The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on this date, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Chamber of the Cleveland County Administrative Offices.

**PRESENT:**
- Susan Allen, Vice-Chair
- Johnny Hutchins, Commissioner
- Ronnie Whetstine, Commissioner
- Doug Bridges, Commissioner
- Deb Hardin, Commissioner
- Brian Epley, County Manager
- Tim Moore, County Attorney
- Phyllis Nowlen, Clerk to the Board
- Kerri Melton, Assistant County Manager
- Shane Fox, Chief Financial Officer
- Elliot Engstrom, Senior Staff Attorney
- Lorie Poston, E-911 Communications Director
- Jason Falls, LeGrand Center Director
- Betsy Harnage, Register of Deeds

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair Allen called the meeting to order and Commissioner Hutchins provided the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OATH OF OFFICE: SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION**

Magistrate Josh Bridges administered the oath to Sherrie Green for the office of Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor.

**OATH OF OFFICE: COMMISSIONERS**

Magistrate Josh Bridges administered the oath to Doug Bridges for the office of Cleveland County Commissioner.

Magistrate Shonda Stanton administered the oath to Deb Hardin for the office of Cleveland County Commissioner.

Speaker of the House Tim Moore administered the oath to Ronnie Whetstine for the office of Cleveland County Commissioner.

**SELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIR**

County Manager Brian Epley opened the floor to accept nominations for Commission Chair.

**NOMINATIONS:** Commissioner Whetstine made a motion to nominate Susan Allen for Chair

(Commissioner Hutchins seconded the motion). **Susan Allen was elected Chair by unanimous vote.**

**SELECTION OF COMMISSION VICE-CHAIR**

Chairwoman Allen opened the floor to accept nominations for Commission Vice-Chair.

**NOMINATIONS:** Commissioner Hutchins made a motion to nominate Ronnie Whetstine for Vice-Chair

(Commissioner Bridges seconded the motion). **Ronnie Whetstine was elected Vice-Chairman by unanimous vote.**
APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY

Chairwoman Allen recognized County Manager Brian Epley to present the contract for County Attorney Tim Moore. At the Annual reorganizational Meeting, the Board will review the contract and appoint the County Attorney. The terms and conditions of the contract are in-line with the previous year’s contracts.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Hutchins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, and passed unanimously by the Board to, **appoint Tim Moore as the County Attorney and approve his contract for services.**

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APPROVAL OF THE SHERIFF’S BOND

Chairwoman Allen again recognized County Manager Brian Epley to present the Sheriff’s Bond. N.C.G.S. 162-9 requires counties to bond the Sheriff in re-election years. The bond is statutorily driven at $10,000.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Whetstine made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hutchins, and passed unanimously by the Board to, **approve the Sheriff’s Bond.**
ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Commissioner Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to adjourn the meeting. The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Chamber.

Susan Allen, Chairwoman
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners

Phyllis Nowlen, Clerk to the Board
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