

**CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**August 19, 2008**

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:** Jo Boggs, Chairwoman  
Eddie Holbrook, Vice-Chairman (arrived at 6:10 p.m.)  
Mary S. Accor, Commissioner  
Ronald J. Hawkins, Commissioner  
Johnny Hutchins, Commissioner  
David C. Dear, County Manager  
Robert Yelton, County Attorney  
Kerri Melton, County Clerk  
April Crotts, Deputy Clerk  
Eddie Bailes, Assistant County Manager  
Chris Green, Tax Administrator  
Bill McCarter, Planning Director  
Chris Crepps, Finance Director  
Marni Glaser, Cleveland Headline News  
Other individual names on file in the Clerk's Office

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairwoman Jo Boggs called the meeting to order and led the audience in the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag of the United States of America. Commissioner Mary Accor provided the invocation for the meeting.

**AGENDA ADOPTION**

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to *adopt the agenda as presented by the County Clerk with the following addition:*

**H. 911 Telephone System:** Budget Amendment (BNA #009)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There being no corrections, additions or deletions to the minutes of **August 5, 2008**, motion was made by Johnny Hutchins, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins and unanimously adopted by the Board, to *approve the minutes as written.*

**TAX COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT**

The Tax Collector provided Commissioners with a detailed written report regarding taxes collected during **July 2008** (copy found on Page \_\_\_\_\_ of Minute Book 30.)

**TAX ABATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS**

The Tax Assessor provided Commissioners with a detailed written report regarding tax abatements and supplements during *July 2008*. The monthly grand total of tax abatements was listed as (\$28,790.20); and, the monthly grand total for tax supplements was listed as \$39,678.85.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE: BUDGET AMENDMENTS (BNA #003)**

**ACTION:** Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the following budget amendments:*

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
010.441.4.810.15	Sheriff/Donations/Sheriff Canines	\$ 790.	
010.441.5.790.15	Sheriff/Donations/Sheriff Canines	790.	

*Explanation of Revisions: Request approval to budget public donations (Ann J. Thompson and Camp Loy White). Funds will be used to purchase needed canine supplies for the K-9 Program.*

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE: BUDGET AMENDMENTS (BNA #004)**

**ACTION:** Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the following budget amendments:*

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
010.442.4.311.00/USICE-P442	Fed. Forfeited Property/Fed. Other Rev.	\$47,546.	
010.442.5.910.00/USICE-P442	Fed. Forfeited Property/Capital Equip .	47,546.	

*Explanation of Revisions: Request approval to budget unbudgeted ICE funds to be used to replace \$47,546 that we used from 010.442.5.910.00 line item to purchase ten ICOP Model 20/20 in-car camera systems. (These funds were budgeted in the 2008/2009 budget to purchase four new automobiles.)*

**SOCIAL SERVICES: WORK FIRST DESIGNATION FOR 2008-2010**

**ACTION:** Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the recommendation from the Social Services Board that Cleveland County remain a Standard Work First county.*

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT: ZONING MAP AMENDMENT – CLEVELAND COUNTY (Caveny Road) (Case 08-10) (Schedule a public hearing for September 2, 2008)**

**ACTION:** Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board to *approve scheduling the public hearing as requested.*

**911 TELEPHONE SYSTEM: BUDGET AMENDMENTS (BNA #009)**

**ACTION:** Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the following budget amendments:*

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
026.454.4.290.01	911 Telephone Sys./Other Tax Surcharge	\$90,000.	
026.454.5.910.00	911 Telephone Sys./Capital Equipment	\$90,000.	

*Explanation of Revisions: Request approval to budget funds to cover the purchase of audiolog system and any ancillary costs.*

**REGULAR AGENDA**

### **METHANE GAS REPORT**

At their August 7, 2007 regular meeting, Commissioners authorized Appalachian State University Energy Center to complete a *Landfill Gas for Community Development Study*.

Stan W. Steury, Appalachian State University Energy Center presented the Cleveland County Landfill Gas Report to Commissioners (*copy found on Page \_\_\_\_\_ of Minute Book 30.*) The report determined that a Cleveland County Landfill Gas project is feasible and recommended Commissioners begin considering capturing this gas to meet local energy needs. Mr. Steury felt as though the timing of this project was perfect due to the current energy crisis going on in the United States and offered his services in seeking additional funding from the Golden Leaf Foundation. Commissioner Hawkins, who serves as a member of the Cleveland County Board of Health shared that the Board of Health looked favorable on this project. He was concerned with funding a project without securing interest in use of the gas. Mr. Steury assured Commissioners that Case Farms was very interested in this project. County Manager, David Dear, noted that he has spoken with several commercial developers regarding use of the gas and is expecting proposals in the near future. Mr. Dear will bring those proposals before the board upon receipt.

### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES: AMBULANCE & RESCUE FRANCHISE CONTRACTS**

Joe Lord, Emergency Medical Services Director presented Ambulance and Rescue Squad Franchise Contracts for review. Contracts included **Boiling Springs Rescue Squad Franchise Agreement, Grover Rescue Squad Franchise Agreement, Kings Mountain Rescue Squad Franchise Agreement, Shelby Rescue Squad Franchise Agreement and Upper Cleveland Rescue Squad Franchise Agreement.**

Commissioner Hutchins asked if all Rescue Squads were abiding by the contract documents. Mr. Lord said that they have had some problems but those problems are mostly the result of the lack of volunteers. He assured Commissioners that, Cleveland County EMS has added additional personnel to those areas where they have seen some problems and explained that it is not uncommon for a rescue squad to ask that their area be covered for an entire weekend.

Several Commissioners along with County Manager, David Dear praised Joe Lord for an excellent job ensuring that all volunteers are trained and saving the county taxpayers money.

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to adopt the franchise agreements for Boiling Springs Rescue Squad, Grover Rescue Squad, Kings Mountain Rescue Squad, Shelby Rescue Squad and Upper Cleveland Rescue Squad.* (*copies found on Pages \_\_\_\_\_ of Minute Book 30.*)

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES: APPROVAL OF 2008 EMS TOOLKIT GRANT**

Joe Lord, Emergency Medical Services Director requested Commissioners approve the following budget amendment (**BNA #005**):

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
010.437.4.350.00/NCEMS-Tool	EMS/State Grants	\$44,990.	
010.437.5.490.00/NCEMS-Tool	EMS/Professional Services	44,990.	

Explanation of Revisions: *To budget 2008 EMS Toolkit Grant awarded from NC Office of EMS. This grant will be used for a consultant to enhance the EMS Program within the county. In kind contribution will be the EMS Director time working with the consultant on the enhancement.*

**ACTION:** Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, ***to approve the budget amendment as requested.***

**STEP ONE CHALLENGE WINNERS**

Anne Short, Director of Cleveland County Alliance for Health, began by saying that the 2008 Step One Challenge was a big success. There were 278 teams comprising of 1,458 walkers who signed up for the Step One Challenge. However, 191 teams consisting of 1,012 walkers actually reported. Over a six week period, these walkers took 345,519,571 steps. Ms. Short explained that the winning team was based on the highest number of average steps per team per person. She thanked Commissioners for participating in the Step One Challenge. Ms. Short then introduced the top three teams and presented them with prizes. The winning teams were as follows:

First Place Team: Amazing Walking Machines: 6,605,046 steps 1,321,009 average per person

1. Marie Harrill
2. Ida Yelton
3. David Yelton
4. Bruce Putnam
5. Karen Armour

Second Place Team: Go Team: 6,640,011 steps 1,106,769 average per person

1. Debbie Atchley
2. Paul Hillman
3. Shannon Grieg
4. Bobby Lowe
5. Warren Ramseur
6. Larry Beam

Third Place Team: Wcrew Wellness Walkers: 5,248,487 steps 1,049,699 average per person

1. Victor Darville
2. Sandra Edwards
3. Scott Newcomb
4. Kay Bright
5. Anita Lee

Karma Edwards, Health Educator noted that all three winning teams were employees of PPG. Ms. Edwards has been working with PPG on the Fit Together Grant for the past four years which included mandatory lunch and learn series for PPG employees. She said, "I am so proud of them. They are an example of worksite wellness at its best and proof that public health can be anywhere."

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Jeff Ledford was sworn in as City of Shelby Police Chief on September 1, 2008. Commissioner Hawkins asked that a letter of congratulations be sent to him from the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Hutchins recently attended a road committee meeting and the 20/20 Economic Development Partnership meeting. He said that, although he feels that the Chris Craft layoffs are a bit of a setback, he still feels like everything with economic development is promising.

Commissioner Accor recently visited the Ruby Hunt YMCA in Boiling Springs and the site of the new library stating that it is “wonderful.” The Digital Imaging System (Northwoods Project) at DSS has been installed and is up and running. The Department of Social Services once again thanked Commissioners for funding this project.

Chairwoman Boggs asked Commissioners to consider a possible work session for 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16, 2008.

## **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Commissioners is scheduled for ***Tuesday, September 2, 2008*** in this Commission Chamber.

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*Rebecca Jo Powell Boggs, Chairwoman  
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*

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*Kerri Melton, County Clerk  
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*