

**Cleveland County Board of Commissioners**  
**June 15, 2021**

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:** Doug Bridges, Chairman  
Deb Hardin, Vice-Chair  
Johnny Hutchins, Commissioner  
Ronnie Whetstine, Commissioner  
Kevin Gordon, Commissioner  
Tim Moore, County Attorney  
Brian Epley, County Manager  
Phyllis Nowlen, Clerk to the Board  
Kerri Melton, Assistant County Manager  
Jason Falls, Business Development Director  
Katie Swanson, Social Services Director  
Scott Bowman, Maintenance Director  
Martha Thompson, Deputy County Attorney  
Perry Davis, Emergency Management Director/Fire Marshal  
Stori McIntyre, E-911 Communications Director  
Tiffany Hansen, Health Department Director

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Bridges called the meeting to order and invited anyone from the audience to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and provide the invocation.

Jason Falls, Business Development Director, provided the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA ADOPTION**

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

**CITIZEN RECOGNITION**

**Dorothy Duffy, 903 Springs Garden Dr., Shelby** – Ms. Duffy read the following statement to Commissioners:

*“My name is Dorothy Duffy. I'm 93 years old and I would like to talk to you about the monument of the Confederate Soldier that stands prominently in the Historic Cleveland County Courthouse Square in Shelby. I read in the newspaper that the courthouse is going to get a facelift. I was wondering if in the process of this facelift, you could include the removing of the statue of the Confederate Soldier. That Confederate Monument is less than one and a half miles from the Shelby High School baseball field where the American Legion World Series will be held in about six weeks. The American Legion, on its website, states that its purpose is to enhance the well-being of veterans, their families, our military, and our communities. Millions of African Americans are veterans of the United States, and many have fought in our country's wars all over the world. The Confederate Statue in Shelby is an insult to those veterans. The statue was also highly offensive to others, such as the African American teenagers who will soon play in the American Legion World Series. The citizens of Cleveland County, take great pride in hosting the American Legion World Series, and who benefit in many ways for hosting this event might lose the*

right to host the World Series if that statue is not removed. How can the American Legion Organization agree to extend the contract to hold the World Series in Shelby if that monument continues to stand in the Square? Confederate Monuments are coming down all over the country and it is time for Cleveland County to be on the right side of the history and remove the Monument.”

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Clerk to the Board included the Minutes from the **May 18, 2021, regular meeting**, in board members’ packets.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Gordon 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 **May 2021.**

TOTAL TAXES COLLECTED MAY 2021				
YEAR	AMOUNT-REAL	AMOUNT-VEHI.	AMOUNT-GAP	COMBINED AMT
DEF REV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2020	\$184,993.85	\$0.00	\$2,290.46	\$187,284.31
2019	\$77,064.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$77,064.89
2018	\$27,181.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27,181.22
2017	\$19,452.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,452.22
2016	\$7,743.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,743.72
2015	\$2,752.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,752.02
2014	\$2,208.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,208.57
2013	\$1,213.06	\$92.17	\$0.00	\$1,305.23
2012	\$735.29	\$80.03	\$0.00	\$815.32
2011	\$562.73	\$61.85	\$0.00	\$624.58
2010	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
				<u>\$326,430.08</u>
TOTALS	\$323,905.57	\$234.05	\$2,290.46	\$326,430.08
DISCOUNT	(\$4.79)			
INTEREST	\$37,350.62	\$208.48	\$164.31	
TOLERANCE	(\$8.16)	(\$0.34)	\$0.06	
ADVERTISING	\$795.98	VEHICLE FEES	GAP BILL FEES	
GARNISHMENT	\$5,043.11	\$60.00	\$745.75	
NSF/ATTY	\$0.00			
LEGAL FEES	\$717.74			
TOTALS	\$367,800.07	\$502.19	\$3,200.58	
MISC FEE	\$0.00			GRAND TOTAL
TAXES COLL	\$367,800.07			\$371,502.84
DEF	\$563,349.72	\$0.00	DEF	\$12,979.07
DISC	(\$2,812.77)		TOL	\$0.00
TOL	(\$0.19)		INT	\$0.00
INT	\$136.22			
				<u>\$573,652.05</u>
				<u>\$945,154.89</u>
TOTAL TAXES UNCOLLECTED MAY 2021				
YEAR	AMOUNT-REAL	AMOUNT-VEHI.	AMOUNT-GAP	COMBINED AMT
2020	\$1,587,093.90	\$0.00	\$64,029.62	\$1,651,123.52
2019	\$970,706.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$970,706.49
2018	\$476,977.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$476,977.12
2017	\$290,281.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$290,281.13
2016	\$192,307.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$192,307.51
2015	\$156,412.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$156,412.08
2014	\$151,902.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$151,902.54
2013	\$113,524.27	\$60,587.65	\$0.00	\$174,111.92
2012	\$87,417.14	\$68,537.55	\$0.00	\$155,954.69
2011	\$65,688.13	\$52,222.69	\$0.00	\$117,910.82
2010	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
				<u>\$0.00</u>
	<u>\$4,092,310.31</u>	<u>\$181,347.89</u>	<u>\$64,029.62</u>	<u>\$4,337,687.82</u>
DEF REV	\$608,352.85	\$0.00	\$103,454.02	\$711,806.87
TOTAL UNCOLLECTED	\$4,700,663.16	\$181,347.89	\$167,483.64	\$5,049,494.69

**TAX ABATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS**

The Tax Assessor provided Commissioners with a detailed written report regarding tax abatements and supplements during **May 2021.** The monthly grand total of tax abatements was listed as (\$2,364.10) and monthly grand total for tax supplements was listed as \$152,191.61.

**TRAVEL AND TOURISM: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #062)**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Gordon 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>
010.422.4.409.00		Travel & Tourism/Local Revenues	\$7,500.00	
010.422.5.420.00		Travel & Tourism/Contracted Services	\$7,500.00	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget allocation for \$7,500 in funds received from Boiling Springs TDA to contracted services for tear out map pads and access to Buxton Services.

**COUNTY DEPARTMENTS YEAR END: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #063)**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Gordon 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>
010.410.4.991.00		General Revenues/Fund Balance Appropriated	\$1,905,000.00	
010.981.5.890.00		Fund Transfers/Interfund Transfers	\$1,000,000.00	
010.981.5.465.00		Fund Transfers/Administrative Services	\$905,000.00	
013.660.4.980.65		Employee Health/Transfers Fm Health Plan	\$190,000.00	
013.660.5.121.00		Employee Health/Salaries-Wages-Reg	\$125,000.00	
013.660.5.230.01		Employee Health/Prescription Drugs	\$65,000.00	
014.417.4.465.00		Court Facilities/Admin Services Allocation	\$100,000.00	
014.417.5.514.00		Court Facilities/Detention Fees	\$100,000.00	
020.600.4.120.21		Clev Co Schools/Ad Valorem Tx-2021 NCVTS	\$1,000,000.00	
020.600.4.111.20		Clev Co Schools/Ad Valorem Taxes-2020	\$750,000.00	
020.600.4.220.00		Clev Co Schools/Local Option Sales Tax	\$360,000.00	
020.600.5.524.00		Clev Co Schools/Supplemental Tax	\$350,000.00	
020.600.5.524.08		Clev Co Schools/NCVTS Ad Valorem Taxes	\$1,400,000.00	
020.600.5.540.05		Clev Co Schools/Local Option Sales Tax	\$360,000.00	
060.651.4.465.00		Property-Liability/Admin Services Allocation	\$575,000.00	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget allocation for modification to original budget to prepare for year-end close June 30, 2021.

**JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #064)**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Gordon 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>
010.422.4.409.00		Travel & Tourism/Local Revenues	\$7,500.00	
010.422.5.420.00		Travel & Tourism/Contracted Services	\$7,500.00	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget allocation for \$2,139 for Department of Juvenile Justice/Department of Public Safety Discretionary funds for FY 21. Funds will be used to purchase two (2) new laptops for the program office and program clinicians in the field. No county funds are required for match.

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT: CAPITAL ASSET CAPITALIZATION THRESHOLDS**

Adjustment of County Capital Asset Capitalization Thresholds based on the recommendation from external auditors Thompson Price Scott & Adam's and comparison to surrounding and peer Counties. This is a Financial Reporting and Capital Asset Management impact only and has no bearing on the County Budget. The Finance Dept requests that County asset thresholds change to be adequate for County operations and with those recommended by our external auditors. Capital assets to be defined by the County as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000, and an estimated useful life in excess of two years.

## CLEVELAND COUNTY ASSET CAPITALIZATION THRESHOLDS

Minimum capitalization costs will be as follows:

<u>Asset Category</u>	<u>Threshold Amount</u>
Land	\$5,000
Buildings, improvements, and other plant and distribution systems	\$5,000
Infrastructure	\$5,000
Equipment and Furniture	\$5,000
Vehicles and Motorized Equipment	\$5,000
Computer Software & Equipment	\$5,000

### Capital Asset Thresholds Other Counties

Lincoln County	\$5,000	Useful life in excess of 1 yr
Catawba County	\$5,000	Useful life in excess of two years
Caldwell County	\$5,000	Useful life in excess of two years
Burke County	\$5,000	N/A
Rutherford County	\$5,000	N/A


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

### **LEGAL: OPIOID RESOLUTION AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Cleveland County is one of 76 NC Counties and 8 NC municipalities who have filed lawsuits in federal court to hold accountable several companies involved in manufacturing, marketing, promoting, and distributing prescription opioid drugs. The federal cases include roughly 3,000 lawsuits from nearly every state have been consolidated into Multi-District Litigation (MDL). Local governments and the state are hopeful that a National Settlement Agreement with some of the companies involved in the MDL may be forthcoming, along with additional potential proceeds from a bankruptcy resolution involving opioid manufacturer Purdue Pharma. Under the national settlement and bankruptcy resolution (taken together), up to \$850 million could be allocated to North Carolina to address the opioid epidemic. The potential settlement money would be allocated among states based on population and the local impact of the opioid crisis, as determined by public health statistics related to opioid misuse. The potential payments would occur over an 18-year period. The allocation formula also includes an incentive that increases the payment amounts as more North Carolina counties and municipalities join the settlement. In anticipation of potential opioid settlement funds, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) and the North Carolina Department of Justice (DOJ) have worked closely together for the past 18 months on a plan to maximize North Carolina's share to ensure that resources reach communities as quickly, effectively, and directly as possible. The NC MOA also includes transparency and accountability measures for the use of opioid settlement funds by local governments, including special revenue funds subject to audit, annual financial and impact reports, and a public dashboard showing how they are using settlement funds to address the epidemic.

Under the national settlement and bankruptcy resolution (taken together), up to \$850 million over a period of 18 years could be allocated to North Carolina to address the opioid epidemic. These funds must be used only on opioid remediation activities such as early intervention programs, treatments, recovery housing and criminal justice diversion programs. *(copy of the proposed final draft of the Memorandum of Agreement between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation can be found in the Clerk's Office and the Legal Department).*

**ACTION:** Commissioner Gordon made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hardin, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the*



**Resolution**

09-2021

**A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF CLEVELAND  
APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) BETWEEN THE STATE OF  
NORTH CAROLINA AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ON PROCEEDS RELATING TO THE  
SETTLEMENT OF OPIOID LITIGATION**

**WHEREAS**, as of 2019, the opioid epidemic had taken the lives of more than 16,500 North Carolinians, torn families apart, and ravaged communities from the mountains to the coast; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has compounded the opioid crisis, increasing levels of drug misuse, addiction, and overdose death; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates the total "economic burden" of prescription opioid misuse alone in the United States is \$78.5 billion a year, including the costs of healthcare, lost productivity, addiction treatment, and criminal justice involvement; and

**WHEREAS**, Cleveland County is one of many counties and municipalities in North Carolina joined with thousands of local governments across the country to file lawsuits against opioid manufacturers and pharmaceutical distribution companies and hold those companies accountable for their misconduct; and

**WHEREAS**, representatives of local North Carolina governments, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, and the North Carolina Department of Justice have negotiated and prepared a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to provide for the equitable distribution of any proceeds from a settlement of national opioid litigation to the State of North Carolina and to individual local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, Local Governments and the State of North Carolina anticipate a settlement in the national opioid litigation to be forthcoming; and

**WHEREAS**, by signing onto the MOA, the state and local governments maximize North Carolina's share of opioid settlement funds to ensure the needed resources reach communities, once a negotiation is finalized, as quickly, effectively, and directly as possible; and

**WHEREAS**, it is advantageous to all North Carolinians for local governments, including Cleveland County and its citizens, to sign onto the MOA and demonstrate solidarity in response to the opioid epidemic, and to maximize the share of opioid settlement funds received both in the state and this county to help abate the harm; and


**WHEREAS**, the MOA directs substantial resources over multiple years to local governments on the front lines of the opioid epidemic while ensuring that these resources are used in an effective way to address the crisis.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, Cleveland County hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation, and any subsequent settlement funds that may come into North Carolina as a result of the opioid crisis. Furthermore, Cleveland County authorizes the County Manager (or County Attorney) take such measures as necessary to comply with the terms of the MOA and receive any settlement funds, including executing any documents related to the allocation of opioid settlement funds and settlement of lawsuits related to this matter. Be it further resolved copies of this resolution and the signed MOA be sent to [opioiddocs@ncdoj.gov](mailto:opioiddocs@ncdoj.gov) as well as forwarded to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners at [communications@ncacc.org](mailto:communications@ncacc.org).

Adopted this the 15<sup>th</sup> of June, 2021

  
 Doug Bridges, Chair  
 Cleveland County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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



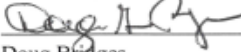
**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS  
ON PROCEEDS RELATING TO THE SETTLEMENT OF OPIOID LITIGATION**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties, through their duly authorized officers, have executed this Memorandum of Agreement under seal as of the date hereof.

**SIGNATURE PAGE FOR CLEVELAND COUNTY**

County Government

**CLEVELAND COUNTY**

By:   
 Name: Doug Bridges  
 Title: Chairman, Board of Commissioners  
 Date: 06/15/2021

ATTEST:

  
 Phyllis Nowlen, Clerk to the Board (Seal)



**REGULAR AGENDA**

**MANAGED CARE AND TAILORED PLANS**

Chairman Bridges recognized Rhett Melton, Chief Executive Officer for Partners Behavioral Health, to present Managed Care and Tailored Plans. In 2000, Cleveland County was aligned with Lincoln County in a behavioral health organization called Pathways. Through the course of the years, Pathways merged with two other originations in 2012 to form what is currently Partners Behavioral Health including Cleveland County and seven other surrounding counties. Rutherford County elected to leave its behavioral health program based out of Asheville and joined Partners. The following information and PowerPoint were presented to the Board.



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**Update on Three Key Areas of Interest to Commissioners**

- ▶ County interest from other areas in joining the Partners catchment area.
- ▶ Partners' areas of strategic focus for FY 2022.
- ▶ Medicaid transformation.



**Counties Realignment to Partners**

- ▶ Initiated by the various counties.
- ▶ Partners deliberate due diligence process.
- ▶ The mandated process and timelines for a county to engage with us.
- ▶ Cabarrus, Stanly and Union Counties approved – Forsyth pending.
- ▶ Recent developments at Cardinal Innovations.



**Partners' Strategic Goals for FY 2022**

- ▶ Ready Tailored Plan operations for "Go-Live" July 1, 2022.
- ▶ Increase partnerships with providers in Value Based Contract arrangements.
- ▶ Increase the stability of residents in permanent supported housing.
- ▶ Reduce the number of children in out of state treatment facilities.
- ▶ Increase focus and success on targeted physical health co-occurring challenges for complex members.
- ▶ Target assistance of support for hungry and homeless populations.
- ▶ Continue best practice staff development efforts.



**Medicaid Transformation**

- ▶ Separation into Standard Plans and Tailored Plans.
- ▶ Current Standard Plan process and timeline.
- ▶ Current status of Partners' Tailored Plan efforts.
- ▶ Operational timeline for Tailored Plans.
- ▶ Opportunity for further fulfillment of Partners mission.
- ▶ Importance of the "transition process" we are now in.
- ▶ Impact on all healthcare providers who serve Medicaid recipients as well as local community partners such as DSS, Health Department, School Systems, etc.
- ▶ Most important thing is communication and partnering together so no one gets left behind in the transition.



**THANK YOU**

- ▶ For your ongoing support as we have continually partnered together to bring services to some of the county's most in need.
- ▶ To the commissioners for active support in the governance of Partners in service on the board.
- ▶ To Brian, Kerri, the DSS team, the Health Department team and other county team members for the close collaboration.
- ▶ For your support in the future as we navigate together to provide for the citizens of the county.



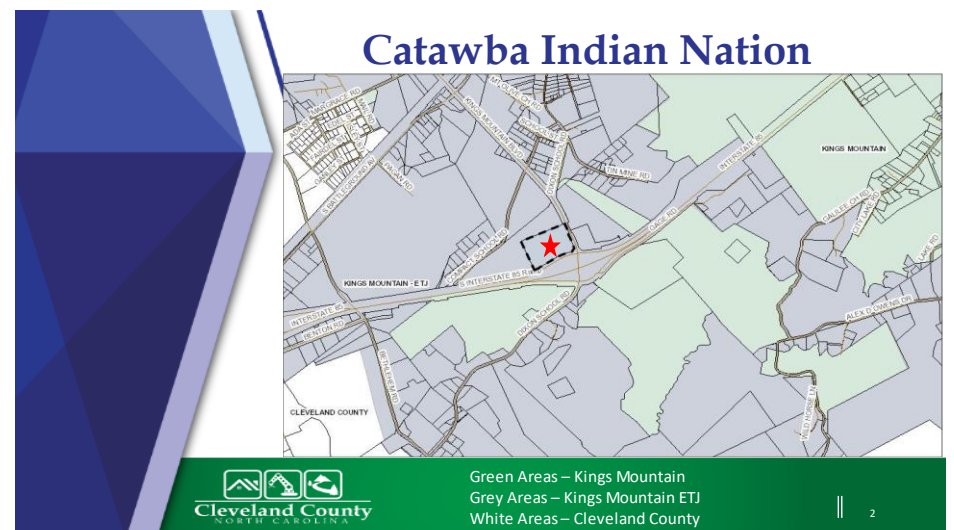
Chairman Bridges opened the floor to the Board for questions and discussion. Commissioner Hutchins inquired about the Medicaid transition and what steps are in place to ensure there are no lapses in coverage or if a new patient needs assistance with coverage options. Mr. Melton explained Social Services will continue to be the navigator through this process as they have the enrollment responsibilities to help individuals. Staff at the Health Department and Social Services have the tools and processes in place to assist with patient care. Commissioner Whetstine commented on the positive effects this will have on communities. The Board thanked Mr. Melton for the information

### **CATAWBA RESORT OPERATIONAL UPDATE**

Chairman Bridges called Jason Falls, Business Development Director, to the podium to present the Catawba Resort Operational Update. Mr. Falls introduced the following people: Mike Ulizzo President of the Catawba Gaming Authority, Trent Troxell, Vice-President of the Catawba Gaming Authority, Doug Hall Director of Security and David Gun, Assistant Director of Security. Mr. Falls spoke highly of these individuals and their role at the casino.

The Catawba Resort is located on 16 acres taken into trust, with an additional 50 acres surrounding the site that will be part of the completed project. The pre-launch facilities will take place in a 50,000 square foot modular facility, which is 23 different buildings structured together to make one large building. The casino is prepared to open on July 1, 2021. The introductory phase is the next step in the project development which will be a 60,000 square foot building with an attached five-story parking deck. The parking deck will be 109 feet tall, making it one of the tallest to be one of the tallest structures in Cleveland County.

Upon the completion of the introductory phase, the project will move on to phase two; building the resort over the 60,000 square feet, adding a second floor and build out from there. Completion of this phase is anticipated to take five to seven years. Mr. Falls reviewed the caisson job fair held at the LeGrand Center, project timeline, traffic flow, governing documents including the Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) and county operational preparedness. The following PowerPoint and information were presented to Commissioners.

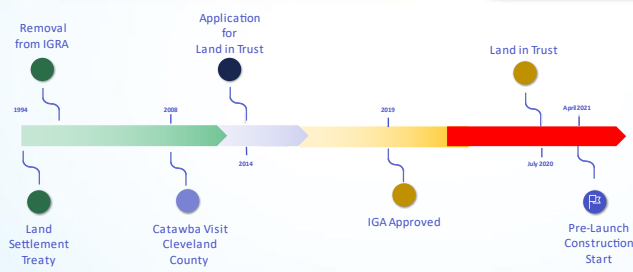


## Built in Phases

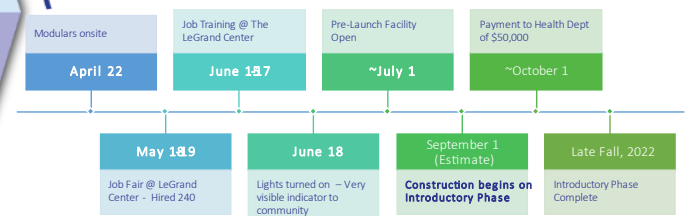
- **PRE-LAUNCH FACILITY** - 15,000 SFT. MODULARS (APRIL 22 - JULY 4TH WEEKEND)
- **INTRODUCTORY PHASE** - 60,000 SFT. WITH ATTACHED 5 STORY PARKING DECK (ANTICIPATED - 13 MONTH BUILD)
- **PHASE 2 - RESORT AND ENGULFING THE INTRODUCTORY PHASE** (ON COMPLETION OF INTRODUCTORY PHASE. BUILD COULD TAKE 5-7 YEARS)



## Catawba Timeline



## Current Timeline



## Governing Document

On December 5th, 2019, the Catawba Indian Nation and Cleveland County formed an Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA).

The IGA spells out:

- Responsibilities of the County
- Responsibilities of the Catawba Tribe
- Payment In-Lieu-Of-Taxes (PILOT Payments to the County)
- Other payments for specific services (permits, abuse prevention programs, etc.)

## IGA Details

- 20 Year (renewable) agreement
- Annual "PILOT Payments" (Payment In Lieu of Taxes) on Real & Personal Property
- Local Infrastructure Fee of 6% of onsite hotel room rentals
- Development Fee to cover down -payment of permitting, inspections and administrative fees
- Collect and remit a 2% sales tax on food & beverage, retail sales, and entertainment to the County
- Reimburse County for EMS, Law Enforcement and Fire Services for services provided on same terms as a non-tribal commercial enterprise within the County
- Provide funds for Compulsive Behavior treatment

## County Operational Preparedness

### PRE-LAUNCH FACILITY / JULY 2021

- Building Inspections on -track with all requested permits issued to -date
- Fire Inspections on -track with no noted deficiencies
- Health Department - Temporary Food Permit identified and solutions offered to work until sewer present onsite
- Law Enforcement, EMS and Fire Service engaged
- 911 Director and Electronics Maintenance identified cell site responses
- Health Director worked with CIN and Delaware North to make facility "Smoke-Free"
- County Manager's office confirmed IGA terms met thus far



## Projections

- 10 million visitors annually, conservatively
- Largest gaming floor on East Coast
- Hotels, restaurants, shops, and entertainment moving to the area
- Performance venue a potential addition to resort (7,000 to 10,000 seats)
- Housing/Retirement developments already being built and more planned
- Culturally diverse workforce, visitors and new residents from many nations and across the United States

## Emergency Service Projections

Cleveland County is working with Analytical Environmental Services to project call volumes based on location, size and type of resort.

Examples of projections we expect:

**Annual FIRE/EMS**  
0.011% per patron  
110/million visitors

**Annual Law Enforcement**  
0.090% per patron  
900/million visitors

\*Two Kings will start with staff security force 24/7 and will be augmented with off-duty LE. The projections above are for illustration purposes and have not been verified by staff or AES. Draft AES report expected before 7/1.

## This morning...



Chairman Bridges opened the floor to the Board for questions and discussion. Commissioners discussed possible traffic congestion and the plans in place to keep traffic flowing. The Board thanked Mr. Falls and Catawba visitors for the information presented.

### **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

#### **FOOTHILLS DEVELOPMENT WORKFORCE BOARD**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Whetstine made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to re-appoint Phil Bunch, Dr. Nick Wiebelhaus and Danny Blanton to serve as members of this board*, for a period of three years, scheduled to conclude June 30, 2024.

#### **CLEVELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Commissioner Gordon stated since this agenda was published, an individual would like to remove his name from the list of applicants. The applicant submitted the following letter which Commissioner Gordon read aloud, *“My term at the Cleveland Community College Board of Trustees is near the end. I was and still am honored to have been appointed to this board. I have met and worked with many good people associated with Community College, the Board, Staff Executive Leadership, and the President are first-class folks, and the college has a lot to offer to Cleveland County. I've thoroughly enjoyed my time on the board. As you know, I was elected to the Cleveland County Board of Education last fall and was elected to serve as Chair of the School Board. My heart is willing, but my mind realizes that there's too much to serve both boards, especially when chairing one. It's been one of the most difficult decisions that I've ever had to make. With respect, I ask to be removed from consideration. I have still committed to the college's mission and will continue to support the college in any way I can. I want to thank the Board of Commissioners for allowing me to serve this past term. Sincerely, Robert Queen.”*

**ACTION:** Commissioner Hardin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to appoint H. Allen Langley and James Hensley to serve as members of this board* for a period of four years, scheduled to conclude December 31, 2024.

**CLEVELAND COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Hardin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Whetstine, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to appoint Holly Wall to serve as a member of this board*, for a period of three years, scheduled to conclude June 30, 2024.

**CLEVELAND COUNTY JURY COMMISSION**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Whetstine made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gordon, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to re-appoint Melissa Curtis to serve as a member of this board*, for a period of two years, scheduled to conclude June 30, 2023.

**CLEVELAND COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Whetstine made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hardin, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to appoint Matthew Sadler to serve as a member of this board* for a period of three years, scheduled to conclude December 31, 2023.

**PARTNERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Hardin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gordon, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to re-appoint Daryl Cook and Commissioner Ronnie Whetstine to serve as members of this board*, for a period of three years, scheduled to conclude June 30, 2024.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

**Commissioner Hutchins** – attended several other board meetings at which he serves on and spoke about upcoming events.

**Commissioner Whetstine** – spoke about Legislative Day and the Representatives who were in attendance.

**Chairman Bridges** – thanked staff across the organization for the hard work they do every day for the citizens of Cleveland County.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Commissioner Hardin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hutchins and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to adjourn the meeting*. The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for *Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Chambers*.

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*Doug Bridges, Chairman  
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*

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