

CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 21, 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: Ronnie Hawkins, Chairman
Jason Falls, Vice-Chairman
Susan Allen, Commissioner
Johnny Hutchins, Commissioner
David Dear, Interim County Manager
Bob Yelton, County Attorney
Kerri Melton, County Clerk
April Crotts, Deputy Clerk
Allison Mauney, Human Resources Director
Jessica Pickens, *The Shelby Star*
Other individual names on file in the Clerk's Office

ABSENT: Eddie Holbrook, Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ronnie Hawkins called the meeting to order. Commissioner Johnny Hutchins led the audience in the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag of the United States of America and provided the invocation for the meeting.

Chairman Hawkins introduced a representative from Senator Richard Burr's office to the meeting.

AGENDA ADOPTION

ACTION: Chairman Hawkins called for a vote, it was unanimously adopted by the Board, *to adopt the agenda as presented by the County Clerk with the following changes:*

REMOVE

4. CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

ADD:

7. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER (NCGS 142-318.11(a)(6))

CITIZEN RECOGNITION

Janet Yow, 450 Lemmons Road Mooresboro, spoke regarding issues with Animal Control. Ms. Yow invited Commissioners to attend a meeting at Showmars on June 6th at 6:30pm. Ms. Yow will be bringing a lady who has been working in Rutherford County for sixteen years to speak regarding animal control issues and encouraged all Commissioners to attend. She also encouraged Commissioners to read the minutes of the task force created to look at Animal Control issues. She made note of the issue that Animal Control Officers cannot carry weapons.

Stephen Ager, 113 Buffalo Street Apartment 14B, asked Commissioners if the tenants of the new shell building would hire citizens with disabilities.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no corrections, additions, or deletions to the Minutes of the *April 30, 2013 Work Session*, motion was made by Jason Falls, 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 *April 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 *April 2013*. The monthly grand total of tax abatements was listed as (\$9,903.46); and, the monthly grand total for tax supplements was listed as \$23,483.18.

CLEVELAND COUNTY: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #079)

ACTION: Jason Falls 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>
020.600.4.111.12	Cleve Co Schools/Ad Valorem Tax 2012	\$500,000.	
020.600.5.524.00	Cleve Co Schools/Supplemental Tax	500,000.	

Explanation of Revisions: *To budget anticipated additional schools property taxes collected above original estimates.*

LANDFILL: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #080)

ACTION: Jason Falls 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>
054.474.4.350.00/05510-EWST	Manned Site/State Govt. Grants	\$ 5,698.	
054.474.5.211.00/05510-EWST	Manned Site/State Govt. Grants	5,698.	

Explanation of Revisions: *Budget to cover purchase of two Etrailers.*

NUMBER 7 VFD 2011/2012 BUDGET

ACTION: Jason Falls made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the following Number 7 Volunteer Fire Department 2013/2014 budget as presented* (copy found on Page _____ of Minute Book _____).

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

As the representative of the DSS board, Vice-Chairman Falls stressed the importance of Child Abuse Awareness Month. There are currently 234 children in DSS custody. Although Cleveland County has more foster parents and homes than most counties, Commissioners encouraged citizens to become foster parents.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT~ PUBLIC HEARING FOR SHELL BUILDING IN THE FOOTHILLS COMMERCE CENTER

Paula Kempton of Isothermal Planning and Development Commission presented a CDBG application for a \$1 Million loan to construct a shell building in the Foothills Commerce center. The building consists of 100,000 square feet which can be expanded to 200,000 square feet. The total project is expected to cost \$3,022,525 including construction and grant administration. Construction of this building is a partnership with the City of Shelby identical to construction of a shell building that will house Schletter which will bring 300 jobs to Cleveland County.

Chairman Hawkins opened the public hearing.

Stephen Ager, 113 Buffalo Street Apartment 14B, spoke on behalf of people in his community in support of the project.

Robert Williams, 814 E. Stagecoach Trail, spoke not necessarily for or against the project but asked Commissioners to make available more public information regarding public hearings. “The most secret meeting in Cleveland County is a public hearing.” He said that most citizens do not know what these public hearings are about because the information is not available. “I am against anything secret.”

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Hawkins closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Hutchins confirmed that the first shell building was sold to Schletter, it was not given to them. The funds from sale of the first building are being used to construct the second building.

ACTION: Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Susan Allen and unanimously adopted by the board, *to approve submittal of the application as presented by Paula Kempton.*

Commissioners discussed the possible effects of Legislators removal of funding to the North Carolina Rural Center. Interim Manager David Dear made note that most water and sewer expansions for Economic Development clients come from Rural Center funding.

Chairman Hawkins encouraged those attending County Assembly Day to speak with our Legislators regarding the effects closing the Rural Center would have on Cleveland County.

REGULAR AGENDA

PERSONNEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

County Clerk Kerri Melton presented the following employees for appointment to the Personnel Advisory Committee:

Name	Department	Type of Action	Term	Term Expires
Angie Clark	DSS	appointment	2 years	31-May-2015
Mary Howe	BOE	appointment	2 years	31-May-2015
Sharon Chapman	Health Department	appointment	2 years	31-May-2015
Chris Martin	Planning	appointment	1 year	31-May-2014
Duane Brown	Tax	appointment	1 year	31-May-2014
Joanne Owens (alternate)	Library	appointment	2 years	31-May-2015
Sherry Geer (alternate)	Finance	appointment	1 year	31-May-2014

ACTION: Jason Falls made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins and unanimously adopted by the board, *to appoint members to the Personnel Advisory Committee as presented by the County Clerk.*

CLOSED SESSION

ACTION: Johnny Hutchins made the motion seconded by Susan Allen and unanimously adopted by the board to, *conduct a closed session regarding a personnel matter, as allowed under North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6).*

RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION

ACTION: Johnny Hutchins made the motion, which was seconded by Jason Falls and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to reconvene in regular session.*

ACTION: Chairman Hawkins noted that Commissioners took no action during the closed session.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Falls- He and Commissioner Hutchins will be going to Raleigh for County Assembly Day.

Commissioner Hutchins said the county is facing some tough decisions as the budget comes along and expressed his thankfulness that David Dear has stepped in to help through the process.

Commissioner Allen- The committee has begun the search for a new County Manager. The job has been announced internally and will be announced externally this week.

ADJOURN

There being no further business before the board at this time, Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Susan Allen, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to adjourn the meeting.* The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for *Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.* in the Commission Chamber.

*Ronald J. Hawkins, Chairman
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*

*Kerri Melton, CMC
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*