

**Cleveland County Board of Commissioners**  
**December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015:**

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</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  
Ronnie Hawkins, Commissioner  
Jeff Richardson, County Manager  
Justin Brackett, County Attorney Designee  
Henry Earle, Clerk  
Andrea Leslie-Fite, Assistant County Attorney  
Kerri Melton, Community Services Director  
Brian Epley, Finance Director  
Chris Green, Tax Administrator  
Dayna Causby, Elections Director

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jason 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 Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to adopt the agenda as presented by the County Clerk.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Hawkins 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 December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 regular meeting were presented and approved as written.

**CLERK:** The proposed 2016 meeting schedule for Commissioners was presented.

**TAX ADMINISTRATION:** A resolution was presented in compliance with NCGS 105-321(g) to raise the minimum refund amount from \$1 to \$15 for tax overpayments. Any overpayment under \$15 will be applied to the customer's tax bill for the following year.

**TAX ADMINISTRATION:** For November 2015 Abatements were \$714.53 and Supplements were \$53,565.83.

**TAX ADMINISTRATION:** As of November 30<sup>th</sup>, 56.28% of taxes had been collected for fiscal year 2015-2016.

**TAX ADMINISTRATION:** Chris Green, current county Tax Administrator, was reappointed to a 4 year term set to expire on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE:** The Sheriff's Office has requested permission to sell a canine, named Pepper, to another local government agency.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**SEAL WIRE CDBG PROJECT CLOSEOUT:** Commissioner Falls called on Joanna Wallace, grants coordinator for Cleveland County, to come to the podium. Ms. Wallace detailed the Community Development Block Grant, and that the County was awarded \$150,000 to aid Seal Wire in project expansion. Seal Wire was able to fulfill their requirements and utilize the money to retain jobs and acquire new assets. The public hearing was opened at 6:10 p.m. and closed at 6:10 p.m. after no one came forward to speak.

**ACTION:** Seeing no discussion Commissioner Hawkins moved that the grant be closed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hutchins and unanimously approved by the Board.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION HONORING KINGS MOUNTAIN MAYOR RICK MURPHREY:** Chairman Falls called Henry Earle, Clerk to the Board, to read a prepared resolution honoring Mayor Rick Murphrey as he leaves office from the city of Kings Mountain.

**RESOLUTION TO HONOR KINGS MOUNTAIN MAYOR RICK MURPHREY**

**WHEREAS,** Rick Murphrey served the City of Kings Mountain for 21 years, 6 as a council member and 15 as the mayor; and

**WHEREAS,** Mayor Murphrey served with distinction, twice being named the Region C Mayor of the Year; and

**WHEREAS,** the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners has enjoyed an exceedingly positive relationship with the Kings Mountain City Council during Mayor Murphrey’s time in office; and

**WHEREAS,** Cleveland County and the City of Kings Mountain have been able to partner on numerous projects, from bringing international industry into Cleveland County to creating accessible parks for persons with disabilities;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners hereby resolves that Mayor Rick Murphrey has been an extraordinarily dedicated partner in promoting the interests of Cleveland County.

***Adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015.***

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Jason Falls, Chairman

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Eddie Holbrook, Vice-Chairman

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Susan K. Allen, Commissioner

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Ronald Hawkins, Commissioner

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Johnny Hutchins, Commissioner

**ACTION:** Commissioner Hawkins moved to accept the resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Hutchins. It was unanimously passed by the Board.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Falls entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Commissioner Hawkins, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously approved by the Board. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners will be on Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioner’s Chamber.