

**Cleveland County Board of Commissioners**  
**April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015:**

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 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  
Kerri Melton, Community Services Director  
Chris Green, Tax Administrator  
Bill McCarter, Planning Director  
Paul Ezell, Building Inspections Director  
Brian Epley, Finance Director  
Kristin Reese, CCEDP Director

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Falls called the meeting to order and Commissioner Johnny Hutchins led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and provided the invocation for the meeting.

**AGENDA ADOPTION**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Allen made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to adopt the agenda as presented by the County Clerk with one addition, consent agenda item H, added by Commissioner Hutchins.

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**RECOGNITION OF STUART HAIR:** Commissioner Falls announced that Stuart Hair, Cleveland County Economic Development Assistant Director, was leaving to take a position with the City of Charlotte Airport as their Economic Development Director. He then introduced Kristin Reese, CCEDP Director, to the podium. Kristin listed the reasons that Stuart will be missed and said she would miss him terribly. The commissioners brought Stuart to the podium and presented him with an award and then took pictures with them.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

**CEO PROGRAM PRESENTATION:** Chairman Falls introduced Steve Padgett, Cleveland Community College Small Business Center Director, to the podium. Steve spoke about the CEO program, which strives to help small businesses in Cleveland County. The CEO program works with rural communities to help them help small businesses grow and help communities attract them. Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> is a roundtable event for community stakeholders and then at 5:30 that night there will be a community networking event and he hopes the Commissioners will come.

### **CITIZEN RECOGNITION**

- Beauford Burton: 322 Margrace Road, Kings Mountain. Mr. Burton spoke in opposition to the proposed casino in Kings Mountain. He feels the Commissioners have denied the voice of the public.

**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 April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 regular meeting was presented and approved as written.

**TAX ADMINISTRATION:** As of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 the collection rate for the county was 96.38%, 0.2% above last year at this time.

**TAX ADMINISTRATION:** In March Abatements were \$13,480.27 and Supplements \$6,633.01.

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT:** The annual audit contract with Martin Starnes and Associates was presented for \$54,000. The audit will be presented at the first October meeting of the Commissioners.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE: BUDGET AMENDMENT #053**

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
010.442.4.991.00	Sheriff: Donations-Canine	\$ 300.00	
010.442.5.910.00	Sheriff: Donations-Canine	\$ 300.00	

*Explanation of Revisions: Request to budget donated funds to the K9 division for purchase of a new canine.*

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE: BUDGET AMENDMENT #054**

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
010.442.4.991.00	Sheriff's Office-Fed Prop	\$ 6,000.00	

010.442.5.910.00 Sheriff's Office-Fed Prop \$ 6,000.00  
*Explanation of Revisions: Request to budget federal forfeiture funds to purchase a canine.*

**COOPERATIVE EXTENSION: BUDGET AMENDMENT #055**

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
010.495.5.530.97	Corn Growers Association	\$ 500.00	
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*Explanation of Revisions: Request to budget money from the Corn Growers Association to plan a meal.*

**INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BOND REPAYMENT:** Curtis-Wright

contacted the county attorney stating they would like to pre-pay \$8.4 million in Industrial Revenue Bonds. The Commissioners were required to authorize a representative to speak to the Trustee (Sun Trust Bank) and the County Attorney recommended appointing the county manager and county clerk to be the official representatives for the county.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Chairman Falls called up Bill McCarter who spoke on a paving petition for the Kevin Drive and Open Lane project. Mr. McCarter said originally the petition had 80% of the participants sign. The only bid submitted was \$232,340 with 10 lots, so a total of \$23,234 per person. 2 people withdrew their name from the petition therefore the petition is no longer valid. The public hearing was opened at 6:25 and Vik Kapoor from 25 Open Lane spoke. He thanked the Commissioners for their work and thanked Mr. McCarter for his help in trying to make it a reality.

The public hearing was closed at 6:27 and no action was taken because of the invalidity of the petition.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **JOINT RESOLUTION BETWEEN CLEVELAND COUNTY AND THE**

**CITY OF SHELBY:** Chairman Falls introduced County Manager Jeff

Richardson. Mr. Richardson said he was bringing forward a renewal for the contract for Shelby through the remainder of this year. Paul Ezell, building inspections director and his staff took on all the inspections within the city of Shelby. The city has now hired an inspector to do level 1 inspections but the county will continue to provide level 3 inspections until the city of Shelby gets their person up to level 3. Mr. Richardson said his recommendation is to continue the contract. Commissioner Hutchins and Falls both suggested the possibility of an inner local agreement so the manager could move forward with these items without having to go through the commissioners.

**ACTION:** Motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Hutchins, seconded by Commissioner Holbrook, and unanimously approved by the Board.

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**CITY OF KINGS MOUNTAIN:** The County Manager spoke to the City Manager of Kings Mountain and they need some sporadic help with building

inspections due to a staffing shortage. The contract and per trip rate of \$65 will be the same as it is for the city of Shelby.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Hutchins made the motion to approve the contract as presented, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously approved by the Board.

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

**Commissioner Allen:** Commissioner Allen said that she has had a busy few weeks. She wanted to congratulate Karen Ellis for being selected as North Carolina DSS director of the year. Partners and Mental Health services had a meeting Monday to look at ways to improve mental health services in Cleveland County. Tomorrow there is a Relay for Life event called "Paint the Town Purple."

**Commissioner Hutchins:** Commissioner Hutchins just had normal committee meetings, but it's been busy. The budget is coming up so it'll continue to be busy.

**Commissioner Holbrook:** Commissioner Holbrook mentioned that economic development is close to finalizing a hotel project. Kelly Pickler will be the main attraction for the 7<sup>th</sup> inning stretch. ED is going well but many projects will be halted because of problems in our senate.

**Commissioner Falls:** The canine purchased is going to be the first female handler that Cleveland County has ever had. I'm very excited about our work session and I'm glad that Pinnacle is moving forward with their new building.

**RECESS TO RECONVENE:**

With new further business, Commissioner Hutchins made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Holbrook, and unanimously approved by the Board.

The next meeting of the Cleveland County Commissioners will be Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Chambers.