

Cleveland County Board of Commissioners
June 16th, 2015:

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, June 16th, 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
Ronnie Hawkins, Commissioner
Jeff Richardson, County Manager
Bob Yelton, County Attorney
Henry Earle, County Clerk
April Crotts, Deputy Clerk
Kerri Melton, Community Services Director
Lori Poston, Communications Director
Allison Mauney, Human Resources Director
Bill McCarter, Planning Director
Brian Epley, Finance Director
Perry Davis, Emergency Management Director
Kristin Reese, Economic Development Director
Chris Green, Tax Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Falls called the meeting to order and Jeff Richardson, County Manager, 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.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

PINNACLE ARCHERY NATIONAL CHAMPIONS: Chairman Falls recognized Commissioner Hutchins, who introduced the Pinnacle Elementary and Middle School 3-D archery teams, who recently won national title honors in London, Kentucky. Children and coaches were introduced and given certificates, then took pictures with the Commissioners.

DARE ESSAY PRESENTATION FROM CLEVELAND COUNTY SCHOOLS: Chairman Falls recognized Christopher Shade, a 5th grade student from Springmore Elementary School, who read his winning DARE essay on the importance of saying no to drugs. He then received a certificate from the Commissioners and took pictures.

PROCLAMATION SUPPORTING CLEVELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY: County Clerk Henry Earle read the proclamation and then the Commissioners invited up Dr. Steve Thornburg, CCC president, and Board of Trustees Vice President Patsy Rose, to receive the proclamation as well as take pictures.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: Commissioner Hawkins 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 June 2nd, 2015 regular meeting and were presented and approved as written.

TAX ADMINISTRATION: For the month of May, 2015, Abatements were \$5,385.85 and Supplements were \$31,416.72.

TAX ADMINISTRATION: As of May 31st, 2015, 97.78% of taxes had been collected.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT #068

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
012.547.4.350.00	CC4C/PCM-State Grants	\$ 17,596.00	
012.547.5.310.00	CC4C/PCM-Travel/Training	\$ 17,596.00	

Explanation of Revisions: Request to budget office furniture and office supplies.

#7 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET: #7 VFD presented their 2015/2016 budget to the Commissioners, in the amount of \$198,615.00.

CITY OF SHELBY: Norfolk-Southern has abandoned rail trails in Shelby and Cleveland County, and the Commissioners signed a resolution in support of Shelby's efforts to search for grant funding to help create trails on the abandoned railways.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Two policy changes were introduced. The first was a change to the employee benefits program, changing the minimum working time to receive benefits from 1000 hours (50%) to 1560 hours (75%) hours annually, aligning itself with requirements for the Affordable Care Act. This change does not affect any current employees. The second is a change to the probationary period. The county policy is moving from 6 months to 24 months, aligning itself with state policies.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION: The County is instituting a whistle blower policy. The county is often in pursuit of federal and state grant money and many of these grants are beginning to require a whistle blower policy. Thus the County is creating a line that employees and citizens alike can call in and report any incidents or activities involving county employees.

PUBLIC HEARING

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT CASE 15-03: 800 WASHBURN SWITCH ROAD:

Chairman Falls called Chris Martin, Planner, up to the podium. Mr. Martin discussed how Redemption Deliverance Church was asking for a zoning map amendment from General Business (GB) to Neighborhood Business (NB) for 3.68 acres at 800 Washburn Switch Road. The surrounding area is mixed zoning, restricted residential, general business and residential. The planning consultant and the planning board both gave their approval. The public hearing was opened at 6:38.

- Herman Day: Mr. Day is the pastor of the church. He spoke in favor of the amendment, planning to enhance the community.

- Herman Day Jr.: Spoke in favor of the amendment, reiterating that plans are coming that will be a benefit to the city and to the community.
- Ms. Smith: Spoke in favor of the amendment, saying she was a neighbor and loved the church and valued it being there.

The public hearing was closed at 6:40.

ACTION: Commissioner Hawkins made the motion that the zoning amendment be approved from general business to neighborhood business, seconded by Commissioner Holbrook, and unanimously approved by the Board.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PACKAGE-PROJECT STALLION: Chairman Falls

introduced Kristin Reese, Cleveland County Economic Development Partnership Director. Ms. Reese said the first incentive agreement is for an expansion of an existing industry. The company has been in Cleveland County for 10 years and it is a retrofit of an existing facility and addition. The company will create 20 jobs over 5 years, with an average wage of \$45,000 at an investment of \$7.5 million. Proposing a 40% tax credit for five years. The City of Shelby did a similar agreement and approved it last night and CCC will be doing a collaborative program with the industry.

Public hearing was opened at 6:43.

- David Deer: David Deer encouraged the Commissioners to approve, it is a great company.

Public hearing was closed at 6:44.

ACTION: Commissioner Hawkins made a motion to approve the incentive agreement, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously approved by the Board.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PACKAGE-PROJECT DEER: Mrs. Reese spoke again, stating that Project Deer was also an expansion project, 5 year old company, looking to create 5 jobs at \$45,000, proposing 50% for 3 years.

Public hearing opened at 6:47.

- David Dear: Even though it is a small amount of jobs it will be great to help us grow from within. I ask for your support.

The public hearing was closed at 6:48.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchins made the motion to approve the incentive agreement, seconded by Commissioner Holbrook, and unanimously approved by the Board.

PETITION TO ABANDON A PORTION OF HARBOR POINT DRIVE:

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchins made the motion to recuse Commissioner Allen from the public hearing due to her personal interest in the case. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

Chairman Falls called Bill McCarter, Planning Director. Mr. McCarter reminded the Commissioners that this case was brought before them at the May 5th, 2015 meeting to set a public hearing to abandon a portion of Harbor Point Drive.

The public hearing was opened at 6:50.

- Ron Burns: 154 Harbor Point Drive – The small section of the road was never paved, thus creating a horseshoe. The petitioner has the most to gain here, and it is a conflict of interest, therefore he opposes the petition.
- Janet Sass: 136 Harbor Point Drive – The property should be allowed to be accessed on the other side of the road, it just needs gravel and access would be fine. The 20 homes in that neighborhood don't want the abandonment, therefore she opposes the petition.
- Shannon Davis: Owner of adjoining property. This land was originally farmland in the family and should be closed, there are no trespassing signs that are disregarded. I am for the petition.
- Travis Hoyle: 310 Harbor Point Drive – The traffic back and forth is really bad, as is the speed. It would save time and money for families if it was left open and used. Therefore, he is opposed to the petition.
- Susan Allen: Adjoining property owner – I wanted to have the road closed because it is terribly expensive to pave. DOT will not pave it and it is dangerous. It will not change, even if it is left open.

The public hearing was opened at 7:00.

ACTION: The motion was made by Commissioner Hawkins to table the petition for 30 days, allowing the neighborhood residents to talk with each other and with DOT to see if they would be interested in paving the road. It was seconded by Commissioner Hutchins and unanimously approved by the Board.

BOARD APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANT CLEVELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF

TRUSTEES SEAT: Chairman Falls called on Commissioner Hawkins to bring names for the community college Board of Trustees. Commissioner Hawkins stated that the college had asked that Gordon Hamrick be reappointed to the Board of Trustees.

ACTION: Commissioner Hawkins made the motion to nominate Gordon Hamrick to reappointment, seconded by Commissioner Hutchins, and unanimously approved by the Board.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Holbrook: Commissioner Holbrook said the Hampton Inn was opened today and people are sleeping there tonight. Congratulations to the Economic Development Team for their recent work.

Commissioner Hutchins: Commissioner Hutchins said there have been 48 rain delay days for the gun range. He said Rick Porter has spoken with Cabellas and there is a possibility of interest in sponsorship for the shooting range. Also, there is a good chance of a Glock match next spring, which will bring hotel and restaurant business to the county.

Commissioner Allen: Liberty Mountain tickets are available. It will be open to the public beginning the weekend of the 27th.

Commissioner Hawkins: It is a great thing for Commissioners to come together to honor those that do good work for Cleveland County. It was great to get to award Monty Thornburg with the Long Leaf Pine.

Commissioner Falls: Kids are out for the summer so watch your kids and pets in the heat. Woodmen of the World presented a flag to the Scruggs Center. Fair sent out a newsletter stating that they will begin charging sales tax on admission. This law has come down from Raleigh.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Falls entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Commissioner Hutchins, seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously approved by the Board. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Chambers.