CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 20, 2014

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on this date, at the hour of 6:00 p.m., in the Commission Chamber of the Cleveland County Administrative Offices.

PRESENT:   Jason Falls, Chairman
            Eddie Holbrook, Vice-Chairman
            Susan Allen, Commissioner
            Ronnie Hawkins, Commissioner
            Johnny Hutchins, Commissioner
            Jeff Richardson, County Manager
            Bob Yelton, County Attorney
            Kerri Melton, County Clerk
            April Crotts, Deputy Clerk
            Chris Green, Tax Administrator
            Dorothea Wyant, Health Director
            Sherrie Geer, Interim Finance Director
            Carol Wilson, Library Director
            Bonnie Reece, Register of Deeds
            Allison Mauney, Human Resources Director
            Bill McCarter, Planning Director
            Joe Lord, EMS Director
            Karen Ellis, DSS Director
            Paul Ezell, Chief Building Inspector
            Sam Lockridge, Health Services Coordinator
            Mark Dellinger, Electronic Maintenance Director
            Marty Gold, Information Technology Director
            Scott Bowman, Maintenance Director
            Lorie Poston, Communications Director
            Jessica Pickens, The Shelby Star
            Other individual names on file in the Clerk’s Office

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jason Falls called the meeting to order. Commissioner Johnny Hutchins led the audience in the “Pledge of Allegiance” to the flag of the United States of America and provided the invocation for the meeting.

AGENDA ADOPTION

ACTION:    Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to approve the agenda as presented by the County Clerk.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION

Pastor Whitney, 504 Crescent Hill Road Kings Mountain, spoke in opposition to the proposed casino. He asked Commissioners to publicly withdraw their letter of support of the casino.

Pastor James Lockridge, 112 Cyclone Lane Kings Mountain, spoke in opposition to the proposed casino. He has not seen any response from the Commissioners and has been burdened by it.

Cynthia Forcade-1005 Serenity Woods Bessemer City, spoke in opposition to the proposed casino.

Adam Forcade-1005 Serenity Woods Bessemer City, spoke in opposition to the proposed casino.
Beauford Burton, 322 Margrace Road, Kings Mountain, spoke in opposition to the proposed casino. He asked that Commissioners consider all sides of the issue and asked that Commissioners withdraw their letter of support. He also asked if he could be placed on the Regular Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no corrections, additions, or deletions to the Minutes of the April 15, 2014 motion was made by Ronnie Hawkins, seconded by Susan Allen, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to approve the minutes as written.

TAX COLLECTOR’S MONTHLY REPORT

The Tax Collector provided Commissioners with the following detailed written report regarding taxes collected during April 2014 (copy found on Page ____ of Minute Book ____).

TAX ABATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS

The Tax Assessor provided Commissioners with a detailed written report regarding tax abatements and supplements during April 2014. The monthly grand total of tax abatements was listed as ($52,677.95); and, the monthly grand total for tax supplements was listed as $106,466.50.

SHERIFF’S OFFICE: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #059)

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Susan Allen, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to approve the following budget amendment:

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<td>Sheriff’s Office/Fund Balance Approp</td>
<td>$4,000</td>
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<td>010.442.5.910.01/USICE-P442</td>
<td>Sheriff’s Office/Capital Equip/Major Rep</td>
<td>-4,000</td>
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Explanation of Revisions: Request to budget federal forfeiture funds for the removal of damaged lettering/striping, repainting of vehicle and for new lettering to be put on the vehicle.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #060)

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Susan Allen, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to approve the following budget amendment:

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Explanation of Revisions: Budget donation to assist with payment for mammograms.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #061)

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Susan Allen, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to approve the following budget amendment:

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<td>Env. Health/Motor Fuels</td>
<td>3,000</td>
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<td>012.541.5.310.00</td>
<td>Env. Health/Travel/Training</td>
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012.541.5.311.00   Env. Health/Education Expense   1,000.
Explanation of Revisions: Budget state performance based Food & Lodging funds for operating expenses.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #062)

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Susan Allen, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to approve the following budget amendment:

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<td>012.539.4.310.00/93217-592A</td>
<td>Family Planning/Fed Govt Grants</td>
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<td>012.539.5.230.01</td>
<td>Family Planning/Prescription Drugs</td>
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Explanation of Revisions: Budget DHHS Family Planning Title X funds for purchase of birth control supplies and long acting contraceptive devices.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #063)

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<td>012.537.5.230.05</td>
<td>Child Health/Lab Supplies</td>
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Explanation of Revisions: Budget funds received from Charlotte AHEC to precept students for lab supplies.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK  MAY 18-24, 2014

Cleveland County EMS Director Joe Lord gave a presentation detailing several calls received and lives saved last year. The presentation highlighted the collaboration between all Emergency Personnel in Cleveland County. Commissioners presented the following proclamation to Mr. Lord.

Number: 04-2014

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK  MAY 18-24, 2014

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services is a vital public service when an emergency occurs; and

WHEREAS, the members of Cleveland County Emergency Medical Services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Medical Services system consists of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, first responders, educators, administrators and others; and

WHEREAS, the members of Emergency Medical Services teams engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, day in and day out, Cleveland County Emergency Medical Services staff exhibit compassion, understanding and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of Cleveland County Emergency Medical Services providers by designating Emergency Services Week.

NOW THEREFORE, the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 18-24 as “Emergency Medical Services Week” in Cleveland County in honor and recognition of our EMS Staff and the vital contributions they make to the safety and well-being of our citizens.
RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF J. KEITH CRISCO

Commissioner Ronnie Hawkins introduced Kristin Fletcher, VP of Economic Develop to speak a few words about former Secretary of Commerce Keith Crisco. Mr. Crisco died suddenly in early May.

ACTION: Eddie Holbrook made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to adopt the following resolution:

Number 04-2014

IN APPRECIATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO CLEVELAND COUNTY KEITH CRISCO

WHEREAS, it is with deepest regret that the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners acknowledges the death of Keith Crisco; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crisco exemplified the true meaning of “dedicated public servant” having served on the School Board, the Asheboro City Council and as the North Carolina Secretary of Commerce from 2009-2012; and

WHEREAS, as Secretary of Commerce, he led the recruitment of nearly 120,000 jobs and more than $27 billion in investment during one of the worst recessions this nation ever faced; and

WHEREAS, approximately 2,000 new jobs and $1.6 billion in new investment were created in Cleveland County throughout Mr. Crisco’s tenure; and

WHEREAS, Keith Crisco’s willingness to make himself available whenever needed was evidenced through his many trips to Cleveland County one of which included driving clear across the state on a Saturday to meet with a prospective client; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crisco’s experience as a successful business owner and his first-hand knowledge of private sector business made him invaluable at the table with companies locating or expanding in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland County Commissioners thought of Mr. Crisco not only as the Secretary of Commerce, but also as a friend.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, hereby express our deepest sympathy to the Crisco family and express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for the dedication and distinguished service of J. Keith Crisco.

ADOPTED THIS THE 20th DAY OF MAY, 2014.

REGULAR AGENDA

NUMBER 7 VOLUNTEER FIRE DISTRICT TAX RATE

In April, the #7 Volunteer Fire District (VFD) requested a tax rate increase of $.01. The #7 VFD is the only fire district with a rate less than $.05.

ACTION: Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook and adopted by a majority of the board, to approve a $0.01 tax increase to the Number 7 Volunteer Fire District (Commissioner Falls voted in opposition).

HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING UPDATE

Architect Roger Holland began by thanking County Departments who were involved from the very beginning in the design of the new Health Department. “This project could not have been done without the team”. Mr. Holland showed a site plan which laid out the building on the property located directly behind Social Services. This design and the addition of this building will allow Cleveland County to have a highly integrated human
services campus. In designing the campus, the architects took traffic into consideration. By working with Food Lion, a neighbor to this site, traffic improvements will be completed to make the entrances and exits safer. The main entrance will be on the DSS side of the campus. During the design phase, it was discovered there were some unsuitable soil conditions that would need to be addressed prior to construction. This additional work was included in the base bid price. On May 1, 2014, bids were opened. After opening bids, the Architectural team met with representatives of the Health Department and all other key Cleveland County staff to discuss alternates to be included in the bid and to make a unified recommendation to Commissioners.

Based on the discussions, Holland and Hamrick Architects recommends award of the contract to the low bidder Beam Construction Company as follows:

**Base Bid:**

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<td>Beam Construction Company</td>
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<td>Cherryville, NC</td>
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**Alternates:**

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<td>#3 Epoxy terrazzo in corridors in lieu of vinyl tile</td>
<td>142,912</td>
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<td>#9 Data/telephone/L.T.</td>
<td>1,955,400</td>
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<td>#10 Road work at entrances</td>
<td>444,600</td>
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<td>#12 Enhanced/additional interior signage</td>
<td>21,400</td>
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<td>#4 (modified to be 4a) Resilient sheet flooring in lieu of vinyl tile</td>
<td>133,000</td>
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<td>Reduce Contingency Allowance by $100,000 (from $500,000 to $400,000)</td>
<td>$100,000</td>
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**Total Contract Amount:** $17,947,312

Mr. Holland made note that Beam Construction, although located in Cherryville, is considered a “local contractor” as many of his employees live in Cleveland County. Commissioners praised Beam Construction for their commitment to using local employees and buying locally and thanked Holland & Hamrick Architects for producing a great product.

**ACTION:** Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to enter into a contract with Beam Construction in the amount of $17,947,312 for construction of the new Health Department.
OVERVIEW OF FY 2014/2015 BUDGET

County Manager Jeff Richardson presented Commissioners with a PowerPoint outlining his recommendations for the FY 2014/2015 budget as follows. Mr. Richardson especially thanked Tonya Sigmon for her work on the budget.
MANAGER’S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
COMMISSIONERS STRATEGIC GOALS

TOP PRIORITIES
- Complete Phase I of the County/State Wildlife Commission
  Public Shooting Range
  Allocation: 1/2 year salary designated in budget for Gun Range
  Master: $50K
- Integrated Human Service Campus
  Allocation: Campus entry, Traffic Safety Improvements: $444K
- Model Animal Control Program
  Allocation: Rescue coordinator, two new positions and upgrades to the
  Animal Shelter: $20K

FY 2014-2015
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM TOTAL = 25 PROJECTS
(FOUR INCENTIVE AGREEMENTS SATISFIED IN 2014)

- AT&T
- Clearwater
- Disney
- Duke Energy
- Southern Power

2013 Tax Investment = 3.5 cents / 57 cent tax rate

FY 2014-2015
FOCUS AREAS
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- PUBLIC SAFETY
- COMMUNITY EDUCATION/CUSTOMER SERVICE OUTREACH
- FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY

FY 2014-2015
FOCUS AREA: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development Partnership/Continued Growth
- Cleveland Community College: $157K (Workforce Development) 13%

Manage Occupancy Tax Revenue/Synergetic Partnership
- Cleveland Chamber TO: $120K
FY 2014-2015
MANAGER’S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
FOCUS AREA: PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Property/Safety Emphasis
- LEC Exterior Safety Upgrades: $63K
- KM/Boiling Springs Trails Security: $19K

Public Safety/Customer Service:
- 4 Deputy Positions: Sheriff’s Patrol Unit
- 3 IM Caseworkers: Social Services
- SRO Presence at Elementary Schools

FY 2014-2015
MANAGER’S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
FOCUS AREA: Community Education/Customer Service

Community Education
- County Wide Recycling Campaign: $25K
- Shelter Rescue/Adoption/Education: $13K

Customer Service
- Library Computer Replacement: $30K
- Building Inspections Field Computers: $10K

FY 2014-2015
MANAGER’S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
FOCUS AREA: FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY

- Grants Writer: $30K
- Reduction in Unrestricted Fund Balance: $300K
- Project 2014-15 Fund Balance: 16%

FY 2014-2015
MANAGER’S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
OPERATIONS/STAFFING INCREASES

- 2% COLA for all County Employees.
- Employer Health Insurance Increase 18%
- Expansion of Health Wellness Initiative
  - Diabetes Management Program
  - Expanded Health Wellness Coaching
  - Corporate YMCA Membership Packages
  - Smoking Cessation
- 5 Additional Full Time Employees
  - Staff Attorney
  - Detention Center Maintenance
  - Solid Waste Maintenance
  - Public Health Nurse II
  - Pharmacy Tech II
NACo VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE

ACTION: Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Susan Allen, **to appoint Ronnie Hawkins as the Voting Delegate.**

Commissioner Hutchins amended his motion as follows:

ACTION: Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, **to appoint Ronnie Hawkins as the Voting Delegate and Johnny Hutchins as the Alternate.**

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Allen- attended Cleveland County Relay for Life which she considered a huge success. She asked the community to support the newly appointed School Superintendent.

Commissioner Hutchins spoke with the Lattimore Mens Club about the Shooting Range. As part of the design changes in bridge construction, the Wildlife Commission will be able to also begin construction on Phase II. Commissioner Hutchins is working on putting the Advisory Council together and he is working on branding ideas.

Library Director Carol Wilson shared her recent award of a $90,000 grant to convert all three libraries to an RFID system.

ADJOURN

There being no further business before the board at this time, Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Susan Allen, and unanimously adopted by the Board, **to adjourn the meeting.** The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Commission Chamber.