The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, October 16th, 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
- Jeff Richardson, County Manager
- Henry Earle, County Clerk
- Tim Moore, County Attorney
- Andrea Leslie-Fite, Assistant County Attorney
- Kerri Melton, Community Services Director
- Brian Epley, Finance Director
- Allison Mauney, Human Resources Director
- Perry Davis, Emergency Management Director
- Chris Green, Tax Administrator
- Senator Warren Daniel
- Richard Hooker, School Board

**ABSENT:**
- Ronnie Hawkins, Commissioner

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Falls called the meeting to order and vice-chair Eddie Holbrook 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 Allen, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to adopt the agenda as presented by the County Clerk.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

PROCLAMATION HONORING MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK:

Chairman Falls called Richard Hooker, executive director of the Cleveland County Business Development Center, to the podium. Mr. Hooker also brought with him MED Week President Gaye Devoe and Vice President Robert Miller. Mr. Hooker spoke about MED week and thanked the Commissioners for their support of MED week over the years and read a letter he had received from Governor McCrory. Chairman Falls then called on County Clerk Henry Earle to read the proclamation. Commissioners then took pictures with the three MED week representatives.

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PROCLAMATION HONORING MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK OCTOBER 18-24, 2015

WHEREAS, Minority Enterprise Development Week is an annual observance that has been proclaimed by every President of the United States since 1983 to highlight the important role and contributions minority business enterprises bring to our local, national and global economy; and
WHEREAS, this year’s theme, “Connecting Business with Opportunity by Empowering Minority Business Leaders” reflects the talent, dedication, courage and bold ideals of today’s minority business leaders and entrepreneurs to innovate and create opportunities for success and shared prosperity within our free enterprise system; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of North Carolina has proclaimed this week as Minority Enterprise Development Week in appreciation of the thousands of minority entrepreneurs, community representatives, local and state leaders and students who will participate in activities and programs and in recognition of the vital role these businesses play in improving education, our economy and efficiency in government; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with its mission to support entrepreneurship through capacity building, education and networking, the Cleveland County Business Development Center, has teamed with Cleveland Community College Small Business Center, The Shelby Star, Cleveland County Schools and other community partners to promote awareness, inclusiveness and the pursuit of economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, the 20th Annual Awards Gala represents the highlight of this year’s celebration in Cleveland County to recognize and commemorate the accomplishments of small business entrepreneurs, local citizens and community organizations who give their time, resources, and humanitarian efforts to make a difference in our community and beyond;

NOW THEREFORE, the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 18-24, 2015 as Minority Enterprise Development Week in recognition of the cooperative efforts of the above sponsoring organizations and individuals to enhance, promote and support the success of minority owned businesses and other community partners in Cleveland County.

ADOPTED THIS THE 6th DAY OF OCTOBER 2015.

PROCLAMATION NAMING OCTOBER AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN CLEVELAND COUNTY: Chairman Falls called on Commissioner Hutchins. Commissioner Hutchins spoke about the need for more research and more awareness into breast cancer, which ends the lives of so many women and men and impacts so many more. County Clerk Henry Earle read
the proclamation and then Allison Mauney, Human Resources Director, and Commissioner Susan Allen accepted the proclamation. Commissioners then took pictures.

PROCLAMATION HONORING BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, last year, more than 230,000 women and 2,000 men were diagnosed with breast cancer in America, as well as 102 cases in Cleveland County; and

WHEREAS, the heartache and the pain of this disease has already touched too many of our mothers, fathers, daughters, sisters and other family members; and

WHEREAS, when breast cancer is caught early, treatments work best and survival rates increase; and

WHEREAS, all women and men should be familiar with risk factors and symptoms of this disease and should take every effort to be screened annually; and

WHEREAS, this nation has invested billions of dollars into critical research to better understand the causes of breast cancer, develop treatments and create better diagnostic tools; and

WHEREAS, those that have been lost to this disease as well as those who have survived all deserve our remembrance and honor;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners, hereby proclaims October 2015, as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Cleveland County and encourages all citizens to join them in recognizing the impact that breast cancer has on the citizens of Cleveland County and how we can all move forward to combat this disease together.

ADOPTED THIS THE 6th DAY OF OCTOBER 2015.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION

- Andrew Erdle: Mr. Erdle spoke regarding county aesthetics. He said he’d been a resident of the county for six years and was worried about the condition of dilapidated buildings outside of city limits. He said it made it harder for residents to sell properties and unappetizing for business. He
asked about future plans and strategies to increase the level of aesthetics within the county and if there were laws that would help enact those plans. Commissioners asked him to leave his information with the clerk.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchins 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 September 15th, 2015 regular meeting and were presented and approved as written.

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Explanation of Revisions: Adjust budget to show decrease in Strategic Prevention Framework-Partners for Success grant-reallocation of state funds.

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Explanation of Revisions: Budget donation from National Alliance on Mental Illness-Rutherford, to purchase medication for residents with mental illnesses.
**HEALTH DEPARTMENT:** BNA #019

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*Explanation of Revisions:* Budget DHHS funding to purchase devices for hearing impaired elderly home bound residents.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT:** BNA #020

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*Explanation of Revisions:* Budget 2015 Community Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant to be received in FY16 to be used to aid in the costs of a single stream transfer station and white goods handling area of the Self-McNeilly Landfill.

**Emergency Medical Services:** BNA #021

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*Explanation of Revisions:* Budget SMAT III Augmentation 2015 grant funds to purchase trailer lettering, 500 lb capacity dolly, and heavy duty winch.

**TAX ADMINISTRATION:** The Tax Administration presented the

Commissioners with the 2016 revaluation schedule and asked that a public
hearing be held on Tuesday, October 20\textsuperscript{th}. The Commissioners will then vote on the proposed schedule at the November 3\textsuperscript{rd} 2015 meeting.

**PLANNING:** The Planning Department presented a request to set a public hearing for November 3\textsuperscript{rd} for a rezoning case at 853 Botts Road from Restricted Residential to Neighborhood Conditional Use District.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF CLEVELAND COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT MAP AMENDMENTS:** Chairman Falls called Perry Davis, Fire Marshal, to the podium. Mr. Davis showed the Commissioners the newly proposed fire district maps. He said if approved, the changes would take effect on March 1, 2016. Commissioners thanked Perry for his work and said it was truly amazing to reduce the insurance for over 300 residents and to bring together all the fire departments.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Allen moved to approve the newly drawn fire districts and it was seconded by Commissioner Hutchins. It was unanimously approved by the Board.

**PROPERTY PURCHASE AT 1833 SOUTH BATTLEGROUND AVENUE IN GROVER:** 28 acre parcel at 1833 South Battleground Avenue was found by Economic Development as a potential industrial property site. As part of the 2014 Strategic plan, pursuing property for industry was a goal of the
Commissioners. It was close to I-85 and already had electric and sewer to the property. Current tax value was $525,000 and the County Manager was able to negotiate a price of $250,000. There is also a 3/10 acre sliver that is in line with the rail spur, which would allow access by rail, making it more attractive to potential industries.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Allen moved to approve purchase of the property and it was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook. The Board unanimously approved it.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

*Commissioner Allen:* Metals America had a great celebration last Friday

*Commissioner Hutchins:* Thanked Henry Earle for spearheading the Cleveland Cup 5K. We had 278 employees participate and everyone seemed to have a good time. He also participated in the NCACC meeting this past weekend.

*Commissioner Holbrook:* Lots of economic development within the last few weeks. The aesthetic value issue will be on the work session coming up.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Falls entertained a motion to recess to reconvene. The motion was made by Commissioner Holbrook, seconded by Commissioner Hutchins and unanimously approved by the Board. The Commissioners will reconvene on Thursday, October 15th at 1:00 p.m. at the Legrand Center for a work session.