

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 9, 1995

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 January 9, 1995.

Present: Chair Uva Holland; Commissioner Betty Wilson; Commissioner John Grimes; Commissioner Margaret Pollard; Commissioner Henry Dunlap; 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 Chair at 10:02 a.m.

AGENDA

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

The County Manager asked that **#3 Raymond Street**, Item #4 on the Consent Agenda, be placed on the Regular Agenda for discussion as there is disagreement among the property owners concerning the name; that **#6 Public Hearing to Rename Public Road** be removed from Agenda as it has been determined that the petition submitted is not valid.

Commissioner Dunlap asked that a discussion of the swine farm be added to the Regular Agenda.

Commissioner Pollard moved to approve the agenda with the noted requests. 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 items listed on the Consent Agenda as read by the Clerk. Commissioner Pollard seconded the motion. 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 December 19, 1994

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

2. **Tax Releases:** Consideration of a request for approval of Tax Releases and Tax Refunds

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

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

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

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

- 1) Acorn Lane
- 2) Harley Hill Road
- 3) Ridge View
- 4) Stone Wall Road
- 5) Waylon B. Stinson
- 6) Woodland Road

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

5. **Out-of-State Travel for Public Works Director:** Consideration of out-of-state travel for Public Works Director to attend a Basic Stormwater Drainage Design workshop in Myrtle Beach, SC on January 10-11, 1995

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

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Carrie Bolton, Route 3, Box 60, Pittsboro, addressed the Board regarding her perception that students' rights to classroom time are being violated. She criticized the tardiness policy of Northwood High School and the high incidence of out-of-school suspensions at Pittsboro Elementary. She stated that her daughter had been victimized by the tardiness policy on two separate occasions, causing her to forfeit valuable class time. She asked for openness among officials to seek alternatives for "chill-out", a disciplinary action calling for the student to retire to a special room if they are not in their designated classrooms by the ringing of the bell.

Thomas Glosson, Route 2, Box 380, Pittsboro, NC spoke regarding funding for the Beaver Management Assistance Pilot Program. He stated that the State had a plan, but that the County was not chosen to participate in the plan last year. He asked that the Commissioners participate in this program by using appropriated funds and by adopting a resolution to send to our elected Raleigh officials to make sure that we get into the 1996 program to eradicate the beaver in the County which cause destruction by damming up streams that eventually leads to flooding the land, and that they cut down young pines which the farmers/landowners have paid to have seeded. He stated that there will be no timber in Chatham County in 35-40 years if the problem is not taken care of and asked the Commissioners to make sure that the County gets into the program next year to have the bill amended.

Naming of a Private Street: Consideration of a request to name Raymond Street

Tony Tucker, Emergency Operations Director stated that he had received a petition to rename Raymond Street which requires approval of 60% of the land owners adjacent to that street. He stated that the criteria had been met, but that there had been opposition voiced regarding the renaming of the street.

The Chair asked for opposition to the street being named Raymond Street. There was none.

Commissioner Wilson moved to name the street Raymond Street. The motion died for lack of second.

After further discussion, Commission Pollard moved to put the issue before land owners to come up with a new name or the Board will take action to name it. Commissioner Grimes seconded the motion.

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

CHATHAM COUNTY SERVICE PINS PRESENTATION

Service Pin Presentation: Presentation of service pins for employees with twenty or more years of service to Chatham County

Kim Bush, Human Resource Manager read a poem entitled, "The Spirit Within", praising the dedicated work efforts of those receiving service pins for twenty or more years of service to Chatham County. On behalf of the Personnel Committee, Ms. Bush stated that the committee felt that special recognition and thanks were in order for these persons. The Commissioners presented pins to the following persons: Jimmy D. Collins, 34 years of service; Environmental Health; Donald J. Whitt, 29 years, Sheriff's Department; Katherine W. Garrett, 29 years, DSS; Patricia T. Phillips, 27 years, Sheriff's Department; Doris J. Taylor, 24 years, DSS; Joanne Keck, 24 years, Environmental Health; Lilly Beth Goldston, 23 years, Library; Betty N. West, 22 years, Board of Elections; James L. Cockman, 21 years, Sheriff's Department; David E. Clark, 21 years, Public Works Department; Bobby E. Ellis, 21 years, Sheriff's Department; Charles E. Thomas, 20 years, Sheriff's Department; Mary Ann Perkins, 20 years, Health Department; Sandra W. Coletta, 20 years, DSS.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

Public Hearing Date to Rename a Public Road: Consideration of a request to set the date for a Public Hearing to change name of Seth Smokey Teague Road to Seth Teague Road

Commissioner Grimes moved to set January 23, 1995 as the date for a public hearing for consideration of renaming Seth Smokey Teague Road to Seth Teague Road. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

Resolution of Appreciation for Richard Bradley: Consideration of approval of **Resolution #95-1 Honoring the Service of Richard Bradley, Agricultural Extension Agent**

Chair Holland thanked Richard Bradley for his service to Chatham County and read a resolution of appreciation for his twenty-four years as an Agricultural Extension Agent.

Grant Acceptance from Smart Start: Consideration of County acceptance of \$6,000 grant from Smart Start to complete funding of Latino Community Voices Project Facilitators positions, Budget Amendment #23

Commissioner Pollard moved to accept staff recommendation that the County accept the \$6,000 grant from Smart Start to fund the Latino Community Voices Project and the adoption of **Budget Amendment #23**. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) to one (1) with Commissioner Grimes opposing.

TAX ASSESSOR

1995 Schedule of Values for Personal Property: Consideration of approval of the 1995 Schedule of Values for Personal Property to be used for valuing personal property for the 1995 tax year effective January 1,

1995

Commissioner Wilson moved to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve and adopt the attached 1995 Schedule of Values for Personal Property for the 1995 tax year. Commissioner Pollard seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

New Software for Client Record Keeping for Department of Social Services: Consideration of a request from the DSS Director to purchase new software for client record keeping

Commissioner Wilson moved to authorize the Department of Social Services Director to purchase ONE/CASE software for client record keeping from Cox, Inc. in the amount of \$10,760.00. Commissioner Pollard seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

PUBLIC WORKS

Solid Waste/Recycling Issues

Contract between Chatham County and North Carolina State Office of Waste Reduction: Consideration of proposed contract between Chatham County and North Carolina State Office of Waste Reduction for receipt of assistance grant for purchase of a special events and school-based recyclables collection trailer, Budget Amendment #22

Commissioner Grimes moved to approve the contract with the North Carolina State Office of Waste Reduction for receipt of an assistance grant for purchase of a special events and school-based recyclables collection trailer, a copy attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof and to adopt **Budget Amendment #22**. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Funds Acceptance for Immunization Action Plan: Consideration of approval to accept Immunization Action Plan funds from DEHNR, in the amount of \$3,485, Budget Amendment #21

Commissioner Pollard moved to accept the Chatham County Board of Health and the Health Director recommendation to accept the funds to purchase equipment needed to access the North Carolina Immunization Registry and approval of **Budget Amendment #21**. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Grant Acceptance from the Diabetes Control Program: Consideration of approval to accept grant funds from the Diabetes Control Program, DEHNR, in the amount of \$11,456, Budget Amendment #20

Commissioner Wilson moved to accept the Chatham County Board of Health and the Health Director recommendation to accept the funds to implement the Diabetes Today Project in the Jordan Grove Community and approval of **Budget Amendment #20**. Commissioner Pollard seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Swine Farm

Commissioner Dunlap stated that he had received numerous telephone calls and comments regarding the proposed swine operation in the western part of Chatham County. He stated that the people in the area have had numerous meetings to develop strategies. He moved that the Commissioners have a public hearing in the Superior Courtroom and officials from Lee County, either as private citizens or in their official capacity, and the loan officers involved in the process be invited to attend and that the Commissioners be polled for a time and date to set this public hearing. Commissioner Pollard seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Appointments to the Economic Development Commission: Consideration of two appointments to the Economic Development Commission

Commissioner Wilson moved to appoint Rick Givens to serve on the Economic Development Commission, the term to commence immediately and to expire December 31, 1997. Commissioner Pollard seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Wilson moved to postpone the Commissioner appointment until the January 23, 1995 meeting. Commissioner Pollard seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MATTERS

1995 Budget Process: Consideration of a request to set dates for community meetings on fiscal year 1995-96 budget

Commissioner Wilson moved to set the dates for special meetings to gain citizen input on the 1995-96 budget as follows:

Monday, January 23, 1995 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Courtroom,
Courthouse Annex, Pittsboro

Monday, January 30, 1995 at 6:00 p.m. in the Siler City Town Hall,
Siler City

Commissioner Dunlap seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Franchise Renewal with Triangle J Council of Governments for Cabletelevision Franchise Services: Consideration of an agreement with Triangle J Council of Governments for Cabletelevision Franchise Renegotiation

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve the Triangle J Council of Governments Cable Television (TJCOG CATV) Franchise Renewal Services Agreement, a copy attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, and authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the County. Commissioner Pollard seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Request from the Siler City Chamber of Commerce: Consideration of a request to designate a seat on the Chatham County Economic Development Commission for a Chamber of Commerce Representative

Commissioner Wilson encouraged the Siler City Chamber of Commerce, if they are going County-wide, to change their name to the Chatham County Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Grimes moved to adopt, **Resolution #95-2 Amendment to Resolution Number 94-28 "A Resolution to Establish an Economic Development Commission for Chatham County"**, establishing the Chatham County Economic Development Commission, amended to provide a seat for a representative from the Siler City Chamber of Commerce, term beginning January 9, 1995 and expiring December 31, 1997. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Additional School Capital Funds: Consideration of a request from Chatham County Schools for additional school capital funds

Commissioner Pollard moved to approve the request for additional funds. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion.

Commissioner Dunlap stated that he felt that the need for funds cannot risk the chance of being turned down by the voters. He stated that if it failed, he could visualize more modular units; visualize people/students leaving the County; visualize shifting of students from one

school to another and lots of other things. He stated that he feels that the best course of action is to support Commissioner Pollard's motion but does not favor a referendum.

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

Commissioner Wilson read a prepared statement on the issue and went on record as opposing as second bond referendum for previously approved projects. A copy of this statement is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Commissioner Pollard moved to hold a school bond referendum. Commissioner Grimes seconded the motion.

Commissioner Pollard stated that she believed that democracy, to remain healthy, requires maximum participation of the citizens and that good schools require the continued support of the citizens of Chatham County. She stated that she sees a referendum as an opportunity to interact with the citizens with regard to the monumental needs of school children with respect to space. She stated that she wants the referendum to move with deliberate speed, and she will work hard, respond to questions, and go anywhere in Chatham County to urge citizens to support a facilities needs of Chatham County school children. She also urged that the schools come up with a facilities assessment that can be presented to the citizens so that they know that this is not only a crisis now, but that we are facing a potential crisis in 3-5 years. She asked that those who understand this need, get out and work rapidly to sell the bond issue to the public.

Commissioner Grimes stated that he respects the intelligence of the citizens of Chatham County; that they agreed to a 15 million dollar bond and not a 19.8 million dollar bond. He stated that he respects their intelligence to be asked again to make that decision; that they are the people who are going to be asked to come forward with their money and with respect to them, it is they who should give their consent. He stated that he has confidence that they will; that there is a need to look at the potential capital outlay in the next 5-10 years for school construction costs and those to be presented to the citizens of Chatham County. He stated that there have been

citizens who have asked many questions which will need to have the opportunity to be addressed in the bond referendum. Therefore, he stated that he respectfully and gladly seconds Commissioner Pollard's motion.

Commissioner Holland stated that the Board is deeply concerned about the overcrowding in the schools; that everyone realizes that Chatham County has grown and will continue to grow at a phenomenal rate; that they realize and understand the needs for schools throughout the County; and that is why she believes that the County needs the bond referendum so that all will have a chance to share in this decision. She stated that she has great faith that the citizens of Chatham County will support this.

Commissioner Dunlap stated that he agreed with Commissioner Grimes that there will be obvious needs within the next five years but he questioned as to whether two bond referendums so close together will pass. He stated that if the needs could be put together into one package at the appropriate time and the facts given to the people, that it will pass.

The motion carried three (3) to two (2). Commissioners Grimes, Pollard and Holland voting for the bond referendum and Commissioners Wilson and Dunlap casting dissenting votes.

Commissioner Grimes moved that the bond referendum be set at 5 million dollars. Commissioner Pollard seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

MANAGER' S REPORTS

The County Manager reminded the Commissioners of the change of Board meeting dates from January through May from the first and third Mondays to the second and fourth Mondays.

He also gave an update on the Criminal Justice Partnership application for the joint effort between Orange and Chatham Counties which is due in February. He stated that both Counties have been meeting on a regular basis and are coming to some agreement on how to approach this and what will actually be applied for. He stated that he hopes to give the Board an idea of what will be applied for shortly after the first of February.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Pollard asked if there had been a facilities needs assessment done for the County.

The County Manager stated that in the Preliminary Needs Assessment, there is an item which asks for long-range planning to undertake a facility needs assessment for capital improvements. This is being done so that the County will know at one time what all of its long-range capital needs are.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wilson moved that there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Grimes seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0) and the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Uva R. Holland, Chair

ATTEST

Sandra B. Lee
Clerk to the Board