

CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 5, 2009

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
Johnny Hutchins, Vice-Chairman
Mary S. Accor, Commissioner
Ronald J. Hawkins, Commissioner
Eddie Holbrook, 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
Alexis Pearson, Human Resource Director
Nicholas Bissette, *Cleveland Headline News*
David Allen, *The Star*
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 Eddie Holbrook provided the invocation for the meeting.

AGENDA ADOPTION

ACTION: Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to *adopt the agenda as presented by the County Clerk.*

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no corrections, additions, or deletions to the Minutes of *April 21, 2009*, motion was made by Mary Accor, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to *approve the minutes as written.*

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #078)

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to *approve the following budget amendment:*

| <u>Account Number</u> | <u>Department/Account Name</u> | <u>Increase</u> | <u>Decrease</u> |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 012.539.4.350.00/93217-592X | Family Planning/State Govt. Grants | \$2,800. | |
| 012.539.5.513.00/ | Family Planning/Hospital Drs Fees | 2,800. | |

Explanation of Revisions: Budget Family Planning "Bonus Funds" for clinician fees.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #079)

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the following budget amendment:*

| <u>Account Number</u> | <u>Department/Account Name</u> | <u>Increase</u> | <u>Decrease</u> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 012.546.4.350.00/01120-9821 | Carolina Access/State Gov't Grants | \$25,000. | |
| 012.546.5.213.00/01120-9821 | Carolina Access/Office Supplies | 1,500. | |
| 012.546.5.490.00/01120-9821 | Carolina Access/Professional Services | 2,500. | |
| 012.546.5.581.00/01120-9821 | Carolina Access/Awards/Incentives | 21,000. | |

Explanation of Revisions: Budget ePrescribe Initiative Funds from NC Community Care Networks, Inc. to promote and support initiative goals.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #80)

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the following budget amendment:*

| <u>Account Number</u> | <u>Department/Account Name</u> | <u>Increase</u> | <u>Decrease</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 010.441.5.790.09 | Sheriff/Donations- Equipment Gnrl | \$12,250. | |
| 010.441.4.810.09 | Sheriff/ | 12,250. | |
| 010.442.5.790.09 | Fed Forf Prop/Donations- Equip Gnrl | 5,780. | |
| 010.442.4.810.09 | Fed Forf Prop | 5,780. | |

Explanation of Revisions: To budget for donated capital equipment received from various sources. These accounts need to have budget in them in order to post Capital Asset donated entries for Audit Work.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #081)

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the following budget amendment:*

| <u>Account Number</u> | <u>Department/Account Name</u> | <u>Increase</u> | <u>Decrease</u> |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 010.442.5.790.09 | Fed Forf. Prop- Equipment Gnrl | \$1,800. | |
| 010.442.4.810.09 | Fed Forf. Prop | 1,800. | |
| 010.446.5.790.09 | EMS/Donations- Equip Gnrl | 8,354.58 | |
| 010.446.4.810.09 | EMS | 8,354.58 | |

Explanation of Revisions: To budget for donated capital equipment received from various sources. These accounts need to have budget in them in order to post Capital Asset donated entries for Audit Work.

LIBRARY: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #082)

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the following budget amendment:*

| <u>Account Number</u> | <u>Department/Account Name</u> | <u>Increase</u> | <u>Decrease</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 010.611.4.410.00/GATES-9611 | Library/Local & Other Grants | \$5,200. | |
| 010.611.5.211.00/GATES-9611 | Library/Controlled Equipment | 5,200. | |

Explanation of Revisions: To budget award of the Phase I funds from Opportunity Online Hardware Grant from Gate Foundation through SOLINET.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #083)

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the following budget amendment:*

| <u>Account Number</u> | <u>Department/Account Name</u> | <u>Increase</u> | <u>Decrease</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 010.445.4.310.00/97073-6049 | Emergency Mgt./Federal Grant | \$8,491. | |
| 010.445.5.310.00/97073-6049 | Emergency Mgt./Travel/Training | 8,491. | |

Explanation of Revisions: To accept grant funds from the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety to ensure effective, efficient planning and response training to an all hazards event. To ensure compliancy with the National Incident Management System.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #084)

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the following budget amendment:*

| <u>Account Number</u> | <u>Department/Account Name</u> | <u>Increase</u> | <u>Decrease</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 010.445.4.310.00/97073-7040 | Emergency Mgt./Federal Grant | \$7,595. | |
| 010.445.5.310.00/97073-7040 | Emergency Mgt./Travel/Training | 7,595. | |

Explanation of Revisions: To accept grant funds from the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety to ensure effective, efficient planning and response to an all hazards event.

PLANNING DEVELOPMENT: RESOLUTIONS ENDORSING THE LOCATIONS OF “WELCOME TO SHELBY” AND “FIT COMMUNITY” SIGNS

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins and unanimously adopted by the board to *adopt the following resolutions:*

NUMBER 13-2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING “WELCOME TO SHELBY CITY LIMIT” SIGN PANELS TO BE INSTALLED AT LOCATIONS ON STATE-MAINTAINED ROADS

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation Division of Highways Traffic Engineering and Safety Systems Branch allows municipalities the flexibility to display “Welcome To” signs according to the standards of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and the North Carolina Supplement to the MUTCD, and the North Carolina Roadway Standards; and

WHEREAS, the “Welcome To Shelby” signs must be reviewed and approved by the NCDOT Division Engineer; and

WHEREAS, all costs associated with administration, designing, fabricating, erecting, inspection, and maintaining the “Welcome to Shelby” signs will be the responsibility of the City of Shelby; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland County must endorse the agreement between the City of Shelby and NCDOT.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, NORTH CAROLINA:

“Welcome to Shelby” signs may be erected at or near municipal/boundary limits at locations approved by NCDOT.

Adopted and this 5th day of May 2009.

NUMBER 14-2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FIT COMMUNITY SIGN PANELS TO BE INSTALLED ON STATE-MAINTAINED ROADS

WHEREAS, The City of Shelby was designated a Fit Community, a designation recognizing North Carolina communities that have excelled in promoting healthy lifestyles among their residents in areas of physical activity, healthy eating in schools and community, and tobacco prevention efforts with youth; and

WHEREAS, Fit Together, a statewide initiative by the North Carolina Health and Wellness Trust Fund and Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina to combat obesity, launched the Fit community program in 2005 to reward communities for supporting healthy life styles through healthy eating, physical activity and tobacco free living through policy and community infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, a benefit of designation is the posting of Fit Community sign panels to be installed with city limit signs located on state-maintained roads that will be provided by Fit Community and installed by the local division of the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

WHEREAS, the Cleveland County must endorse the location of these signs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, NORTH CAROLINA:

Fit Community sign panels may be installed with city limit signs located on state-maintained roads.

Adopted this the 5th day of May 2009.

**PLANNING DEVELOPMENT: RESOLUTION REGARDING PAVING AT TOWNSHIP #3
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins and unanimously adopted by the board to *adopt the following resolution:*

Number 12-2009

Resolution of Support

WHEREAS, Township #3 Volunteer Fire Department serves a five-mile district which includes two municipalities, a major railroad, an elementary school and several large industries; and

WHEREAS, Township #3 Volunteer Fire Department answers approximately 200 calls in an average year; and

WHEREAS, Township #3 Volunteer Fire Department had outgrown their facility. New equipment could not be housed in the station due to the length and height of modern fire equipment; and

WHEREAS, Township #3 Volunteer Fire Department constructed a state-of-the-art station. The project cost was \$1,500,000; and

WHEREAS, Township #3 Volunteer Fire Department paid for the station through loans, fundraisers and sale of their existing building; and

WHEREAS, Township #3 Volunteer Fire Department moved into their newly constructed Fire Station in early 2009; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners hereby submits a request for \$69,000 in funding for the paving of the Township #3 Volunteer Fire Department driveway.

Adopted this 5th day of May, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF CLEVELAND COUNTY

The Boys and Girls Club of Cleveland County held its Annual Awards Banquet on April 2, 2009. Vice-Chairman Johnny Hutchins attended this banquet and felt it appropriate to recognize those individuals who received special awards. Commissioners recognized the following members and volunteers of the Boys and Girls Club:

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|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Youth Mentor Award | Mary Curry |
| Woman-Youth Award | Jessica Pryor |
| Youth of the Year Award | Felicia Cannon |
| Junior Youth of the Year Award | Kris Evans |
| Junior Youth of the Year Award | Ana Jones |
| Joe Goforth Honor Day Camper | Zakoya Spikes. |

Vice-Chair Johnny Hutchins then introduced Jack Weller. Commissioners presented him with a certificate of recognition for his service to the Boys and Girls Club. The certificate read as follows:

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

**FROM THE
CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**PRESENTED TO
JACK WELLER**

For your dedicated commitment to the children of Cleveland County by giving your time to the Boys and Girls Club of Cleveland County ~ For helping these children learn a sense of belonging, leadership, self-esteem and responsibility~ For truly making a difference in the lives of so many, We commend you!

Presented this the 5th day of May, 2009.

ASTHMA AWARENESS MONTH

Anne Short of the Cleveland County Alliance for Health asked Commissioners to adopt a resolution declaring the month of May- Asthma Awareness Month.

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor and unanimously adopted by the board to *adopt the following resolution:*

NUMBER 16-2009

**ASTHMA AWARENESS MONTH
MAY, 2009**

WHEREAS, asthma has reached epidemic proportions in the United States, affecting about 23 million people nationally and 1.2 million people in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, asthma is one of the leading causes of childhood hospitalizations, long-term illness, and school absenteeism; and

WHEREAS, asthma is a long-term, inflammatory disease in which the airways of the lungs constrict, causing wheezing, breathlessness, chest tightness and coughing; and

WHEREAS, exposure to allergens and irritants such as dust mites, mold, cockroaches, pet dander, and secondhand smoke can bring on an asthma episode; and

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke worsens children's asthma in up to one million children; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland County Asthma Coalition in collaboration with the Alliance for Health in Cleveland County and the Board of Health for Cleveland County have implemented basic asthma education classes, a No-Wheeze Asthma Camp, an annual Asthma Expo, an Air Quality Flag program and a Coaches Clipboard program to raise awareness about asthma symptoms, diagnosis and management; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland County Asthma Coalition, the Alliance for Health in Cleveland County and the Board of Health for Cleveland County encourage residents of Cleveland County, North Carolina to educate themselves about the symptoms of asthma, to identify and reduce their exposure to environmental triggers in homes and schools and to establish asthma management plans for persons diagnosed with asthma;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that Cleveland County proclaims May 2009 as Asthma Awareness Month for the county and encourages all residents to participate in events designed to raise community awareness about asthma.

ADOPTED THIS THE 5TH DAY OF MAY 2009.

The Cleveland County Alliance for Health sponsored an Art for Asthma Contest. Art was on display at the Cleveland Mall. The following students were chosen as the Art for Asthma Contest winners. These students were recognized by the Commissioners and presented with a county lapel pin and pencil.

Grades K-3: Participation Ribbons

Riley Warlick
Ashley Roderick
Kealyn Surratt

Grades 4 – 5: Savings Bonds

Leeann Smith
Martavis Petty
Jana McCurry

Grades 6 – 8: Savings Bond

Dakoyta Ross
Samantha Crane

Grades 9 – 12: Savings Bonds
Darron Pryor
Martellis Petty

REGULAR AGENDA

TOWNSHIP LINES

Bill McCarter, Planning Director, explained that, for the last twenty years, they have dealt with conflicts between precinct lines and township lines. Each year, the Census Bureau distributes Boundary and Annexation maps to “certify” the location of township and county boundaries. The census bureau never matches the Board of Elections map, primarily, because the township line is an imaginary boundary, with no legal description.

In order to solve this problem before the 2010 Census, the Planning Department recommended that township lines be abolished by resolution (NCGS 153A-19). Mr. McCarter explained that he is not aware of any agency that uses these boundary lines for a regulatory purpose. The board uses them when appointing Boards and Committees. Mr. McCarter suggested that the board use the City Limits when determining geographical locations for Boards and Committees.

Many years ago, each township collected its own taxes and had its own school. Over the years, things have gotten bigger (ex. School System) and there is no reason for townships.

Several Commissioners were concerned about abolishing the townships without additional research.

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins and unanimously adopted by the board to *table the decision until another meeting.*

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Hawkins:

Commissioner Hawkins spent the day with the Health Department distributing vaccinations to animals for rabies and to adults for whooping cough. He praised the Health Department for their continued pro-active movement to get Cleveland County out from under the rabies problem. Commissioner Hawkins asked that the board send a letter of thanks to Sam Lockridge and Dorothea Wyant for their work with Vaccination Day.

Commissioner Holbrook:

The Economic Development Team is in the final closing stages of three projects. Commissioner Holbrook suggested that Commissioners, as a show of support, send the prospective clients an email from the Board supporting the projects and the incentive packages being presented to them.

ACTION: Eddie Holbrook made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins and unanimously adopted by the board to *send an email to the three Economic Development clients*

supporting their projects and the incentives being presented to them (NOTE: A note was made by Commissioner Holbrook stating that these letters do not substitute as approval of the incentive packages, only support of the conversations).

Commissioner Accor:

Commissioner Accor hosted the first Cleveland County Youth Commission Meeting. Six stakeholders attended the meeting where it was decided that the President of each Senior Class would be asked to serve as an officer of the Commission.

Ms. Accor attended County Assembly Day where they had important dialogue with legislators.

Commissioner Hutchins:

Commissioner Hutchins thanked Commissioner Holbrook, David Dear and the Economic Development Team for their work over the last several weeks. At County Assembly Day, Commissioner Hutchins spoke with Lt. Governor Walter Dalton about Hwy 74 Bypass and suggested that we send a letter to the Lt. Governor asking for help.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Vice-Chairman Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to adjourn the meeting (at 7:00 p.m.)*. The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for *Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.* in the Commission Chamber.

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

*Kerri Melton, Clerk
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*