The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, October 21st, 2014 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
        Bob Yelton, County Attorney
        Henry Earle, County Clerk
        April Crotts, Deputy Clerk
        Kerri Melton, Community Services Director
        Chris Greene, Tax Administrator
        Brian Epley, Finance Director
        Carol Wilson, Library Director

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Falls called the meeting to order. Jeff Richardson, County Manager, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and provided the invocation for the meeting.

AGENDA ADOPTION

ACTION: Commissioner Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Allen, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to adopt the agenda as presented by the County Clerk.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION
The following residents spoke in opposition to the proposed casino project:

Tim Stalcup:  145-1 Hicks Road, Grover
Cynthia Forcade:   1005 Serenity Woods Road, Bessemer City
Jim Bishop:  2530-1 Shull Creek Road, Shelby
Karen Clarke:   35 Dreary Lane Shelby
Benjamin Stalcup: 2409 Elizabeth Avenue, Shelby
Debbie Keefer:  524 Dixon School Road, Kings Mountain

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 October 7th, 2014 regular meeting were presented and approved as written.

TAX ADMINISTRATION: SEPTEMBER COLLECTION REPORT:  At the end of September, 2014, taxes collected were in the amount of 56.15% for fiscal year 2014-2015.

TAX ASSESSOR: ABATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS-SEPTEMBER-Abatements were $101,932.09 and Supplements were $2,013,667.58 for the month of September, 2014. Manager Richardson noted that the large amount of supplements were due to the utilities taxes being paid.

TRAVEL: BUDGET AMENDMENT #010
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*Explanation of Revisions: Budget the grant award versus the original budget from the NC Department of Transportation for the 2015 ROAP funds.*

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT #014**

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*Explanation of Revisions: Request to budget Project Lazarus DHHS funds to support Cleveland County Overdose Prevention.*

**SHERIFF’S OFFICE: BUDGET AMENDMENT #017**

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*Explanation of Revisions: Request to budget reimbursement from the US Marshall’s Office to cover wages to officers who worked on the Southern Share Triple Beam Fugitive Task Force for July and August 2014.*

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICE: BUDGET AMENDMENT #018**

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*Explanation of Revisions: Request to budget accepted funds from Medicaid for fiscal year 2014-2015. Funds accepted will be used to pay overtime to help meet a state deadline for getting new Medicaid cases into NCFAST. Employee overtime is necessary.*
SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

PROCLAMATION HONORING CLEVELAND COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM’S
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION:

Chairman Falls introduced Carol Wilson, Library Director, to the podium.

Carol spoke about the upcoming Centennial Celebration for the Library System on Sunday, October 26th at 3:00 p.m. Ms. Wilson then introduced several board members and staff from the library. At that time Chairman Falls had the clerk read the following proclamation:

Number 10-2014

Cleveland County Library System Centennial

WHEREAS, the Cleveland County Library System is celebrating the culmination of its centennial year on October 26th, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland County Library System has long been a landmark in Cleveland County; beginning first as a lending library in 1910 and by 1914 becoming the Shelby Public Library; and

WHEREAS, the Shelby Public Library got its first official home in 1939 in the Municipal Building on Washington Street, moving into its current home on the corner of Howie Drive and Sumter Street in 1969; and

WHEREAS, in 1990 the Spangler Library was built in Lawndale and incorporated along with the Shelby Public Library in 2005 as a department of Cleveland County Government; and

WHEREAS, the library serves 98,000 county residents, including 34,000 library card holders, has over 130,000 items in house and gives access to millions more through the resource sharing program NC Cardinal; and

WHEREAS, the library offers services to an ever evolving community in Cleveland County through speakers, classes, children’s reading days, personal computer tutorials and so much more.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 26th, 2014 as “Cleveland County Library Centennial Day” in recognition of the
unparalleled contributions that the library system in offers to its citizens and the cultural impact that it brings to Cleveland County.

ADOPTED THIS THE 21st DAY OF OCTOBER 2014.

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Jason Falls, Chairman

After the proclamation was read the Commissioners joined the library staff on the floor and took a picture and congratulated Ms. Wilson and her staff on the incredible job and commented on the joys of having such a valuable library service in Cleveland County.

PUBLIC HEARING (Commissioner Allen left as the public hearing began)

TACC: Chairman Falls read the rules to the public hearing and introduced Bob Davis, director of Transportation Administration of Cleveland County (TACC). Mr. Davis thanked the commissioners for giving him the opportunity and referenced the proposed budget that had been in the Commissioner’s packets and thanked them for their continued support. The public hearing was then opened and no one spoke. Chairman Falls closed the public hearing and Commissioner Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Holbrook, that the Commissioners approve the proposed TACC budget for fiscal year 2015-2016. It was passed unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA
DISCUSSION ON COMMERCIAL ANIMAL BREEDING: Chairman Falls called on Commissioner Hawkins to lead a discussion on commercial animal breeding. Commissioner Hawkins asked the board if they would allow the health department to create some language to come back to the board at a later date, bolstering animal control’s ability to go on site and ensure proper treatment of animals. Commissioner Hawkins asked that the county manager spearhead this through the health department. He also said that Cleveland would be the first North Carolina County to create language that strengthens the animal control department in that manner. County attorney Yelton reminded the commissioners that there would not be another board of health business meeting until January so there would be a report on this matter to the Board in February. Chairman Falls congratulated Commissioner Hawkins on his willingness to spearhead the project.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Holbrook: Commissioner Holbrook stated he’s been busy campaigning for his reelection bid. He attended fall meetings of American Legion in Indianapolis and the contract has been extended to 2019 with a 10 year rollover so Shelby will be the home of the American Legion World Series until 2029 and discussions have been ongoing with ESPN to televise semifinals and finals in future years.
**Commissioner Hutchins:** Commissioner Hutchins said it has been a busy few weeks with the Shelby Livermush festival and also with the Kings Mountain Advisory Council. He had a training session with TACC and met with the Council on Aging to do some goal setting. Gun range bids were given today and he made a presentation to the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) about the gun range last week.

**Commissioner Hawkins:** Commissioner Hawkins commented on how heavily attended the Livermush festival was, especially the “Mush, Mutts and More” pet events. Commissioner Hawkins suggested the Board recognize the organizers of the event for their hard work and dedication. He noted that Robin Hendricks died recently, and that he was always a big supporter of events. Commissioner Hawkins concluded by reminding the Board that on Wednesday, 10/22, at 3:30 is Hoyt Bailey's reception to be the Chairman Emeritus. Ellis Monroe is now the chairman of CCC.

**Chairman Falls:** Chairman Falls said he appreciated everyone's leadership on their various boards. He also mentioned that the CEO Program is coming up this week. Chairman Falls concluded by commenting on the work that Emergency Management does and asked that Perry Davis and EM be brought in to do a presentation on the things that they do so the commissioners could congratulate their work.
**ADJOURN** Commissioner Hutchins made the motion to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously approved. The next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, November 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioner’s Chambers.