

Cleveland County Board of Commissioners
January 6th, 2015:

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, January 6th, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Chamber of the Cleveland County Administrative Office.

PRESENT: Jason Falls, Chairman
Eddie Holbrook, Vice-Chairman
Johnny Hutchins, Commissioner
Susan Allen, Commissioner
Jeff Richardson, County Manager
Bob Yelton, County Attorney
Henry Earle, County Clerk
April Crotts, Deputy Clerk
Chris Greene, Tax Administrator
Allison Mauney, Human Resources
Kerri Melton, Community Services Director
Dorothea Wyant, Health Director

ABSENT: Ronnie Hawkins, Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Falls called the meeting to order. County Clerk Henry Earle then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and provided the invocation for the meeting.

AGENDA ADOPTION

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Allen, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to adopt the agenda as presented by the County Clerk.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION

Buford Burton: 322 Margrace Road, Kings Mountain, NC. Mr. Burton spoke out against the proposed casino, urging the Commissioners to withdraw their support for the casino.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to approve the following items:

MINUTES: There being no corrections, additions or deletions, the Minutes of the December 16th, 2014 regular meeting and were presented and approved as written.

CORONER'S BOND: Per general statute 152-4 the Coroner's bond is required to be approved by the Board of Commissioners and the bond from the newly elected coroner was submitted for approval of the Board.

REGULAR AGENDA

FEDERAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITIES GRANT: Chairman Falls introduced Deshay Oliver, Health Services Director from the Health Department, to the podium. Mrs. Oliver spoke about the Drug Free Communities Grant that was recently awarded to the health department on October 1st, 2014 and will be managed by Mrs. Oliver and the Substance

Abuse Coalition. The grant is for \$125,000 per year for five years, with a possible extension to ten years. The grant requires a 100% local match which will be in kind expenses (volunteer hours, office space, etc.). The grant calls for a FTE program coordinator and three weeks of training for the program coordinator and volunteers.

Based on PRIDE surveys (the drug survey done in Cleveland County Schools every 3 years in 6th, 9th, and 12th grade) the two drugs that will be addressed with this grant are underage alcohol usage and prescription drug abuse and misuse. The grant calls for the substance abuse coalition to collaborate with Communities in Schools, local churches, local law enforcement and the establishment of a youth advisory council. For tackling alcohol prevent, the coalition will utilize the already established Law Enforcement Tip line, will create a coalition specific website, quarterly shoulder taps (using the Sheriff's Office and city police), safe home pledges, promotion of the "Don't Buy Don't Supply" logo, and quarterly RASP (Responsible Alcohol Sales Program) training, . For prescription medication abuse prevention, the coalition will utilize the 4 messages for safeguarding medication (Monitoring, Securing, Properly Disposing and Not Sharing), making disposal kits available to families of hospice patients (who often have excess medication), quarterly operation medicine drop days and further

establishment and promotion of countywide medication drop boxes. Mrs. Oliver then thanked the commissioners for their support of the health department and for allowing her to speak about the grant.

MPO Support Resolution Discussion: Chairman Falls called

Commissioner Hutchins. Commissioner Hutchins said at the MPO meeting in December the MPO was considering taxes for roads and had proposed two resolutions; the first to propose a new method of local taxation for roads and the second to state that road projects were not subject to public comment after 90 days from announcement. Commissioner Hutchins believes that both resolutions are politically driven and take the power away from citizens. He said those resolutions would take the state back ten years when road projects were highly politicized. The MPO wanted to take a vote the night the resolutions were introduced but Commissioner Hutchins refused and wanted to be able to take the resolutions back to their individual Commissions. Commissioner Hutchins stated that if it met the approval of the Commission he wanted a letter written stating that the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners did not support the resolutions.

Commissioner Allen asked if there would be any blowback from a lack of support and if it would hurt Cleveland County's favor in future projects.

Commissioner Hutchins said that Gaston County would most likely be in

support of the resolution but Lincoln County was not. He also said Gaston County could do this on their own with or without Cleveland County and he does not see any problem with Cleveland County not supporting it. States are responsible for the roads, not counties, and he believes Gaston wants to market this like the “pennies for progress” tax. Commissioner Hutchins simply sees this as hurting the county more than helping it.

Commissioner Holbrook then said new state programs need to be given time to work before dropping them and NC already has the highest gasoline tax in the southeast so he supported Commissioner Hutchins’ decision.

Commissioner Holbrook then made the motion for the clerk to write a letter stating the Board’s opposition to both resolutions proposed by the MPO. It was seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously approved.

NCACC VOTING DELEGATE: Chairman Falls said that the Board had to formally approve a voting delegate to the NCACC conference set for next week in Pinehurst. Commissioner Allen made the motion to approve Commissioner Hutchins as the voting delegate for Cleveland County. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Henry Earle, Clerk to the Board, presented the Board of Adjustment list to the commissioners for their approval.

Cleveland County Board of Adjustment

Applicant	Currently Serving On
Greg Thompson	Board of Adjustment-Alternate
Bobby Watson	
David Titus	
Jeff Ward	

Terms: Appoint Two Regular Members
Three Year Term
Term Expires 12/2017

Appoint Two Alternates
No term limit

The motion was made by Commissioner Hutchins and seconded by Randy McDaniel was recommended by Mrs. Melton to the Agricultural Board. The motion was made by Commissioner Hutchins and seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously approved to appoint **Greg Thompson** and **Jeff Ward** to the Board of Adjustment and to appoint **Bobby Watson** and **David Titus** as alternates.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Allen: Commissioner Allen said she was looking forward to a great 2015.

Commissioner Hutchins: Commissioner Hutchins said it has been a busy couple of weeks, he had a gun range construction meeting this week, and there is a Chamber banquet on the 29th of January at the LeGrand Center.

Commissioner Holbrook: Commissioner Holbrook said he was busily trying to recover from the holidays and the wedding of his step daughter. He congratulated Mickie Padgett on her work with the chamber and that on January 22nd is Carl White's documentary on Cleveland County at the LeGrand Center.

Commissioner Falls: Next week the Commissioners will be traveling to Raleigh to support the swearing in ceremony for the Cleveland County delegation. Commissioner Hutchins and Commissioner Allen are also going to the NCACC meeting in Pinehurst at the end of the week. Also, he mentioned that on behalf of Commissioner Hawkins, please bring your animals inside. It's getting cold outside.

ADJOURN

Chairman Falls entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hutchins made the motion to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously approved. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, January 20th at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Chambers.