

CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 16, 2013

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: Jason Falls, Vice-Chairman
Eddie Holbrook, Commissioner
Johnny Hutchins, Commissioner
Eddie Bailes, County Manager
Andrea Leslie-Fite, County Attorney
Kerri Melton, County Clerk
April Crotts, Deputy Clerk
Chris Green, Tax Administrator
Chris Crepps, Finance Director
Allison Mauney, Human Resources Director
Jessica Pickens, *The Shelby Star*
Other individual names on file in the Clerk's Office

ABSENT: Ronald J. Hawkins, Chairman
Susan Allen, Commissioner

VETERAN'S: Chris Alewine
Skip McCartney

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Jason Falls called the meeting to order. US Army National Guard Reservist Chris Alewine led the audience in the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag of the United States of America. Vice-Chairman Falls provided the invocation for the meeting.

AGENDA ADOPTION

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

CITIZEN RECOGNITION

No citizens signed up to speak.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no corrections, additions, or deletions to the Minutes of *March 21, 2013 joint meeting and April 2, 2013 regular meeting*, motion was made by Eddie Holbrook, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, and unanimously adopted 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 *March 2013 (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 *March 2013*. The monthly grand total of tax abatements was listed as (\$12,108.67) monthly grand total for tax supplements was listed as \$12,792.46.

JCPC ANNUAL FUNDING ALLOCATION

ACTION: Eddie Holbrook made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to *approve the Cleveland County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Annual Plan and Funding Allocation for 2013-2014 as follows:*



**CLEVELAND COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL
ANNUAL PLAN FOR 2013-2014**

County Commissioners Report

A Risk and Needs Assessment Committee for Cleveland County, formed of Cleveland County JCPC members, completes a comprehensive planning process where they look at the situation in Cleveland County as it relates to youth crime, risk/need factors and existing services/programs. They, then, identify the gaps in services and advertise the availability of funds to youth serving agencies. Information is taken from reviewed data gleaned from the Juvenile Risk Assessment and Needs Assessment instruments administered by the Juvenile Court Counselors. The Planning Committee comprised the following priority risks and needs of court involved youth:

Family/Parent Needs: Parental Supervision, Domestic Violence and Family Criminality, Parent/Family Substance Abuse

School Behavior: Alternative to Suspension Programming, Vocational Skills, Mentoring, Experiential Skill Building

Mental Health: Substance Abuse Assessment and Treatment, Sexual Victimization/Abuse/Sex Offender Assessment, Crisis Assessment/Placement, Outpatient Mental Health and MST and/or Home Based Counseling

Peer Relationships: Mentoring, Gang Prevention, Outreach and Intervention Services

Recidivism

The Committee proposed that the following services, ranked in order, be used as funding priorities for the FY 2013-14:

1. Parent/Family Skill Building (identified areas include: Parental Supervision, Family Support, Domestic Discord/Violence, Substance Abuse and Family Criminality):
2. Interpersonal Skill Building Services (identified areas include: Alternative to suspension programming)
3. Mentoring (identified areas include: Mentor Programs, Gang Prevention/Intervention/Outreach)
4. Vocational Development
5. Counseling Services (identified areas include: Mental Health Out Patient Individual/Family, Substance Abuse Counseling (out-patient and IOP) and Sex Offender Specific Counseling)
6. Assessments (identified areas include: Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Sex Offender Specific)
7. Substance Abuse Treatment
8. Sexual Offender Treatment
9. Home Based Family Services
10. Crisis Counseling Services
11. Community Service/Restitution
12. Mediation
13. Teen Court

JCPC advertised request for proposals and received eight proposals. The risk factors guided this committee in making recommendations to Commissioners regarding the approximate allocations of \$277,984 provided to Cleveland County by the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Division of Juvenile Justice (subject to approval by the General Assembly). Recommendations for 2013-14 funding are:

- \$21,957 **Restitution and Community Service:** Administered through Communities in Schools of Cleveland County, the community service program allows the juvenile an option to give back to the community as well as offer them a chance to be held accountable and to repair some of the harm caused by his or her conduct. Monetary restitution is a process that offenders are held accountable, either partially or fully, for the financial losses suffered by the victims of their crimes.
- \$18,135 **Teen Court:** Administered through Communities in Schools the program is designed to reduce likelihood of re-offense and educate youth about the Criminal Justice System. Offenders are screened through Juvenile Court Counselors. Jurors are their peers, however, jurors do not know the offender. Misdemeanor cases (only) will be heard. Offenders are required to plead guilty and accept the sentence which will take three months to complete. Local lawyers act as judges and cases are heard in a real courtroom.
- \$48,062 ***Mentor Program:** Administered through Communities in Schools, this new program will provide a one on one relationship with a caring adult for at risk and court involved youth. The program will hire and maintain a Mentor Coordinator who will accept referrals from DJJ, school, etc and work to partner them with volunteer mentors from local businesses, communities of faith and the general public. The mentors will be trained and receive orientation from the Mentor Coordinator directly. This program will provide wrap around services to those already being served in the community service, restitution and teen court programs.
- \$89,668 **Roots and Wings – Parent/Youth Skill Development:** Administered by the Cleveland County Health Department. Roots and Wings is a program that deals with high percentage of court involved youth and their families. They provide counseling and work on family dynamics throughout a 12 session program.
- \$10,000 **Multi-systemic Therapy:** Administered through Alexander Youth Network is a community based program which focuses on and works with court involved youth. An evidence based program with Master-leveled clinicians work in the homes of these youth. The goal is to track progress in school or work and avoid further court involvement. Statistics show that 50%-80% of youth who completed this program do not recidivate five years out. Re-entry money was added to this program to assist with youth transitioning home from secure facilities or youth development centers.
- \$18,000 **Juvenile Mediation:** Administered through Mediation Center of the Southern Piedmont. This program serves youth referred by Juvenile Court and school resource officers. Through mediation the program teaches and encourages juveniles to deal with conflict in a positive manner, encourages young offenders to take responsibility for their actions, and helps victims develop a sense of justice being served.
- \$54,175 **Turning Point Academy-** formally known as Cleveland Early Intervention Initiative – Phoenix Program: Administered by Cleveland County Schools is a program that provides a therapeutic alternative educational option to long-term suspended students and to students who are administratively placed in an alternative setting because of serious behavioral concerns. Life skill coordinators provide instruction and counseling to ensure successful re-enrollment in the regular school setting at the completion of the program.
- \$16,516 **Phoenix Counseling-** Substance Abuse Assessment and Treatment services for youth without insurance, Medicaid or an identified funding stream. Additional funding provided for transportation to intensive out patient treatment.
- \$1471 **Administration-** Administered by the JCPC, comprised of various members delegated by statute and appointed by County Commissioners. The administration will oversee all aspects of programs providing services to our youth.

*One new program, The Mentor Program, was received and funded this year. This program is administered by Communities in Schools.

Allocations require a 20% local match in the form of local cash and in-kind services. There will be no direct cost to Cleveland County.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Jeffrey H. Ledford
 Cleveland County JCPC Chair

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #070)

ACTION: Eddie Holbrook made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, 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>
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012.530.4.810.30 General/Donations-Eyeglasses \$100.
 012.530.5.790.30 General/Donations-Eyeglasses 100.

Explanation of Revisions: Budget donation from Lions Club of Shelby for eye exams.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #071)

ACTION: Eddie Holbrook made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, 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>
012.537.4.810.00	Child Health/Donations-Contrib	\$375.	
012.530.5.790.00	Child Health/Donations-Contrib	375.	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget donation received from the Cleveland County Medical Society for Asthma Summer Camp.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #072)

ACTION: Eddie Holbrook made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, 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>
012.535.4.350.00/01120-5503	Health Promotion/State Govt Grants	\$13,100.	
012.535.5.121.00	Health Promotion/Salaries-Reg	3,772.	
012.535.5.131.00	Health Promotion/Social Security	58.	
012.535.5.581.00	Health Promotion/Awards/Appreciation	9,270.	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget additional DHHS Health Communities funds for salaries and pedometers to promote healthy lifestyle activities.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #073)

ACTION: Eddie Holbrook made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, 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>
012.541.4.350.00/01210-4752	Env. Health/State Gov't Grants	\$11,746.	
012.541.5.121.00	Env. Health /Salaries-Reg	7,746.	
012.541.5.210.00	Env. Health /Dept. Supplies	2,000.	
012.541.5.240.00	Env. Health /Automotive Supplies	2,000.	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget DHHS Food and Lodging for year-end salaries, departmental supplies and automotive supplies.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

CASES FOR COMFORT- CHRISTINA ALEXANDER

Christina Alexander, a rising senior at Shelby High School created a project for Levine Children's Hospital in Charlotte, NC and Cleveland Regional Medical Center in Shelby, called "Cases for Comfort". With donations from the community, she has purchased pillowcases and fabric markers for the hospitals. The children in the hospital will be able to decorate their own pillowcase to take home with them. Being in the hospital can be frightening for children. Giving them this opportunity will help reduce their stress and allow them to get away from their normal schedule of procedures and tests. The staff at Levine's is excited about this project.

Ms. Alexander shared, "I was inspired to do a project for Levine Children's Hospital because I got to see firsthand how passionate they are about helping children. A close friend of mine had numerous

stays at Levine's due to Crohn's Disease, and after visiting her I wanted to come up with a project that would encourage the patients. Providing children with their own personal pillowcase to decorate seemed like a project that would bring joy and happiness to the patients."

To date, Ms. Alexander, has donated six hundred pillow cases to Levines and fifty to Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

Commissioner Hutchins asked how the community could help. She explained that donating pillow cases and fabric markers would be a big help.

REGULAR AGENDA

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HIGHWAY 74 BECOMING AN INTERSTATE

On March 21, 2013, in a joint meeting with Rutherford and Polk counties, Rutherford County Chairman Julius Owens requested Commissioners adopt a resolution in support of Highway 74 becoming an interstate. During that meeting, Cleveland County Commissioners tabled action to ensure that adoption of the resolution would not affect the Highway 74 Bypass project. County Manager Eddie Bailes spoke with NCDOT representative Mike Holder who felt adoption of this resolution would not have a negative impact on the Highway 74 Bypass project.

ACTION: Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the following resolution:*

Number 11-2013

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF US-74 AS AN INTERSTATE

Whereas: Rutherford, Cleveland and Polk Counties collaboratively petition the North Carolina Department of Transportation to conduct a study for the potential interstate quality of US-74 corridor from I-26 in Polk County through Rutherford County and connecting to I-85 in Cleveland County; and

Whereas, each County would seek to foster additional collaboration between constituent jurisdictions and agencies within the corridor; and

Whereas, an Interstate quality US-74 Corridor will provide better connectivity, transportation planning, safety, and increased efficiency of time and travel from I-26 to I-85 in addition to the NC Routes; 9, 221, 226, and 216; and

Whereas, within the corridor we collaboratively seek to build a responsive, regional economic development and planning infrastructure to increase trade and industry and promote opportunity.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners does request the support of the North Carolina Department of Transportation to conduct a study of the interstate quality of the US-74 corridor from I-26 in Polk County through Rutherford County and connecting to I-85 in Cleveland County as long as construction on the Highway 74 Bypass will not be delayed.

Adopted this the 16th day of April, 2013.

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 105TH BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE

Skip McCartney spoke with Commissioners regarding the 105th birthday of the United States Army Reserve. He thanked Commissioners for recognizing this birthday and asked that Commissioners adopt a resolution in celebration of the event.

ACTION: Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the following resolution:*

Number 10-2013

CELEBRATING THE 105TH BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE, HONORING THE COMMITMENT, DEDICATION, AND SERVICE TO AMERICA, AND OFFERING OUR CONTINUING SUPPORT TO OUR SOLDIERS.

Whereas, in 1908, the nation's leaders knew that the most up-to-date medical experience resided in the civilian sector created the first reservoir of trained officers in a reserve status, known as the Medical Reserve Corps; and

Whereas, today, over twenty percent of the Army's assets lie within the Army Reserve; and

Whereas, in 1916, Congress passed the National Defense Act, creating the Officers' Reserve Corps, the Enlisted Reserve Corps, and the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, later named the Organized Reserve Corps (ORC), all of which are forerunners of the current Army Reserve; and

Whereas, in both World Wars, Army Reserve Soldiers answered the call of duty. In World War I, 89,500 reserve officers were mobilized and during World War II, 200,000 members of the ORC participated, with reserve officers providing twenty-nine percent of the Army's Officers; and

Whereas, in 1952, legislation renamed the ORC as the Army Reserve and then divided it into three reserves, a Ready Reserve, a Standby Reserve, and a Retired Reserve. Legislation also provided that reserve units have twenty-four training days and up to seventeen days of annual training; and

Whereas, the Army Reserve has been an integral part of numerous conflicts. More than seventy Army Reserve units were deployed to the Korean Peninsula, well over 120,000 Soldiers have provided combat support and combat service support during Operation Desert Shield/Storm, and others provided support in Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia, Kosovo, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Noble Eagle, and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and currently over 12,000 Army Reserve Soldiers are currently deployed around the world and

Whereas, the role of the Army Reserve has changed over time. Moving from a Strategic Reserve to an Operational Force, the Army Reserve provides resources and training to first-responder organizations across the nation, trains Soldiers, implements national objectives, keeps the Army mobile, and enables the Army to do more with constrained resources; and

Whereas, the Army Reserve makes up twenty percent of the Army's organized units, while providing one half of the Army's combat support and one-fourth of its mobilization base expansion capabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That, by this resolution, celebrate the 105th birthday of the United States Army Reserve, honor its continuing service to America, and offer them our thanks and continued support.

Adopted this the 16th day of April, 2013

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Hutchins attended a Gaston MPO meeting where they discussed creation of an MPO to include Gaston, Lincoln and Cleveland Counties. The Gaston MPO and the Lake Norman RPO are looking on the numbers which will be presented to elected officials on the 29th of April.

RECESS TO RECONVENE

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to recess to reconvene to Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at 5:30pm in the County Managers Conference Room for a goal setting work session*. The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for *Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.* in the Commission Chamber.

*Johnny Hutchins, Chairman
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*

*Kerri Melton, Clerk
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*