

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, DECEMBER 5, 1994

The Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met in regular session in the District Courtroom, located in the Courthouse Annex, Pittsboro, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting, at 10:00 a.m., on December 5, 1994.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Commissioners Henry Dunlap, Uva Holland, Margaret Pollard, Betty Wilson, and John Grimes; County Manager, Ben Shivar; County Attorney, Robert L. Gunn; and Clerk to the Board Sandra B. Lee

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 10:14 a.m.

OATHS OF OFFICE

The oath of office was administered by Janice Oldham, Clerk of Court, to Commissioners Henry Dunlap, Margaret B. Pollard, Betty Wilson, and John Grimes as Commissioners and as the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Commissioner Holland as the Zoning Board of Adjustment; the Sheriff, his Chief Deputy, and Deputies.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Commissioner Grimes nominated Henry Dunlap for the Chair of the Board for the year 1994-95. Commissioner Wilson nominated Uva Holland.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pollard that nominations be closed. Commissioner Grimes seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioners Grimes and Dunlap voted for Commissioner Dunlap. Commissioners Pollard, Wilson, and Holland voted for Commissioner Holland. Commissioner Holland was voted as Chair of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners for the year 1994-95.

Commissioner Dunlap congratulated Commissioner Holland on being chosen the new Chair. Chair Holland thanked the Board for their vote of confidence and pledged to work hard, to work with the Board, and continue to carry Chatham County forward.

Commissioner Pollard nominated Betty Wilson as Vice Chair of the Board and moved that the nominations be closed. Commissioner Holland seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and carried unanimously that Sandra B. Lee be appointed Clerk to the Board for the next year.

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard and carried unanimously that Robert L. Gunn be appointed County Attorney for the next year.

AGENDA

The Chair asked if there were additions, deletions or corrections to the Agenda.

Commissioner Pollard moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

CONSENT AGENDA

The Chair directed the Clerk to the Board to read the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda as read by the Clerk. Commissioner Pollard seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0). The Consent Agenda, with the vote on each item is as follows, and was read verbatim by the Clerk to the Board:

1. **Minutes:** Consideration of approval of Board Minutes for Regular Meeting held November 21, 1994

The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

2. **Solid Waste Disposal Fees:** Consideration of a request for approval of refunds of Solid Waste Disposal Fees paid in error

The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

3. **Tax Releases and Tax Refund:** Consideration of a request for approval of Tax Releases and Tax Refund

The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

4. **Change in Pneumonia Vaccine Fee Based on Current Medicare Rate:** Notification of change in pneumonia vaccine fee based on current Medicare rate

The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

5. **Naming of Private Roads in Chatham County:** Consideration of a request from citizens for the naming of the following private roads:

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| 1.) Alma & Ronald Road | 8.) Lothlorien Lane |
| 2.) Autumn Drive | 9.) Piney Bluff Road |
| 3.) Box Turtle Road | 10.) Rays Drive |
| 4.) Hackberry Lane | 11.) Roscoe Lee Drive |
| 5.) Hattie B. Plantation | 12.) Thomas B. Farrington Road |
| 6.) Joe Robinson Road | 13.) Walker Drive |
| 7.) John Snipes Road | 14.) Yellowbrick Road |

The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Diana Hales, 3755 Rives Chapel Road, Chapel Hill, NC, spoke regarding the hog factory farm; loss of land value due to the farm; hog waste; water contamination, and her disapproval of the swine farm.

Eleanor Paige, Windsor Arms, Siler City, thanked the Board for all of the nice things the Board has done for the people of Siler City.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Ben Shivar, County Manager introduced and welcomed Mr. James Stewart as the New Public Works Director for Chatham County. He stated that he feels that Mr. Stewart's experience throughout his career will prove invaluable to Chatham County.

Mr. Stewart stated that he appreciated the opportunity to work with Chatham County; that everyone has been very helpful; and that he looks forward to working with Chatham County. He offered his help and services to the Commissioners and County at any time.

FINANCE

Vicki McConnell, Finance Director reviewed the Chatham County Audit Report presented to the Commissioners prior to the meeting for their review.

The County Manager stated that he would be glad to have a meeting with the Commissioners, the Finance Director and the auditors to further review the audit report if they so desired.

Mr. Bob Nelson stated that he would be glad to address any questions or concerns regarding the examination and how the financial statements were prepared and put together. He referred the Commissioners to the opinions of the auditors in the financial statement addressing compliance with laws and regulations which have a material effect on financial statements. Other areas deal with internal control as utilized by the County; specific areas that deal with individual grants; and general requirements that have to be audited. He stated that the auditors would be glad to meet with the Commissioners if they would like to do so.

Commissioner Wilson asked that the committee be available to meet with the Commissioners.

Commissioner Grimes moved to accept the Audit Report. Commissioner Pollard seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

TAX ASSESSOR

Late Application for Property Tax Exemption: Consideration of a request by Chatham Academy, Inc. to approve late application for property tax exemption for 1994 tax year

Commissioner Pollard moved to approve the application for property tax exemption for seven (7) acres of land, building, and personal property, total value exempted to be \$365,280 for 1994 taxes. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

PLANNING AND ZONING

- **Community Development Block Grant Contract:** Consideration of approval of Community Development Block Grant Contract with Cole Brothers for Septic System Installation

Commissioner Wilson moved to recommend that the contract be awarded to the lowest bidder, Cole Brothers, a copy attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. Commissioner Grimes seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Office Space Rental Property for Department of Social Services: Consideration of rental property for office space for the Department of Social Services

Commissioner Pollard moved to authorize the County Manager to enter into a lease for office space for the Department of Social Services with Mr. John Blair for 1,664 square feet at a rate of \$.7211 per square foot (\$1,200 per month) for a term of five years subject to final approval by the County Attorney. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

SHERIFF

Telephone Bids: Consideration of telephone bids for Sheriff/Emergency Operations Center

Commissioner Grimes moved to award the Sheriff/Emergency Operations Center telephone bid to Business Communications, Inc. for \$33,727.00 Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

- **Goldston Rescue Squad Ambulance:** Consideration of replacement of Goldston Rescue Squad Ambulance

Commissioner Pollard moved to grant the replacement of the ambulance for Goldston Rescue Squad for \$31,659. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MATTERS

Voting Delegate for NCACC Conference: Consideration of voting delegate for NCACC Conference

Commissioner Wilson moved to appoint Margaret Pollard as voting delegate to the NCACC Legislative Goals Conference. Commissioner Grimes seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Family Violence and Rape Crisis: Consideration of a request for a special allocation for shelter operating expenses for the 1994-95 fiscal year

Jo Sanders spoke on behalf of victims and survivors of abuse. She asked that the Commissioners be aware of the fact that the shelter is approximately \$30,000.00 short of sufficient operating funds. She stated that the shelter could be in danger of closing sometime during the fiscal year. She stated that they were working very hard to establish a membership campaign to develop a local donor base in Chatham County.

Darien Russell, Shelter Director, spoke regarding the availability of the shelter for victims and their children. She asked the Commissioners for their help in keeping the shelter open.

Kate Caldwell, Board President, stated that they were working hard to keep the shelter open with fund raisers. She asked that the Commissioners consider helping keep the shelter open by allocating funds, if necessary in the future.

Gulf Township Zoning: Consideration of rezoning for Gulf Township for small business, craft shops, and residences

Margaret Jordan-Ellis spoke regarding the Gulf Township, one of the oldest and most historic settlements in Chatham County. She presented the Board with historic specifics within the County. She stated that three communities, Goldston, Gulf, and Cumnock, are working together to revive and upgrade the area of Chatham and Lee Counties located along Deep River. She presented the Board with petitions, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, requesting that the Gulf Township be zoned.

Christine DeVeaux spoke in support of keeping the Goldston-Cumnock area as a “bedroom” community of Chatham County.

Susie Lucas, spoke in support of zoning of the Gulf Township.

Bobbie Wall spoke in support of zoning of the Gulf Township.

Linda Godwin spoke in support of zoning of the Gulf Township.

Wayne Curtis spoke in support of zoning of the Gulf Township.

Worth Mason spoke in support of zoning of the Gulf Township.

Keith Megginson, Planning Director advised that the Planning Board approved a motion to recommend to the Strategic Resource Team that zoning in the western part of the County be addressed immediately and be in place within three years. If the Board were to choose to prepare for zoning a portion of the County, then a Land Development Plan would have to first be prepared. The specific request to zone includes Goldston, which is an incorporated place. This complicates issues as counties cannot zone within towns. The town could contract with the County to prepare and administer regulations, but decisions would be made by the Town Board and Town Planning Board, when established.

Commissioner Pollard suggested that the matter be placed on the next agenda at the December 19, 1994 meeting, but due to the deadline for agenda items, it was not felt that this would be possible. Commissioner Grimes asked if the matter could be discussed at the Board retreat. It was decided that the matter would be brought back before the Board at a meeting in January.

The County Manager stated that on December 6, 1994 the County will sell six million dollars in school bonds and that he would advise the Board later in the week of the sale.

He reminded the Board of the December 15th and 16th Commissioners Board Retreat to be held at Carolina Meadows. The planning session for the retreat will be Friday, December 9, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. with the Chair, Vice-Chair, Manager, Assistant to the Manager, and Peggy Carlson, Institute of Government Facilitator, to

plan the retreat.

He stated that the ground breaking ceremony for the new health building will be held on December 19, 1994 at 10:00 a.m. in Siler City.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Dunlap stated that Mrs. Marian Wren had approached him regarding reduction of the speed limit and the posting of signs on the bridge over Rocky River due to the narrow road and the number of accidents occurring at that place.

The Manager stated that he had already prepared a response to a letter received from Mrs. Wren and that he planned to have the matter scheduled at the next meeting.

Commissioner Pollard stated that she had been thinking about the patterns of growth for the County. She asked if the Commissioners could receive a copy of the Building Inspections report on a quarterly basis so that the Commissioners could determine how fast things are growing within the County.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Pollard seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0) and the meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Uva R. Holland, Chair

ATTEST:

Sandra B. Lee, Clerk