

Cleveland County Board of Commissioners
July 21, 2015:

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, July 21st, 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
Jeff Richardson, County Manager
Henry Earle, County Clerk
Tim Moore, County Attorney
Kerri Melton, Community Services Director
Brian Epley, Finance Director
Chris Green, Tax Administrator
Andrea Leslie-Fite, Assistant County Attorney
Kristin Reese, Economic Development Director
Perry Davis, Fire Marshall, Emergency Management Director
Representative Kelly Hastings

ABSENT: Ronnie Hawkins, Commissioner
Susan Allen, Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Falls called the meeting to order and Kerri Melton, Community Services Director, 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 Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to adopt the agenda as presented by the County Clerk.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION

- Janet Sass: 136 Harbor Point Drive. Presented a petition to the Commissioners to keep the road open as a right of way, stating that the neighbors will keep the right of way up and looking nice.
- Ron Burns: Mr. Burns wanted to create a public walking trail out of the right of way and had no desire to see the road abandoned.
- Beauford Burton: 322 Margrace Road Kings Mountain. Mr. Burton is sorry his words were misunderstood at the last meeting but said it was his duty to express his opinion regarding taking the name of Jesus out of prayer.
- Scott Whitney: 504 Crescent Hill Road, Kings Mountain. Mr. Whitney mentioned the opposition from the community about the casino and asked the Commissioners to withdraw their support.
- Sharon Blackburn: 1211 North Piedmont, Kings Mountain. She admits her gullibility about issues and her lack of knowledge about casinos but she feels as though she may be a victim of predatory politics.

- Melinda Linchfield: 118 Whittington Ct, Chicago. Ms. Linchfield is a victim advocate for gamblers. She said it is the responsibility of the County Commissioners to protect the students.
- Sandra Jenkins: 235 Borders Road, Blacksburg, SC. Ms. Jenkins spoke about her time as a child with her gambling family and how she had to watch death and heartache because of gambling.
- Lisa Green: 210 Harbor Point Drive. Ms. Green is not in favor of paving the land but also not in favor of abandoning it. She asked that it be left as a right of way.
- Howard Harrill: 202 Harbor Point Drive. Mr. Harrill said he and his wife are against paving the road but also against the abandonment and want it to be left as a right of way.
- Amber Marsingill: She said her father built lots of casinos in Las Vegas. However, she saw firsthand what it did to people and it is impossible to see what having this casino will do to Cleveland County until it is too late.
- William Gray: 802 Amwood Drive, Shelby. Mr. Gray said he stood in protest of the inexcusable actions from the Commissioners that was handed down at the last Commissioner's meeting.

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 July 7th, 2015 regular meeting and were presented and approved as written.

TAX ADMINISTRATION: Abatements for the month of June 2015 were \$1,053.19 and supplements were \$1,371.75.

TAX ADMINISTRATION: As of June 30th, Cleveland County had collected 98.11% of taxes.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: BNA #001

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
010.445.4.409.00	Emergency Management	\$ 49,200.00	
010.445.5.310.00	Travel and Training	\$ 3,000.00	
010.445.5.321.00	Communications	\$ 1,200.00	
010.445.5.421.00	Contracts and Fees	\$ 1,200.00	
010.445.5.210.00	Department Supplies	\$ 700.00	
010.445.5.210.00	Office Supplies	\$ 600.00	
010.445.5.322.00	Postage	\$ 500.00	
010.445.5.910.00	Capital	\$ 42,000.00	

Explanation of Revisions: Budgeting funds from the Duke Energy Grant to be used for administrative costs and hazardous environment equipment required by OSHA.

SOCIAL SERVICES: BNA #002

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
011.507.4.410.00	Outside Poor-local grants	\$ 5,000.00	
011.507.5.700.00	Grants	\$ 3,730.00	
011.507.5.891.00	Emergency	\$ 1,270.00	

Explanation of Revisions: Budgeting United Way grant for emergency assistance with adults.

LIBRARY: BNA #003

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
010.611.4.310.00	Library Grants	\$ 84,365.00	
010.611.4.460.00	Other Units	\$ 8,804.00	
010.611.5.910.00	Capital Equipment	\$62,355.00	
010.611.4.991.00	Fund Balance Appropriations	\$13,206.00	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget federal LSTA grant money to install and implement a self-serving library kiosk.

PUBLIC HEARING

PROJECT T: Chairman Falls called Kristin Reese, Economic Development Director, to the podium. Mrs. Reese presented an incentive agreement for Project T, a new addition to the T5 data center. She said the incentive package will mirror incentive packages given to Disney and other data centers. She said they anticipated a \$65 million investment over the next 10 years and 10 new jobs. The public hearing was opened at 6:45

- David Dear: Mr. Dear spoke in favor of the incentive agreement and said it was a testament to how commissioners worked and this would be a legacy project to the current board. The public hearing was

closed at 6:46. The commissioners discussed the matter after the hearing.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchins made the motion to award the incentive agreement to T5. It was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook, and unanimously approved by the Board.

REGULAR AGENDA

PETITION TO ABANDON A PORTION OF HARBOR POINT

DRIVE: Chairman Falls called up Andrea Leslie-Fite, Assistant County Attorney, to the podium. Mrs. Leslie-Fite went back over the timeline of events from the petition to the public hearing in June and reminded the Commissioners that their decision tonight was to act on the original petition.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchins made the motion to deny the petition to abandon the portion of Harbor Point Drive. It was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously approved by the Board.

LATE APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTION: Chairman Falls called up Chris Green, Tax Administrator, and he shared a list of late applications for exemption, with all meeting the qualifications.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchins made a motion to accept the late applications for exemption. It was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously adopted by the Board.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Hutchins: Met with the county manager regarding NACO and some ideas they have, utilizing technology. He wished a speedy recovery to Commissioners Hawkins and Allen.

Commissioner Holbrook: Will be extremely busy with the World Series coming up in less than a month. Stay tuned for big announcements coming up within the next week regarding it.

Commissioner Falls: Wanted to wish a very speedy recovery to both Commissioner Hawkins and Commissioner Allen and he hoped to see them both back on the stand soon.

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, August 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Chambers.