

**Cleveland County Board of Commissioners**  
**October 4, 2016**

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Chamber of the Cleveland County Administrative Office.

**PRESENT:** Jason Falls, Chairman  
Eddie Holbrook, Vice-Chair  
Johnny Hutchins, Commissioner  
Susan Allen, Commissioner  
Jeff Richardson, County Manager  
Tim Moore, County Attorney  
Henry Earle, Clerk to the Board  
Kerri Melton, Community Services Director  
Brian Epley, Finance Director  
Chris Green, Tax Administrator  
Carol Wilson, Library System Director  
Debi Harrill, Interim Register of Deeds

**ABSENT:** Ronald Hawkins, Commissioner

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jason Falls called the meeting to order and County Manager Jeff Richardson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and provided the invocation for the meeting.

**AGENDA ADOPTION**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Holbrook moved to adopt the agenda, postponing item 6 (public hearing for zoning map amendment 16-10) for lack of proper notification to all surrounding land owners to the November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hutchins and unanimously approved by the Board.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK 2016:** Chairman Falls introduced Richard Hooker, Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week Chairman and Robert Miller, MED Week President. Mr. Hooker thanked Commissioners for their continued support of the minority business sector and of MED Week. Mr. Hooker stated that the Minority Business Community is the fastest growing section of business in Cleveland County. Started in 1983, MED Week has been an annual celebration that has been proclaimed by every President and that Cleveland County is one of the very few rural counties that have their own celebration.

Chairman Falls asked the Clerk to read the following proclamation. After it was read Commissioners took a picture with Mr. Hooker and Mr. Miller.

"Cleveland County  
Grows Greater"



## Proclamation

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### PROCLAMATION HONORING MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK OCTOBER 17-22, 2016

**WHEREAS**, Minority Enterprise Development Week, is an annual observance that has been proclaimed by every President of the United States since 1983 to honor and recognize some of the country's most innovative and emergent minority businesses and highlight their contributions to our local, national and global economy; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's theme, "**Small Businesses: Continuing to Survive & Thrive**" recognizes the skills, determination, dedication, resourcefulness, agile and innovative leadership, and meaningful relationships that are fundamentally essential to our nation's economic vitality and shared prosperity in an ever-changing global economy; and

**WHEREAS**, in keeping with its' mission to support entrepreneurship through capacity building, education and networking, the Cleveland County Business Development Center, has teamed with Cleveland Community College Small Business Center, Shelby Star, Cleveland County Schools and other community partners to promote, inclusiveness, youth participation, workforce preparedness and building strategic alliances; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cleveland County Business Development Center has played an integral role in spearheading several community-wide initiatives over the years, to support entrepreneurial development, including Women-in-Business, Emerging Leaders Lecture Series, and the Leadership Academy to help produce and train a cadre of informed, socially conscious business and civic leaders with limitless possibilities;

**WHEREAS**, the Annual Awards Gala represents the culmination of this year's celebration in Cleveland County and will bring together small business owners, local business officials, and other community stakeholders to honor and commemorate the legacy and accomplishments of local entrepreneurs, citizens and community organizations who give their time, resources, and humanitarian efforts to make a difference in our community and beyond;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 16-22, 2016 as "**Minority Enterprise Development Week**" in recognition of the cooperative efforts of the above sponsoring organizations and individuals to enhance, promote and support the success and sustainability of minority owned businesses and other community partners in Cleveland County.

**ADOPTED THIS THE 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2016.**

Jason Falls, Chairman



### SPECIAL PRESENTATION

**UPDATE ON THE CLEVELAND COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM:** Chairman Falls introduced Carol Wilson, Cleveland County Library System Director. Mrs. Wilson stated that the library is extremely busy, boasting attendance of over 162,000 over the past year. During the last day of the summer reading program the program saw their highest daily number of visitors at 1,067. 42% of Cleveland County residents have a library card and over 20,000 books were circulated in the months of June and July 2016. 29,000 residents have used the public library computers over the past year.

Mrs. Wilson told Commissioners about a new initiative that the Library System was engaged with Google in called "Let's Put Our Cities on the Map." This initiative allows local businesses to come to the library and ensure that their online presence on a Google search is up to date and accurate. Mrs. Wilson showed a video of the initiative being used in other places and success stories that local businesses are having. Mrs. Wilson told Commissioners that it will require approximately 10 staff hours per month but is going to work her staffing in a way to allow her to do this project without needing more in her budget.

Commissioners thanked Mrs. Wilson for the work the library is doing and how great of an impact they are having on public citizens in Cleveland County.

### **CITIZEN RECOGNITION**

- Robert Williams: 814 East Stagecoach Trail, Fallston: Mr. Williams expressed concern over the missing teenager that ran away from foster care in late September. Mr. Williams reminded Commissioners that he had emailed them and asked for an investigation into Social Services. Mr. Williams also stated that he had heard about a mold issue at Social Services and that employees were getting sick but were afraid to say anything. Mr. Williams said he had not personally confirmed this but he asked that Commissioners look into it.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MINUTES:** There being no corrections, additions or deletions, the minutes of the September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 regular meeting were presented.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Hutchins moved to adopt the Minutes as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously adopted by the Board.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** The manager's report for August 2016 was presented. Staff has received three responses from an RFQ put out for development of a Master Facility Plan and the end of the year audit is expected to be completed by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Central Collections opened and began working on billing on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Hutchins moved to accept the manager's report as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously approved by the Board.

### **LIBRARY: BNA #013**

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
010.611.5.790.06	Dont Books/Snoddy Young	\$14,375.00	
010.611.4.810.06	Dont Books/Snoddy Young	\$11,227.00	
010.611.4.991.00	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$3,148.00	

*Explanation of Revisions: Budget money from the Ty and Rachel Snoddy Endowment to purchase 25 chairs for the main library.*

**ACTION:** Commissioner Hutchins moved to approve the budget amendment. It was seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously approved by the Board.

**PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER:** The Public Health Center has requested to write off debt from a two year span (2012/2013 & 2013/2014) in the amount of \$67,711 in private pay charges from inactive patients.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Hutchins moved to approve the debt write-off from the health department. It was seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously approved by the Board.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

**Commissioner Allen:** Commissioner Allen stated that, in light of everything that has happened in Charlotte she is proud of the way that Cleveland County rallied and has continued to work together.

**Commissioner Hutchins:** Commissioner Hutchins asked that the County Manager look into the allegations of mold at the Department of Social Services and to report back to Commissioners.

**Commissioner Holbrook:** Commissioner Holbrook reiterated Commissioner Hutchins' concern regarding the Department of Social Services and the potential for mold.

**County Manager Richardson:** Mr. Richardson stated that the Governor had declared a state of emergency and the county was prepared to send two ambulances and one quick response vehicle, five paramedics and one paramedic supervisor to the coast.

**Chairman Falls:** Chairman Falls stated that the Tobacco Trust fund presented money (just over \$100,000) to the Cleveland County fairgrounds on work on their buildings and make necessary repairs.

**ADJOURN**

Chairman Falls entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Commissioner Hutchins, seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously approved by the Board. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners will be Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in the Commissioner's Chamber.