

**CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**September 1, 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  
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  
Chris Crepps, Finance Director  
Carol Wilson, Library Director  
Karen Ellis, Social Services Director  
David Allen, *Shelby Star*  
Marcella Young, *Cleveland Headline News*  
Other individual names on file in the Clerk's Office

**ABSENT:** Ronald J. Hawkins, Commissioner

**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. Reverend Thompson of St. Peter's Missionary Baptist Church 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.*

**CITIZEN RECOGNITION**

Chairwoman Boggs recognized Boy Scouts Tom Kelly and Shem Blackley who attended the meeting as a requirement to earn a Boy Scout badge.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There being no corrections, additions, or deletions to the Minutes of *August 4, 2009 and August 18, 2009*, motion was made by Mary Accor, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to *approve the minutes as written.*

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: BUDGET AMENDMENTS (BNA #009)**

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the following budget amendments:*

<u>Account Number/Project Code</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
010.421.4.970.00	Information Technology/Special Financing	\$81,095.	
010.421.5.920.00	Information Technology/Lease Purchase	81,095.	

Explanation of Revisions: To replace AS400 server obtained in 2003 through 60-month lease purchase financing arrangement with a new AS400 server obtained in 2009 under 60-month lease-purchase; to significantly enhance AS400 speed and memory; to comply with governmental accounting and budgeting rules.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENTS (BNA #010)**

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the following budget amendments:*

<u>Account Number/Project Code</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
012.542.4.991.00	Rabies Control/Fund Balance	\$ 223.	
012.542.5.790.00	Rabies Control/Contributions	223.	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget donations to Cleveland County Animal Shelter for operating expenses.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENTS (BNA #011)**

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the following budget amendments:*

<u>Account Number/Project Code</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
012.546.4.350.00/01120-3242	Carolina Access/State Gov't Grants	\$15,000.	
012.546.5.490.00/01120-3242	Rabies Control/Contributions	15,000.	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget Pediatric Obesity Grant from NC Office of Rural Health and Community Care for professional services of a registered dietician.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

**NCACC LOCAL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION EMPLOYEE PRODUCTIVITY AWARDS**

On August 28, 2009, three Cleveland County employees were presented with Local Federal Credit Union Employee Productivity Awards at the Annual NCACC Conference in Hickory. Commissioner Accor (NCACC President) described the programs recognized. The first recipients were Kimberly Mullinax and Linda Wiggins. Ms. Mullinax and Ms. Wiggins were recognized as a team for their process of collection of delinquent taxes by In-Rem Foreclosure. Deborah Hoyle was recognized for her work with the Wal-Mart Distribution Center Damaged Box program. Each recipient was presented with a certificate of recognition from the Commissioners. The certificate read as follows:

**CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION  
FROM THE  
CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**PRESENTED TO**

**LINDA WIGGINS  
KIMBERLY MULLINAX  
DEBORAH HOYLE**

**FOR RECEIVING THE 2009 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION  
EMPLOYEE PRODUCTIVITY AWARD ~ FOR BEING AN EXAMPLE OF  
COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO THE SERVICES YOU PROVIDE AND FOR  
GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY FOR THE RESIDENTS OF  
CLEVELAND COUNTY ~ FOR BEING COMMITTED TO SAVING TAXPAYER  
DOLLARS ~ WE COMMEND YOU!**

***Presented this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2009.***

**STEP ONE CHALLENGE WINNERS**

Anne Short, Director of Cleveland County Alliance for Health, began by saying that participants walked 229,173,211 steps during the 2009 Step One Challenge. There were 150 teams comprising of 810 walkers. 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: 1,363,886 average per person

1. Marie Harrill, Captain
2. Ida Yelton
3. David Yelton
4. Bruce Putnam
5. Susan Schmid
6. Cheryl Farfour

Second Place Team: Shelby Middle School Pure Dominators 1,263,889 average per person

1. Tommy Wease, Captain
2. Patti Hunt
3. Jimmy Pate
4. Matt Bridges
5. Ashley Tucker
6. David Pless

Third Place Team: Lilly Nanny's 1,111,795 average per person

1. Chris Anderson, Captain
2. Marcus Kennedy
3. Horace Weaver
4. Clint Goforth
5. Eugene Philbeck
6. Robert Weaver

Karma Edwards, Health Educator compared the distance walked by Step One Participants to the Nile River, the equator, the East Coast to West Coast of the United States and the Pacific Crest Trail. She described the Step One Challenge as the largest walking contest in the state and thanked the sponsors for their contributions.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**ONE COMMUNITY ONE READ PROJECT**

Carol Wilson, Library Director presented "Ravin' for Poe" a Community Read for Cleveland County. A Community Read is a program where the entire community reads one book. The most popular- "The Big Read" is very costly. Ms. Wilson and Sharon Stack (Mauny Memorial Library) have designed their own program. The program will be held throughout the month of October with activities

including a book discussion, a movie, wine tasting, mystery night for teens and an art crawl. Edgar Allen Poe was chosen because October marks the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth. Ms. Wilson praised the support of several partners including the Cleveland County Arts Council, the Kings Mountain Arts Council and Little Theatre, the Greater Shelby Community Theatre, Cleveland Community College, First National Bank and the Neisler Foundation. The first fifteen-hundred participants will receive a free book.

#### **CLEVELAND COUNTY JURY COMMISSION**

**ACTION:** Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to re-appoint Ed Smith to serve as a member of this commission*, for a term of two-years, scheduled to conclude on June 30, 2011.

#### **BATTLEGROUND ROAD WATERLINE PROJECT**

County Manager David Dear explained that, as part of the incentive agreement to recruit Southern Power Company, Cleveland County agreed to construct a potable waterline to serve the new facility. The design estimated was between \$600,000 and \$700,000. On August 20, 2009, fifteen (15) construction companies submitted bids for the project (*copy of the bid tabulation found on Page \_\_\_\_\_ of Minute Book 31*). Bids ranged from a high of \$383,024 to a low of \$262,295.

The low bid was received from Clark Ledbetter Grading of Mooresboro with a bid of \$262,295. Joel Wood, P.E. recommended awarding the project to Clark Ledbetter Grading.

Commissioner Hutchins commented, "I am glad that we can award the project to a local contractor."

**ACTION:** Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the award of the bid to Clark Ledbetter Grading in the amount of \$262,295.*

#### **RURAL WATER AND WASTEWATER PROJECTS- GRANT WORKSHOP**

Assistant County Manager Eddie Bailes made a short presentation to Commissioners regarding a Grants Workshop he recently attended. Attendance at this workshop will allow Cleveland County to earn additional bonus points when applying for grants.

#### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Eddie Holbrook reminded Commissioners of the Cleveland County Economic Development Summit scheduled for September 9, 2009. He noted that there will be representatives from the North Carolina Department of Commerce, the President of Duke Energy Carolinas and several North Carolina Economic Development leaders. The purpose is to present Cleveland County and the sites that are available for economic development.

All Commissioners commended Mary Accor for her swearing in as President of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. Commissioner Accor was also asked to serve on the NACo (National Association of Counties) Board of Directors. She will be representing North Carolina through this national organization.

Commissioner Hutchins attended an Rural Planning Organization meeting and stressed the importance in municipalities participating in this program.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to adjourn*. The next regular meeting will be held *on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.* 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*