

CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 7, 2010- Special Called Meeting

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners met in a special meeting on this date, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., in the Commission Chamber of the Cleveland County Administrative Offices.

PRESENT: Jo Boggs, Chairwoman
Johnny Hutchins, Vice-Chairman
Eddie Holbrook, Commissioner
Mary S. Accor, Commissioner
Ronald J. Hawkins, Commissioner
David C. Dear, County Manager
Robert Yelton, County Attorney
Kerri Melton, County Clerk
Eddie Bailes, Assistant County Manager
Dorothea Wyant, Health Director
Graham Cawthon, *The Star*

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Jo Boggs called the meeting to order.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE AGREEMENT: PROJECT BLUE RIDGE

County Manager David Dear reviewed the incentive agreement for Project Blue Ridge (*copy found on Page _____ of Minute Book _____*).

Mr. Dear explained that this project is still very competitive and that it should not be taken for granted that this company will be located here. The company asked that this incentive agreement be adopted prior to making their final decision. Mr. Dear is expecting the company to make a decision within thirty days. The majority of real property is computer equipment which needs to be replaced every four years. The T5 Data Center Park is approximately 280 acres. The location of this would hopefully serve as an anchor tenant in the Data Center Park. Due to the large number of acres, four or five clients similar to this could also be housed in the park.

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins and unanimously adopted by the board, *to open the public hearing.*

Michael Chrisawn, Cleveland Chamber President, thanked Commissioners for being competitive in the marketplace. He also thanked Commissioners for doing everything to bring this to fruition. He urged Commissioners to approve the incentive package stating, "This puts Cleveland County in a very good position."

Chairwoman Boggs asked if there were any other comments or if Commissioners had questions of anyone in the audience or staff. Hearing no comments, she called for the public hearing to be closed.

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor and unanimously adopted by the board, *to close the public hearing.*

Chairwoman Boggs called for discussion among Commissioners.

Commissioner Hutchins spoke, “This is a big project. Many people have worked very hard on this. This will not only bring additional tax revenue to Cleveland County but high tech jobs for our young people. If we can get this, there is more to come.”

ACTION: Mary Accor made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins and unanimously adopted by the board, *to approve the incentive agreement for Project Blue Ridge as presented.*

CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT FOR DUKE ENERGY TRAINING FACILITY

Duke Energy requested that an item be placed on this agenda for the approval of a construction easement for the Duke Energy Training Facility. After further study, Duke Energy informed County Manager David Dear, that they would no longer require the easement. Mr. Dear informed Commissioners that Duke Energy will break ground on the proposed training facility sometime in July.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Mary Accor, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to adjourn.*

*Rebecca Jo Powell Boggs, Chairwoman
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*

*Kerri Melton, County Clerk
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*