

CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 17, 2010

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 Administration Office.

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 Crofts, Deputy Clerk
Eddie Bailes, Assistant County Manager
Chris Green, Tax Administrator
Chris Crepps, Finance Director
Dorothea Wyant, Health Director
Alexis Pearson, Human Resource Director
Danielle Anzelone, *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: 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 with the following additions:*

J. DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #090)

CONSENT AGENDA

TAX COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

The Tax Collector provided Commissioners with the following detailed written report regarding taxes collected during *April 2010* (copy found on Page _____ of Minute Book _____).

TAX ABATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS

The Tax Assessor provided Commissioners with a detailed written report regarding tax abatements and supplements during *April 2010*. The monthly grand total of tax abatements was listed as (\$18,355.30); and, the monthly grand total for tax supplements was listed as \$35,008.60.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no corrections, additions, or deletions to the Minutes of *April 6, 2010 and April 20, 2010*, motion was made by Mary Accor, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to *approve the minutes as written.*

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #088)

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>
010.440.4.810.41	Schools Resource Off/Donations DARE	\$ 500.	
010.440.5.790.41	Schools Resource Off/Donations DARE	500.	
010.441.4.810.00	Sheriff/Contribution/Donations	1,800.	
010.441.5.790.00	Sheriff/Contribution/Donations	1,800.	

Explanation of Revisions: Request approval to budget \$2,300 in proceeds from Sheriff's calendar sales promotion; request to split total earned with DARE (\$500) to purchase needed materials and supplies. The remainder will be used to offset cost of departmental Awards Banquet/Christmas supper for entire department.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #089)

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>
010.445.5.790.20	Emergency Mgt/Donations-Equip	\$ 77,000.	
010.445.4.810.20	Emergency Mgt/Donations-Equip	77,000.	

Explanation of Revisions: To budget for (22) Motorola XTS 2500 radios Emergency Management received in 2004 but did not notify Finance Department until April 2010. County Equipment #'s assigned: 5502904-925.

NUMBER 7 VFD 2009/2010 BUDGET

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the Number 7 Volunteer Fire Department 2010/2011 budget as presented (copy found on Page _____ of Minute Book _____).*

RESOLUTION : TOWN OF POLKVILLE PROPERTY TRANSFER

At their February 16, 2010 regular meeting, Commissioners accepted approximately 53 acres from the Town of Polkville to be used for a Sports Complex in Upper Cleveland County (*Clerks Note: Reference minutes February 16, 2010*). This land was originally purchased as part of a PART F grant. In order to suit the requirements of the PART F grant, the property must be accepted by resolution.

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

NUMBER 12-2010

TOWN OF POLKVILLE PROPERTY TRANSFER

WHEREAS, the Town of Polkville received request from coaches and parents in the early 1990's to provide facilities for the baseball and softball teams to play and host league and tournament games; and

WHEREAS, after seeing the growth of the leagues, the Town of Polkville recognized that the Town Park and leased area would not be sufficient for future growth and the addition of soccer facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Polkville received a matching grant from the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund to purchase an additional 53 acres adjoining the Polkville Park ; and

WHEREAS, the needed facilities for the leagues have not been financially possible for the Town of Polkville; and

WHEREAS, a group of volunteers have created a committee in hopes of developing a sports complex in upper Cleveland County; and

WHEREAS, in the future, Cleveland County will lease this property in accordance with PART F standards to the Upper Cleveland Committee who will build and maintain the sports complex.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT, the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners accepts Parcel 33012 recorded at Cleveland County Register of Deeds Office in Book 1285 Page 0346 containing fifty-three acres.

ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF MAY, 2010.

PROPERTY TRANSFER: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity has requested Cleveland County donate, to their organization, a piece of property received through tax foreclosure. The property is located at 316 Dilling Street. Habitat for Humanity will construct a home on this property which will increase the tax value of the property significantly. The City of Kings Mountain has also approved forgiving a lien that they have against the property.

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve donation of Parcel #7189 (316 Dilling Street) to Habitat for Humanity.*

2010/2011 BUDGET

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to schedule a public hearing for June 1, 2010.*

SOCIAL SERVICES: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #090)

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>
011.508.4.310.00/93714-P046	Income Maint./Fed Govt Grants	\$298,867.	
011.508.5.422.00	Income Maint./Contracted Labor	298,867.	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget amendment necessary to accept Federal Funds for a TANF Workfirst Program called- Subsidized Employment-FY 2009-2010. These funds will be used to put approximately 40 people to work. A contract will be entered into with PSU to find employment for eligible participants.

REGULAR AGENDA

SALE OF TAX FORECLOSURE PROPERTY- PARCEL ID #18641

Tax Administrator, Chris Green presented Parcel #18641 for approval of sale. Property was obtained through tax foreclosure in 2009. A bid was received through the sealed bid process and has met all of the Tax Foreclosure Property Guidelines approved by Commissioners at their December 2, 2008 meeting. Sale was properly advertised by the County Clerk. Mr. Green recommended the sale of the property as follows:

Parcel ID #	High Bidder	Bid Amount
18641	Paul Nathan Martin	\$4,615.50

ACTION: Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve sale of Parcel #18641 to Paul Nathan Martin for \$4,615.50.*

SOLID WASTE FRANCHISE HAULER RATE INCREASE PROPOSAL

Health Director Dorothea Wyant began by introducing Sam Lockridge, Coordinator of Health Services and Tim Allen, Division Manager of GDS Republic Services. She explained that on April 13, 2010, the

Cleveland County Board of Health unanimously approved GDS's requested 2% rate increase across all lines of business. This increase is based on the increase in the consumer price index and is allowed per the current franchise agreement.

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve a 2% rate increase across all lines of business that GDS serves in Cleveland County.*

DOWNTOWN KINGS MOUNTAIN UPDATE

Mountaineer Partnership, Inc. is considered the economic development arm of Kings Mountain. Adam Hines, Executive Director described his organization as very similar to Uptown Shelby Association. Mr. Hines is the only staff member and operates under a 19 member board with a \$61,000 budget. Over the past fourteen months, the Mountaineer Partnership has received \$358K in grant funding. The grants will make improvements to existing businesses and business wishing to start up in Kings Mountain. The use of these funds will create 36 jobs. Mr. Hines recently attended the Mainstreet Managers conference. He encouraged Commissioners to get involved in his organization by attending the Economic Vision Forum in Downtown Kings Mountain on June 10th from 6-9pm. During this event, they will discuss ways to encourage businesses to locate in Kings Mountain including ways to induce incentives for privatization downtown. In closing, he spoke of new businesses on the horizon including: Old Stone Steakhouse, an Irish/American pub, a travel agency and a commercial real estate company.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES: B & W FIBERGLASS

Kristin Fletcher, Assistant Vice-President of Economic Development, presented an incentive grant contract to the Commissioners. The industry being discussed, B & W Fiberglass, Inc., is an existing industry located at 4222 West Dixon Boulevard in Shelby. Ms. Fletcher shared the details of the agreement some of which included:

- **\$572,939 Investment**
- **7 new full time jobs**
- **Meet or exceed average wage of \$9.50 per hour**

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor and unanimously adopted by the board, *to open the public hearing.* (Notice of this hearing was accomplished in accordance with General Statutes, with a legal ad published in the Star on May 6, 2010.)

Michael Chrisawn, President of the Cleveland County Chamber spoke in favor of the incentive agreement. "We are creating new jobs, which is what we are here to do. Historically, existing industries are what lead us out of economic downturn. Hopefully, you will be seeing the start of a turn-around. I see this as the light at the end of the tunnel."

Chairwoman Boggs asked if there were any other comments or if Commissioners had questions of anyone in the audience or staff. Hearing no other comments, she called for the public hearing to be closed.

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins and unanimously adopted by the board, *to close the public hearing.*

Chairwoman Boggs called for discussion among Commissioners.

Commissioner Hutchins reiterated the important role small businesses play in our economy. "I am glad to see this incentive package for a small business. I have been talking about this for a long time."

Hearing no additional comments, Chairwoman Boggs called for the vote on the incentive agreement.

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and adopted by a majority vote, *to approve the Incentive Agreement for B & W Fiberglass (copy found on Page _____ of Minute Book _____).*

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES: PROJECT SHARK

The public hearing for Project Shark was postponed until June 1, 2010 at 6:00 pm in the Commissioners Chamber.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Hawkins congratulated Emily Sisk on her recent promotion. Dorothea Wyant was sworn in as the new Health Director on Tuesday, May 11th.

Commissioner Holbrook also congratulated Ms. Sisk by calling her a "team player". After attending the Travel and Tourism meeting, Commissioner Holbrook said, "There is lots brewing in Cleveland County."

Commissioner Accor asked for Commissioners to take a moment to remember Dr. Mike Miller and asked that a resolution be adopted in honor of Dr. Miller.

Commissioner Hutchins met with Scoot Dixon and Eddie Holbrook to discuss what can be done, as far as incentives, for small businesses. He also publicly stated, "I am not in favor of a noise ordinance."

Commissioner Boggs enjoyed I85 Tourism Day where many from Cleveland County had the opportunity to show all that the county has to offer. She also attended the *Between the Rivers Wine Trail* meeting which was very interesting and exciting for our community.

ADJOURN

There being no further business before the board at this time, Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to adjourn the meeting. The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for *Tuesday, June 1, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.* in the Commission Chamber.

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

*Kerri Melton, CMC
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*