment Chris Green as the County Tax Assessor for a term of four years set to expire December 31, 2023.*

**COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #024)**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Hutchins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hardin, 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>
010.432.4.350.00	03700-PMED	3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Pass Thru/St Govt Grants	\$8,500.00	
010.432.5.700.00	03700-PMED	3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Pass Thru/Grants	\$8,500.00	
010.432.4.350.00	03700-PAYF	3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Pass Thru/St Govt Grants	\$9,167.00	
010.432.5.700.00	03700-PAYF	3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Pass Thru/Grants	\$9,167.00	
010.613.4.350.00	03700-PTCT	Communities in Schls/St Govt Grants	\$21,996.00	
010.613.5.700.00	03700-PTCT	Communities in Schls/Grants	\$21,996.00	

**Explanation of Revisions:** Budget allocation for additional \$39,663 in funds received from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety to allow programs to provide services to youths based on the Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Act which allows for most 16 and 17-year olds to be serve in juvenile justice instead of serving as adults.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #025)**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Hutchins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hardin, 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>
010.441.4.810.15		Sheriff's Office/Donations K9	\$11,625.00	
010.441.5.790.15		Sheriff's Office/Donations K9	\$11,625.00	

**Explanation of Revisions:** Budget allocation for \$11,625 in donations received for the Sheriff's Office K-9 unit for the purchase of a new multi-purpose K9 and training expenses.

**CANINE RETIREMENT**

Request to remove K-9 Bolo (county ID# 200856) from the K-9 program. The Sheriff's Office is requesting to remove K-9 Bolo from county insurance and inventory and assign to Deputy Jonathon Spiering who has offered to provide a good home and care for him until the remainder of his life. Deputy Spiering assumes complete custody, control and liability of the canine.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hardin, and unanimously adopted by the Board, ***to approve the request to retire K-9 Bolo from active service and assign to handler Deputy Jonathan Spiering.***

**LEGAL: B&D ENTERPRISES EASEMENT AGREEMENT**

B & D Enterprises, Inc., has requested that the County grant an easement to access its land located adjacent to the Oak Grove Road Recycling Center, which is located at 1127 Oak Grove Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086. B & D Enterprises previously conveyed to the County nearby land, for entry/exit access which allowed the County to facilitate the operation of this recycling center, see Deed Book 1565, Page 2258 of the Cleveland County Registry. The proposed easement would not permit B & D Enterprises to build any structure thereon and would further be subject to a previously existing waterline easement granted by the County to the City of Kings Mountain. The easement they are requesting is on property the county does not use.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Hutchins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hardin, and unanimously adopted by the Board to, ***approve the B&D Enterprises Easement Agreement.***

5 RECORDING FEE \$ 26.00

EASEMENT AGREEMENT

Prepared by Elliot M. Engstrom, Deputy County Attorney, P.O. Box 1210, Shelby, NC 28151-1210

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF CLEVELAND

THIS DEED OF EASEMENT is made this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019, between CLEVELAND COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina (hereinafter referred to as "GRANTOR") and B&D ENTERPRISES, INC., 736 Stony Point Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086-8567 (hereinafter referred to as "GRANTEE").

The designation GRANTOR and GRANTEE as used herein shall include said parties, their heirs, successors, and assigns, and shall include singular, plural, masculine, feminine or neuter as required by context.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, said GRANTOR owns a certain tract of land ("Tract") in the County of Cleveland, North Carolina, the same being the land conveyed to GRANTOR by deed recorded in Deed Book 1120 at Page 99, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Cleveland County;

NOW, THEREFORE, said GRANTOR, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) to be paid by GRANTEE, has bargained and sold, and by these presents does bargain, sell, and convey to said GRANTEE and its successors:

**Permanent Easement:** a non-exclusive, perpetual easement ("Permanent Easement"), near the City of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, lying between other property owned by GRANTEE and Oak Grove Road and described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin located under the pavement .75 feet north of the centerline of Oak Grove Road (SR 2033) and running thence with the centerline of Oak Grove Road N. 77-24-58 E. 67.16 feet; thence continuing with the centerline of Oak Grove Road N. 78-56-04 E. 21.44 feet to a point; thence a new line S. 59-35-23 E. 212.95 feet; thence S. 40-56-44 E. 69.85 feet to an unmarked point; thence a new line S. 49-03-16 W. 60 feet to a rebar set in the boundary line between Cleveland County (Deed Book 1120, Page 99) and B&D Enterprises, Inc. (Deed Book 1139, Page 1621); thence with the common boundary line N. 40-56-44 W. 60 feet to a rebar, a corner with Cleveland County, B&D Enterprises, Inc. and George

W. Hammett (Deed Book 1520, Page 2046); thence with the Hammett line N. 59-35-23 W. passing a mag nail set on line on the south edge of the pavement of Oak Grove Road at 250.35 feet for a total of 268.29 feet to the point and place of BEGINNING.

Subject to a waterline easement within the boundary of the easement described herein, said waterline easement being granted to the City of Kings Mountain by Cleveland County, North Carolina. See Deed Book 1667, Page 1593, Cleveland County Registry.

And being a part of that property conveyed to Cleveland County, North Carolina by Howard J. Champion and wife, Barbara A. Champion by deed dated October 20, 1992 and recorded October 22, 1992 in Book 1120, page 99, Cleveland County Registry.

The Permanent Easement is further shown on a survey attached hereto as "Exhibit A."

Grantor has conveyed herein and does hereby grant unto the GRANTEE, its successors and assigns, the right of ingress, egress, and regress over and upon the above-described lands as access between Oak Grove Road and property owned by GRANTEE identified as parcel number 73170.

It is further understood that the GRANTOR shall erect no permanent structure of any kind over or across this Permanent Easement. For purposes of this document, permanent structure includes, but is not limited to: buildings, tennis courts, and swimming pools. Neither may water be ponded or impounded over or across said Permanent Easement.

GRANTOR, its successors and assigns, hereby covenants to and with the GRANTEE that GRANTOR is the owner of the hereinabove-described property, and that GRANTOR has the right to convey this Permanent Easement, subject to a waterline easement within the boundary of the easement described herein, said waterline easement being granted to the City of Kings Mountain by GRANTOR. See Deed Book 1667, Page 1593, Cleveland County Registry. GRANTOR further conveys this Deed of Easement subject to any other encumbrances or easements of record.

**TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** the land hereinbefore described unto the GRANTEE, its successors and assigns, for the aforesaid uses and purposes and none other.

CLEVELAND COUNTY

By: Susan K. Allen  
Susan K. Allen, Chair  
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Phyllis Noelen  
Phyllis Noelen, Clerk to the Board



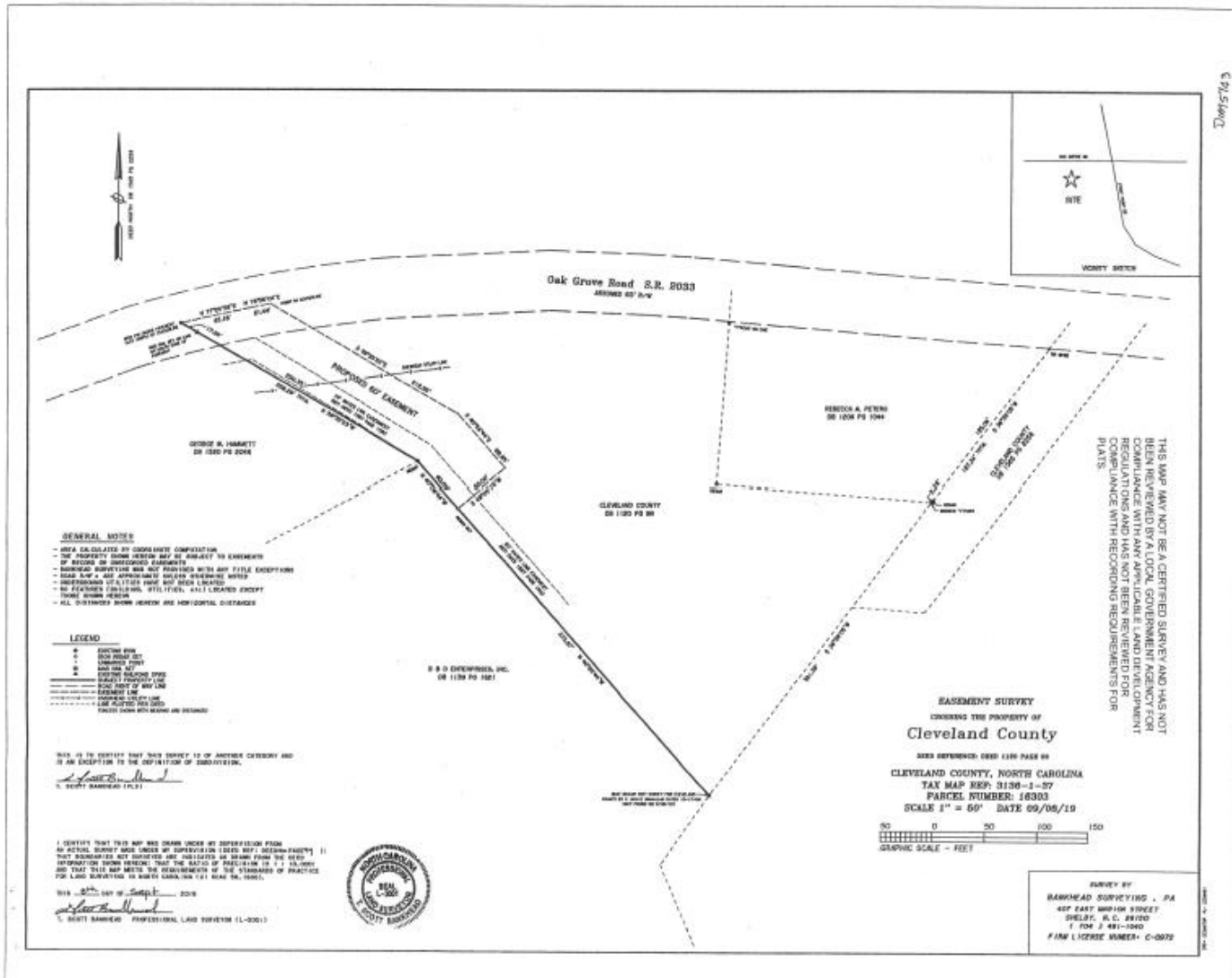
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA – COUNTY OF CLEVELAND

I, Velda A. Cureton, a notary public, in and for the State of North Carolina, hereby certify that Phyllis Nowlen personally appeared before me this day and certified to me under oath that she is not a grantee or beneficiary of the transaction and that in her capacity as Clerk to the Board she attested the foregoing document having witnessed Susan K. Allen sign the foregoing document.

Witness my hand and official seal this 30<sup>th</sup> day of Dec, 2019.



Velda A. Cureton  
Notary Public



**LEGAL: ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY AND APPEALS BOARD EXTENSION RESOLUTION**

As part of the creation of a standalone Animal Services Department, the Board of Commissioners created an Animal Services Advisory and Appeals Board. This board is charged with both advising the Board of Commissioners on animal services issues and hearing dangerous dog appeals as required by N.C.G.S. § 67-4.1(c). The terms of this board's initial members are set to expire on December 31, 2019. Additional time is requested to recruit members to serve on this board, meaning that the terms of the initial members would be extended.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Hutchins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hardin, and unanimously adopted by the Board to, *approve the Animal Services and Appeals Board extension resolution.*





## Resolution

Number 32-2019

**RESOLUTION EXTENDING EXPIRATION OF INITIAL TERMS OF ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY AND APPEALS BOARD (G.S. 153A-76; G.S. 153A-77(a); G.S. 67-4.1(c))**

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. § 153A-76 authorizes the Board of Commissioners to generally organize county government in order to promote the orderly and efficient administration of county affairs; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. § 153A-77(a) authorizes the Board of Commissioners to appoint advisory boards composed of qualified and interested residents to study, interpret, and develop community support and cooperation in activities conducted by or under the authority of the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. § 67-4.1(c) requires the Board of Commissioners to designate a person or board to be responsible for determining when a dog shall be deemed "dangerous" and a separate board to hear any appeal;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners, on September 17, 2019, passed a resolution creating a five-member Cleveland County Animal Services Advisory and Appeals Board composed of five (5) initial members, whose initial terms would expire on December 31, 2019;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners deems it appropriate that there be more time for citizens to apply for, and the County to recruit for, service on the Cleveland County Animal Services Advisory and Appeals Board;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLEVELAND COUNTY RESOLVES THAT:** the terms of the five (5) initial members of the Cleveland County Animal Services Advisory and Appeals Board shall expire upon the appointment of new members to that Board by the Board of Commissioners.

Adopted this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019.

By:   
Susan K. Allen, Chairman  
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners

Attest:   
Phyllis Nowlen  
Clerk to the Board



### **APPROVAL OF 2020 COMMISSIONER REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE**

The Clerk to the Board included the *2020 Commissioner Regular Meeting Schedule*, in Board Members packets.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hardin, and unanimously approved by the Board to, *approve the 2020 Commissioner Regular Meeting Schedule.*

## 2020 Cleveland County Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule

January 21  
January 30 & 31 – Work Session  
February 4  
February 18  
March 17  
April 7  
April 21  
May 5  
May 19  
June 2  
June 16  
July 7  
August 4  
September 1  
September 15  
October 6  
October 20  
November 3  
November 20 – Capital Work Session  
December 7 – Organizational Meeting  
December 15

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC GOALS**

Chairman Allen recognized Perry Davis, Emergency Management Director/Fire Marshal, to present an update on the Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) Strategic Plan. Mr. Davis commended the continued hard work and dedication of the volunteer firefighters in Cleveland County. He then introduced Dave Summey, Inspection Supervisor for the North Carolina Department of Insurance and the State Fire Marshal. Mr. Summey thanked all the Volunteer Fire Departments for their efforts of improving their rating grade. Rating grades are based on several factors such as locations of water hydrants and the amount of water supplies. Mr. Summary concluded by congratulating all the departments on their hard work in the improved rating inspections.

Mr. Davis presented a PowerPoint updating the Board on the status of the Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) Strategic Goals. The VFD's have been able to get every household within a five-mile radius of their fire station a lower insurance grade which will go into effect on February 1, 2020. The actual economic change will save homeowners fifteen dollars **per month** after insurance and taxes. This is a substantial amount of savings to the citizens of Cleveland County.

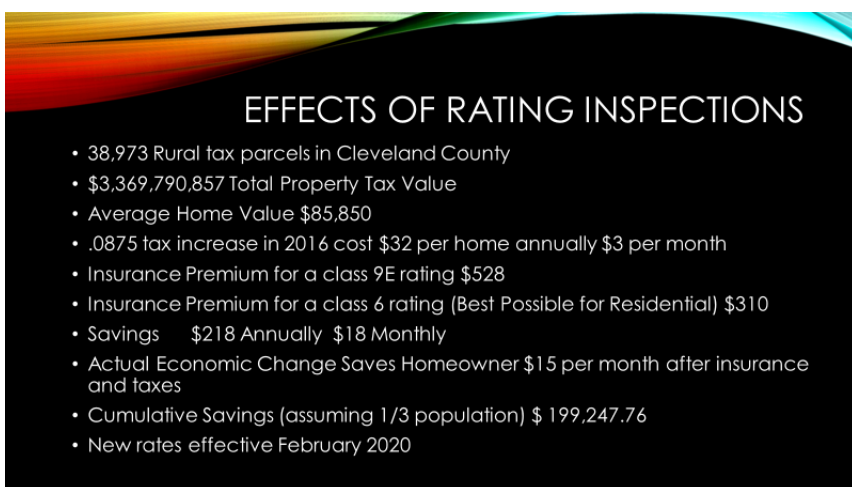
A total of eighteen objectives were identified in the strategic plan and are prioritized in to three categories:

- Severe
  - Distribution of Funds
  - Career Status
  - Building Infrastructure
  - General Fund Support
  - Volunteer Staffing



- Moderate
  - Apparatus Replacement
  - Group Purchasing
  - Hydrant Infrastructure
  - Contracts
  - Performance Measures
  - Fire Commission Oversight
  - Capital Assets
- Light
  - Aid and Hazard Risk Analysis
  - Response Districts
  - Class 10 Stations
  - Data and Records Management
  - Medical First Responder
  - Board of Director Training

The Board has already addressed all five of the severe objections. Examples include each fire station now having two paid staff members on duty Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm and having their workman’s comp premiums and retirement paid. The following PowerPoint was present to the Board.



**MODERATE**

Priority	Description	Status
6	Apparatus Replacement	X
7	Group Purchasing	X
8	Hydrant Infrastructure	X
9	Contracts	X
10	Performance Measures	X
11	Fire Commission Oversight	
12	Capital Assets	X

**LIGHT**

Priority	Description	Status
13	Aid and Hazard Risk Analysis	X
14	Response Districts	X
15	Class 10 Stations	X
16	Data and Records Management	X
17	Medical First Responder	
18	Board of Director Training	X

- UPCOMING PRIORITIES.....
1. Additional Paid Staff
  2. Capital Projects including radio replacement
  3. Update 5-year Strategic Plan

THANK YOU BOARD AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT!



Chairman Allen opened the floor to the Board for questions and comments. Commissioners Bridges reminded the public that although the fire tax was increased, through the implementation of the strategic plan, taxpayers will be able to see a reduction in insurance premiums in February 2020. Meeting the objections of the VFD strategic goals has allowed fire departments to become more efficient and has decreased the response time from eight minutes to four minutes. Each board member thanked Mr. Davis and those first responders in attendance for their ongoing dedication, hard work and commitment to the safety of the citizens of Cleveland County.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

**CLEVELAND COUNTY ADULT HOME CARE ADVISORY BOARD**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Hardin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to appoint Janet Torgeson to serve as a member of this board*, for a period of one-year, scheduled to conclude December 31, 2020.

**CLEVELAND COUNTY AGRICULTURE ADVISORY BOARD**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Bridges made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hardin, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to appoint Gary Gold, Richard Shook and Mallory Robbins to serve as members of this board* for a period of three-years, scheduled to conclude December 31, 2022.

**CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Whetstine made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to re-appoint Bobby Watson and Doug Lawing to serve as members of this board*, for a period of three-years, scheduled to conclude December 31, 2022.

**CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Whetstine made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to re-appoint Dr. Sara Karner, D.D.S and Dr. Cameron Hamrick, O.D. and appoint Patti Alexander and Dr. Mark Heiner, M.D. to serve as members of this board*, for a period of three-years, scheduled to conclude December 31, 2022.

**CLEVELAND COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Hardin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Bridges and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to appoint Linda Martin and Tanzy Wallace to serve as members of this board*, for a period of three-years, scheduled to conclude December 31, 2022.

**CLEVELAND COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Bridges made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hardin, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to re-appoint Lucas Shires and Robin Brackett to serve as members of this board*, for a period of four-years, scheduled to conclude December 31, 2023.

**CLEVELAND COUNTY NURSING HOME ADVISORY BOARD**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Whetstine made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to appoint Reverend Maggie Andre to serve as a member of this board*, for a period of one-year, scheduled to conclude December 31, 2020 and *re-appoint Ginger Poteat to serve as a member of this board*, for a period of three-years, scheduled to conclude December 31, 2022.

**CLEVELAND COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Hardin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hutchins, and adopted by a majority of the Board 4 – 1 (Commissioner Hutchins opposed), *to re-appoint Charles Christenbury and appoint Leon Martin, D. Leon Leonhardt and Daniel Lattimore to serve as members of this board*, for a period of three-years, scheduled to conclude December 31, 2022.

**CLEVELAND COUNTY VETERAN'S ADVISORY BOARD**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Hardin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to appoint Noah Saldo to serve as a member of this board*, for a period of three-years, scheduled to conclude December 31, 2022.

### **REGION C WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Hardin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to re-appoint Tim Blackwell to serve as a member of this board*, for a period of three-years, scheduled to conclude January 1, 2022.

### **KINGS MOUNTAIN PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Whetstine made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to re-appoint Donald Adkins to serve as a member of this board*, for a period of three-years, scheduled to conclude December 31, 2022.

### **COMMISSIONER REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Bridges made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to appoint Commissioner Hardin to serve as the Airport Commission Liaison*.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Bridges made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to re-appoint Commissioner Whetstine to serve on the Commission for Women Board*.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Whetstine made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to appoint Commissioner Bridges to serve on the Isothermal Board of Directors*.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Bridges made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hardin, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to re-appoint Chairman Allen to serve on the Rural Fire Commission*.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

**Commissioner Bridges** – commented on the amount of work and projects that have been completed this year. He thanked the other board members and staff for making the accomplishments possible and looks forward to another successful year in Cleveland County.

**Commissioner Hutchins** – gave an update on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) projects in the county.

**Commissioner Whetstine** – attended several events in the community such as the ribbon cutting for the T-Hanger at the airport and unveiling of the new Emergency Medical Services ambulance.

**County Manager Brian Epley** – announced Dorothea Wyant, Health Department Director, will be retiring on January 15, 2020 and DeShay Oliver will serve as the interim Health Director through the process of recruiting and hiring a new Health Department Director.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Commissioner Hardin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to adjourn the meeting*. The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for *Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Chamber*.

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*Susan Allen, Chairman  
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*

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