

**Cleveland County Board of Commissioners**  
**December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014:**

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners met in an organizational session on Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 at 10:00 a.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  
Ronnie Hawkins, Commissioner  
Jeff Richardson, County Manager  
Bob Yelton, County Attorney  
Henry Earle, County Clerk  
April Crotts, Deputy Clerk  
Chris Greene, Tax Administrator  
Brian Epley, Finance Director  
Bill McCarter, Planning Director  
Alan Norman, Sheriff  
Mike Miller, District Attorney  
Bonnie Reece, Register of Deeds  
Robbie Morgan, Coroner  
Rep. Tim Moore, Speaker of the House, NC

**CALL TO ORDER:**

County Manager Jeff Richardson called the meeting to order. Clerk to the Board Henry Earle then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and provided the invocation for the meeting.

**SWEARING-IN OF COMMISSIONER-ELECT JASON FALLS**

Mr. Richardson called Tim Moore, Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives, to come to the front to swear in Commissioner Falls.

Commissioner Falls asked his father to come forward and to hold the Bible used for his oath. He also invited his wife and sister to come and stand with him.

Speaker Moore swore in Commissioner Falls using the following oath:

**OATH OF OFFICE**

**CLEVELAND COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

I, Jason Falls, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States; so help me, God.

I, Jason Falls, do further solemnly and sincerely swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help me, God.

I, Jason Falls, do further swear that I will well and truly execute the duties of the office of the County Commissioner according to the best of my skill and ability, according to law; so help me, God.

\_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

Jason Falls

*Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2014.*

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Tim Moore, NC House of Representatives

Mr. Richardson then invited Commissioner Holbrook to the floor to be sworn in. Commissioner Holbrook asked his wife to come forward and to hold the Bible used for his oath. He also invited his step daughter to come and stand with him. Speaker Moore swore in Commissioner Holbrook using the following oath:

*OATH OF OFFICE*

*CLEVELAND COUNTY COMMISSIONER*

I, **Eddie Holbrook**, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States; so help me, God.

I, **Eddie Holbrook**, do further solemnly and sincerely swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help me, God.

I, **Eddie Holbrook**, do further swear that I will well and truly execute the duties of the office of the County Commissioner according to the best of my skill and ability, according to law; so help me, God.

\_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

Eddie Holbrook

*Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2014.*

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Mr. Richardson then called Robbie Morgan, Coroner-Elect to the floor to be sworn in. Mr. Morgan asked his mother to come forward and to hold the Bible used for his oath. He also invited his grandmother to come and stand with him. Speaker Moore swore in Mr. Morgan using the following oath:

*OATH OF OFFICE*  
*CLEVELAND COUNTY CORONER*

I, **Robbie Morgan**, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States; so help me, God.

I, **Robbie Morgan**, do further solemnly and sincerely swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help me, God.

I, **Robbie Morgan**, do further swear that I will well and truly execute the duties of the office of the County Coroner according to the best of my skill and ability, according to law; so help me, God.

\_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

Robbie Morgan

*Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2014.*

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Tim Moore, NC House of Representatives

### **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

Mr. Richardson then entertained a motion for the board to nominate a chairperson for the following year. Commissioner Holbrook nominated Commissioner Falls, and that was seconded by Commissioner Allen. Commissioner Hawkins then moved to close the nominating and it was seconded by Commissioner Hutchins. The vote was unanimous in favor, making Jason Falls the Chairman of the Board.

### **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

Mr. Richardson then turned the meeting over to Chairman Falls, who opened the meeting up for nominations for Vice-Chair. Commissioner Hutchins nominated Commissioner Holbrook and it was seconded by Commissioner Allen. Commissioner Hawkins then moved to close nominations and it was seconded by Commissioner Allen. The vote was unanimous in favor, making Commissioner Eddie Holbrook the Vice-Chair of the Board.

### **COMMENTS**

Chairman Falls thanked the military and their service and thanked the Commissioners for their work. He stated that they do not do the work they do for the money but to serve Cleveland County. He was happy that they had crossed party lines and were able to work together. He also thanked the county manager

for the good job he did and to the county staff and the work that they put in constantly.

Vice-Chair Holbrook said he enjoyed the last eight years he had been a Commissioner and looked forward to four more. He thanked his volunteers that were present and thanked everyone for voting for him.

Sheriff Norman thanked everyone for their support and thanked the Commissioners for being pro law enforcement. He said it made his job so much easier and he appreciated their work and the work of the county manager.

District Attorney Mike Miller thanked everyone for their work and their support and all they do to support the DA's office.

Coroner Robbie Morgan thanked everyone for their support and thanked the county manager for helping make the transition as good as possible.

### **ADJOURN**

Chairman Falls entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was made by Commissioner Hawkins and seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and was unanimous. The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Chamber.