

Cleveland County Board of Commissioners
March 17th, 2015:

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, March 17th, 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 Crofts, Deputy Clerk
Kerri Melton, Community Services Director
Brian Epley, Finance Director
Chris Green, Tax Administrator
Sam Lockridge, Gun Range Administrator
Alan Norman, Sheriff
Robbie Morgan, Coroner

ABSENT: Ronnie Hawkins, Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Falls called the meeting to order and Cleveland County Sheriff Alan Norman 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

Outstanding Little Miss Shelby/Cleveland County: Commissioner Falls stated that we had a very special and unique recognition tonight. Commissioner Falls introduced Danyel Phelps and stated that she was responsible for creating the Outstanding Little Miss Shelby and Miss Cleveland County contests. She introduced Ashlyn Stoker, Outstanding Little Miss Shelby Grand Majestic, who in turn introduced Aubrey Best, Sarah Harris, Makenzie Bowen, Riley Beam, Brylee Powell, Caroline Mullen, Charlie Hamrick and Ava Swenson. Ms. Stoker then spoke about the #weseeyou campaign, a new initiative aimed at “humanizing the badge” and raising awareness of the good work that law enforcement does in the community. Ms. Stoker invited Cleveland County Sheriff Alan Norman and Shelby Police Chief Jeff Ledford A video entitled #weseeyou was then played. After the video the commissioners came down and gave the girls certificates celebrating their accomplishments and then pictures were taken.

Local Partnership between the Farm Bureau and the Health Department:

Chairman Falls introduced Anne Short, Community Services Director for the Health Department. Ms. Short said that in October 2014 the Farm Bureau brought

a health screening bus to Walmart parking lot in Shelby for 94 people, testing blood pressure, fasting blood sugar, and body mass index. Ms. Short presented results from the 94 participants and said the Farm Bureau gave the health department \$2,500 which was given to the pharmacy to provide medication for indigent citizens. Commissioner Hutchins complimented the Farm Bureau for being a good corporate citizen and caring about the citizens of Cleveland County. Commissioners took pictures with representatives from the Farm Bureau and Ms. Short.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION

- James Lockridge: Mr. Lockridge is the current pastor of 2nd Baptist Church in Kings Mountain. Mr. Lockridge is proud of all that is accomplished in the city and Kings Mountain. He said there is evil among us and the word of God is what the county must stand on. It won't be the citizens that get rich, it'll be outside groups.

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 March 3rd, 2015 regular meeting was presented and approved as written.

TAX ADMINISTRATION: Abatements for the month of February 2015 were \$4,047.64 and the supplements were \$2,988.52.

TAX ADMINISTRATION: Taxes collected through the month of January 2015 for the 2014-2015 fiscal year were at 94.81%.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT #045

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
054.474.4.350.00	Collections/Manned Sites	\$ 7,589.00	
054.474.5.530.04	Collections/Manned Sites	\$ 7,589.00	

Explanation of Revisions: Request to budget revenues that came in for Ewaste (Electronic Recycling) to help Cleveland Vocational with costs associated with TV glass.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: BUDGET AMENDMENT #046

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
010.444.4991.00	Sheriff's Office	\$ 6,000.00	
010.444.5.357.02	Grant/House Inmate Funds	\$ 6,000.00	

Explanation of Revisions: Request to budget SSA funds to purchase novelty items with the Sheriff's Office logo on it.

REGULAR AGENDA

SCRUGGS CENTER UPDATE: Chairman Falls called on Emily Epley,

Executive Director of the Earle Scruggs Center. Ms. Epley introduced

Brownie Plaster and Steve Padgett that were with her. The goal in the first

year was to bring people from other places to Cleveland County. There was

an estimated 11,000 visitors from 44 states and 9 countries. A major point

of the Earl Scruggs Center was education. Over the first year the Center

launched their Level One educational system including a website that is

accessible to teachers and will be able to know how, by subject and grade level, what the Scruggs Center has to offer. Now the Center is working on ways to do summer camps and virtual classrooms so kids do not have to come to them. The goal is to build a piece and do it with excellence before moving on. Music classes are done as well, and shows like “summer pickin’ on the square” and quality programming like the Friendship 9, and instrument making. In 2015/2016 everything will continue and will be built upon with programs like “we are music makers” and “Feast Here Tonight.” The 6th Annual Rhythm and Roots 5K/10K will be held on Saturday, November 7th, 2015. The commissioners spoke highly of the Earl Scruggs Center and its impact in the community. **No Action Required**

LATE APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTION: Chairman Falls introduced Chris Green, Tax Administrator. Mr. Green presented the commissioners with the final exemption list for 2014. He noted that the Banker’s House, which was submitted previously, was being submitted. These applications were submitted late, but do qualify for exemption under state laws.

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

CLEVELAND COUNTY SHOOTING RANGE ADVISORY

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: Chairman Falls introduced County Manager Jeff Richardson who showed the Commissioners the list of 11 appointments. The first two appointments were already designated, the first by Commissioner Hutchins as the Commissioner Representative and Eric Christopherson as the representative for the Wildlife Commission. Each appointment has been chosen by the County Manager's staff based on positions of need, such as local business owner, and citizen that works with youth, etc. The county manager then turned the meeting back over to the Chairman.

ACTION: Commissioner Holbrook made the motion to approve the list as presented by the County Manager, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously approved by the Board.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Commissioner Allen: Commissioner Allen said that she has had a busy couple of weeks and she just got back from the Mental Health Task Force in Raleigh.

Commissioner Hutchins: Commissioner Hutchins attended the Board of Health meeting and the Animal Control Task Force as well as the Council on Aging meeting. On April 2nd is an Easter dinner for the Council on Aging

from 11-1 and the Commissioners are invited. Senate Bill 250 has been put forth from the Commissioners' goal to give more funding to Veteran's Services pushed at the NCACC.

Commissioner Holbrook: Commissioner Holbrook said he had been in many economic development meetings over the past several weeks and the county is a finalist for a major one against two other states.

Commissioner Falls: Chairman Falls spoke on the CEO program and it is about to release some new things. He met with Shchletter and discussed the importance of solar and were able to give them encouragement. They are committed to Cleveland County.

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, April 7th, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Chambers.