The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, November 17th, 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
- Ronnie Hawkins, Commissioner
- Jeff Richardson, County Manager
- Tim Moore, County Attorney
- Henry Earle, Clerk
- Andrea Leslie-Fite, Assistant County Attorney
- Kerri Melton, Community Services Director
- Brian Epley, Finance Director
- Allison Mauney, Human Resources Director
- Chris Green, Tax Administrator
- Dayna Causby, Elections Director
- Perry Davis, Emergency Management Director

**CALL TO ORDER**
Chairman Falls called the meeting to order and County Tax Administrator Chris Green 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 Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to adopt the agenda as presented by the County Clerk.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**PROCLAMATION HONORING DIABETES MONTH AND YMCA DIABETES PROGRAM:**
Commissioner Falls introduced Cam Corder, executive director of the Cleveland County YMCA and Jessica Bridges, diabetes program coordinator for the YMCA. Ms. Bridges spoke about the diabetes program at the YMCA and thanked the Commissioners for their support and vision in partnering with the YMCA in making diabetes prevention and management a priority for Cleveland County employees. Three employees, Tyler Beam, Perry Davis and Greg Grier all came forward to speak on the importance of the program and what a difference it had made in their own lives, with each losing significant weight as a result of the program. Henry Earle, County Clerk, read the proclamation and then Commissioners took pictures with the employees and representatives of the YMCA.

**PROCLAMATION HONORING NATIONAL DIABETES MONTH**

WHEREAS, 1 out of every 11 Americans lives with diabetes and it is the seventh leading cause of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, diabetes is a serious condition that can lead to critical health issues such as heart disease, blindness, amputation and kidney failure, having tremendous impact on the lives of citizens; and

WHEREAS, type 1 diabetes often develops in youth as a result of insulin deficiencies and type 2 diabetes, the most common form, affects people of all ages, though most frequently in adults; 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 periodically; and
WHEREAS, Cleveland County Government, in 2014 began taking proactive steps toward helping its employees with diabetes, joining with Cleveland County YMCA to enroll 59 county employees in 2014 and 22 in 2015 in a 16 week course designed to educate and equip individuals on how to manage their condition; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland County YMCA has been a partner in helping Cleveland County Government realize its wellness goal of being Cleveland County Strong.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners, hereby proclaims November 2015, as National Diabetes Month in Cleveland County and thanks Cleveland County YMCA for its leadership and vision in combating this disease in Cleveland County. The Commissioners also encourage all citizens to join them in recognizing the impact that diabetes has on the citizens of Cleveland County and how we can all move forward to combat this disease together.

ADOPTED THIS THE 17TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2015.

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Jason Falls, Chairman

CITIZEN RECOGNITION

- No one present

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: Commissioner Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Allen, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to approve the following items:

MINUTES: There being no corrections, additions or deletions, the Minutes of the November 3rd, 2015 regular meeting were presented and approved as written.

TAX ADMINISTRATION: As of October 31st, 53.36% of taxes had been collected, on par with previous years.

TAX ADMINISTRATION: For October abatements were in the amount of $56,442 and supplements were $3,328,792.38.

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Explanation of Revisions: Budget funds raised during the fair with K9 shirt sales and 50/50 tickets, used to support the K9 division.

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Explanation of Revisions: Budget Social Security Finder fees for a donation to be made to Crime Stoppers and to purchase Sheriff Badge key tags.

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Explanation of Revisions: Budget donations received for the K9 department to support the division with expenses.

REGULAR AGENDA
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS: Chairman Falls introduced Perry Davis, Emergency Management Director, who introduced Greg Grayson, Senior Technical Services Analyst with the State Fire Marshal’s Office. Mr. Grayson said he dealt with city and county managers daily, discussing strategic planning with fire departments. He said the county reached out to him about doing a strategic plan with county volunteer fire departments that will collaboratively forecast the next 5-7 years, including needs and direction. Mr. Grayson presented the peer review team: Paul Brooks, Jeff Cash, Wesley Hutchins, Alan Perdue, Dennis Presley, Kevin Gordon and Steve Hamrick. This team will utilize national fire services surveys and will then begin meeting in January. The fire marshal is asking for $5,000 for stipends for peer review team members.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Hutchins moved that a vote of confidence was given for the peer review team and that the amount allocated for peer review be moved to $10,000, giving the county manager authority to get contracts signed and have some flexibility within the budget. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook before being unanimously approved by the Board.

MINIMUM HOUSING CODE VIOLATIONS: Chairman Falls called on Bill McCarter, Planning Director, to come to the podium. Mr. McCarter stated that he had eleven housing code violations to be heard. Commissioner Hawkins asked if they could all be heard and then voted on.

- **1616 Chatfield Road:** No structure, land property value of $33,351 with taxes due of $268.48, owned by Richard and Linda Blanton.
- **2104 Elizabeth Avenue:** Building value of $10,174 and land value of $5,314, with taxes due of $387.01, owned by Edwin and Pamela Harrill.
- **327 Gorrell Street:** No building value, land value of $3,500, no taxes. Owned by Maggie L. Brown.
- **328 Holmes Street:** Building value of $18,323, land value of $4,040, with taxes due of $238.66, owned by Toney and Katherine Guest.
- **382 Holmes Street:** Building value of $2,500 and land value of $3,395, with taxes due of $99.39. Property owned by Edwin and Pamela Harrill.
- **350 Light Oak Circle:** Building value of $424, land value of $2,620, no taxes due. Property owned by Edward Lowe.
- **2218 Oak Grove Road:** Building value of $11,809 and land value of $6,227, with taxes due of $429.05, owned by Edwin and Pamela Harrill.
- **374 Oates Drive:** Building value of $21,921, land value of $1,645, with taxes due of $520.23. Property owned by Carl Ray Lockhart.
- 342 Preyer Street: Building value of $8,573, land value of $9,565, with taxes due of $230.74. Property owned by Eric G. Cornwell.
- 380 Preyer Street: Building value of $13,601 and land value of $1,942, with taxes due of $387.93. Property owned by Edwin and Pamela Harrill.
- 395 Preyer Street: Building value of $11,814 and land value of $1,890, with taxes due of $357.60. Property owned by Edwin and Pamela Harrill.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Hawkins moved that items 6-16 (above minimum housing code violations) all be joined into one item. It was seconded by Commissioner Hutchins and unanimously approved by the Board. Commissioner Hawkins then moved that the ordinances to demolish be approved, seconded by Commissioner Holbrook, and unanimously approved by the Board.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

**Commissioner Hawkins:** Thanked Commissioner Holbrook for his efforts with EDC.

**Commissioner Allen:** Attended a nice recognition or Speaker Moore on Thursday and had a great Veteran’s Day event at Shelby and KM. Tree lighting for both Shelby and KM are the week of Thanksgiving.

**Commissioner Holbrook:** Attended the unveiling for the Jim and Patsy Rose school of Nursing at CCC. Lighting of the Legrand is Thursday and EDC is very busy with 2 extremely hot projects and one on its way.

Commissioner Falls: Veteran’s Day services were excellent, he is very pleased with the emergency management and preparedness that our county is doing, especially in light of the recent tragic events in Paris.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Falls entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Commissioner Hutchins, seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously approved by the Board. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners will be on Tuesday, December 1st, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioner’s Chamber.