

**CLEVELAND COUNTY  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
APRIL 8, 2008**

**SHELBY,  
NORTH CAROLINA**

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The Cleveland County Board of Health met on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. at the Cleveland Country Club.

Board members present: Joel Spragins, Bill Marsh, Betty Lingerfelt, Jack Hunt, Robert Miller, Dino Nicopoulos, Kendalyn Lutz-Craver, and Michael Alexander

Board members absent: Robert Blackburn, Ronnie Hawkins and Steve Rackley

Health Department staff present: Denese Stallings, Marty Allen, Rodella Gold, Sam Lockridge, Jimmy Hines, Dorothea Wyant, Sheila Wellmon and Charlene Parker

Andrea Leslie-Fite, County Attorney representative, was present.

**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:**

Chair Spragins called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. Robert Miller gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MARCH 11, 2008, BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES:**

**There being no corrections, additions, nor deletions to the minutes of the March 11, 2008, Board of Health meeting, motion was made by Bill Marsh and seconded by Betty Lingerfelt, that they be approved as written. Motion carried unanimously.**

**CITIZEN RECOGNITION**

No citizens registered to appear before the Board.

**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX RATE INCREASE FOR FRANCHISE HAULER**

Denese Stallings stated that Cleveland County's Solid Waste Franchise Hauler, GDS, approached her and Sam Lockridge requesting that the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the fuel surcharge be reviewed to determine the need for a rate increase. The Cleveland County Solid Waste Franchise Agreement allows an annual review. Ms. Stallings, Sam Lockridge and David Dear have met with GDS officials. Ms. Stallings asked Sam Lockridge to share information and a recommendation for the Boards consideration.

Sam Lockridge stated that when the franchise agreement was entered into in July 2007, that fuel was \$2.78 per gallon. Fuel is now close to \$4.00 per gallon. David Dear, Sam Lockridge, Denese Stallings and GDS representatives met to look at the CPI without energy costs, which are 2.3% and fuel/transportation costs and arrived at a rate of 5.25% to increase the residential, commercial and industrial rate for collection services. Further information was provided regarding the calculation for the proposed increase.

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The State of North Carolina imposed a \$2.00 per ton disposal tax on all county's disposing waste in their landfill.

Mr. Lockridge stated that the proposed residential roadside rate would be \$15.77, which is an increase of 63 cent for service, plus a 20 cent increase for disposal, which totals 83 cents. The proposed adjusted commercial front load and industrial roll off container rates reflect the same percentage increase of 5.25% for service (CPI/fuel) and 7.14% for disposal (State disposal tax). An increase in disposal costs at the Cleveland County Landfill of \$28 to \$30 per ton was presented due to the State disposal tax. Further discussion was held regarding the increase in residential collection services of 83 cents per month.

**Motion: Robert Miller moved that the Cleveland County Board of Health recommend the proposed rate increases, as presented by Sam Lockridge, to the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners for their consideration of adoption. Motion was seconded by Dino Nicopoulos and passed unanimously.**

#### **BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

Rodella Gold presented the following budget amendments for the consideration of approval:

ITEM NUMBER ONE: The North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources has awarded the Cleveland County Health Department \$14, 466.47 for the 2006-2007 Performance-Based Food and Lodging Fee funds. A request was made to place the funds in the Environmental Health Department (541) budget for operating expenses to support the program.

ITEM NUMBER TWO: The North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources has allocated \$250 in Child Health funds. A request was made to budget these funds in the Child Health Department (537) budget for medical supplies.

**Motion: Betty Lingerfelt made the motion that the Cleveland County Board of Health approve the budget amendments as presented. Motion was seconded by Robert Miller and passed unanimously.**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Denese Stallings stated that National Public Health Week is April 7-13, 2008. Channel 33 Headline News will be airing segments about public health concerns. Dr. Nicopoulos will be presenting a segment on rabies, other topics will be aired on smoking and bicycle safety. The Shelby Star will publish a color ad each day of Public Health Week. Ms. Stallings encouraged the Board to look for these segments and ads.

Jimmy Hines distributed new Cleveland County Health Department Service Guide brochures. Ms. Stallings stated that Mr. Hines and the Health Education staff have done a great job in developing the brochures and thanked them for their work. The service brochure is also available on the Health Department internet site in English and Spanish. Mr. Hines recognized Henry Earl for his work on the brochure.

Ms. Stallings stated that the Health Department staff are working hard to prepare for Accreditation, which is next week.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2008 in the Health Department parking lot.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Chair Spragins adjourned the Cleveland County Board of Health meeting.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Denese R. Stallings, Secretary  
Cleveland County Board of Health