

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 13, 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 AM, on March 13, 1995.

Present: Chair Uva Holland, Vice Chair Betty Wilson; Commissioners John Grimes, Margaret Pollard, and 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 Chairman at 10:02 AM.

AGENDA

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

The County Manager asked that a request by the Board of Education for the purchase of property located adjacent to the Silk Hope School be added as Item #21; that the prioritizing of issues to be discussed with the Legislative Delegation be added as Item #22; that the Resolution for Chatham County Adult Development Activities Programs requesting an increase in the reimbursement rate be added as Item #23; that Council on Aging attempts to lease property from Central Carolina Community College be added as Item #24; and that the Governor’s Club Phase XVII be added after the Public Input Session.

The County Attorney asked that a Resolution in Support of Legislation to Authorize Central Carolina Community College to Lease Land to Chatham County Council on Aging be added as Item #25; and that a discussion of the use of the District Courtroom by Chief Judge Betts be added as Item #26.

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve the agenda with the above noted requests. Commissioner Pollard seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Commissioner Pollard moved to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda as read by the Clerk. Commissioner Wilson 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 February 27, 1995 and Budget Minutes for meeting held February 22, 1995

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

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

Refunds, copies attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

3. **Solid Waste Disposal Fees Paid in Error:** Consideration of a request for approval of refunds of Solid Waste Disposal Fees paid in error, copies attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

4. **Smart Start Resolution #95-10:** Consideration of a request for approval of County support of Smart Start initiative and funding, a copy attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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) Herbert Mann Road | 9) Curtis Brower Road |
| 2) Brewer Drive | 10) Isaac Drive |
| 3) Keller Drive | 11) South Wind Road |
| 4) Lucille Cheek Drive | 12) River Point Drive |
| 5) Havenwood Lane | 13) J & F Road |
| 6) Possum Trail | 14) Foxcroft Drive |
| 7) Holly Berry Lane | 15) Lystra Hills Lane |
| 8) Clearpoint Place | |

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

6. **Beaver Resolution #95-11:** Consideration of Beaver Resolution, a copy attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Hubert Oakley, 350 Polks Landing Road, Chapel Hill, NC, asked that the Commissioners consider placing signs to slow traffic down on Vickers Road which is six tenths of a mile in length; that the road is crooked and hilly; that there are 19 children who live on the road and he fears that because of the high rate of speed which the vehicles travel, someone will hit the school bus one day.

GOVERNOR'S CLUB - PHASE XVII

Preliminary and Final Approval of Governor's Club - Phase XVII: Consideration of a request by Wade Barber for preliminary and final approval of Governor's Club - Phase XVII

Commissioner Pollard moved to approve the Planning Department and Planning Board recommendation that the request be granted preliminary and final approval with approval of the road names with the condition that the plat not be recorded until the financial guarantee is approved by the County

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

Commissioner Pollard amended the motion for approval without the condition. Commissioner Dunlap seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

CHATHAM COUNTY SERVICE PRESENTATIONS

Service Pin Presentation: Presentation of service pins for employees with 5-9 years of service to Chatham County

Kim Bush, Human Resources Manager, stated that it was a pleasure to be able to present the final presentation in a series of three pin presentations recognizing the service and the dedicated commitment of Chatham County employees. She stated that the presentations were started as an opportunity to recognize employees years of continuous, dedicated, and committed service. The employees are follows: Brenda Marsh, 9 years, Sheriff's Department; John Dark, 9 years, Sheriff's Department; Thomas Peace, 9 years, Inspections; Daniel Bouldin, 9 years, Public Works; Mary Ringle, 9 years, Tax Assessor; Linda Brewer, 9 years, Sheriff's Department; John Ellington, 9 years, Sheriff's Department; Patricia Perkins, 9 years, Tax Assessor; Ginger Clark, 9 years, Health; Judy Thomas, 9 years, DSS; Kathryn Scott, 8 years, Finance; Thomas McLaughlin, Jr., 8 years, Public Works; Robert McLeod, 8 years, Public Works; Karen Davis, 8 years, Health; Kimberly Oldham, 8 years, Tax Assessor; Janet Scott, 8 years, Sheriff's Department; James Bullis, 7 years, Public Works; Karen Jones, 7 years, Tax Assessor; Karen Sheaffer, 7 years, Library; Kay Everage, 7 years, Planning; Rena Perry, 7 years, Health; Mary Denny, 7 years, DSS; Veta Alston, 7 years, Register of Deeds; Marsha Andrews, 7 years, Health; Joanne Burkes, 7 years, Health; James Marsh, 7 years, Sheriff's Department; Joyce Parker, 7 years, DSS; Murray Andrew, 6 years, Library; Linda Bampton, 6 years, Tax Collector; Robert Strowbridge, 6 years, Inspections; Etta Love, 6 years, Health; Rodger Hamrick, 6 years, Inspections; Randy Keck, 6 years, Sheriff's Department; Margaret Awtrey-Kirkman, 6 years, DSS; Nancy Beal, 6 years, Finance; Janice Clark, 6 years, Sheriff's Department; Charles Davis, 6 years, Inspections; Denise Hamrick, 6 years, Health; Martha Pierce, 6 years, DSS; Barbara Reaves, 6 years, Sheriff's Department; Thomas Yarborough, Jr., 6 years, Sheriff's Department; Benny Bland, 6 years, DSS; Carl Outz, Jr., 6 years, Soil & Water; Randal Stevens, 6 years, Sheriff's Department; Tony Tucker, 6 years, Emergency Operations; Jackie Griffin, 6 years, Health; Janie Shaw, 6 years, Finance; Daniel Gaines, Jr., 5 years, Sheriff's Department; Robert Goldston, 5 years, Public Works; Mary Sparrow, 5 years, Sheriff's Department; Tina Stone, 5 years, Tax Assessor; Lorinda Boring, 5 years, DSS; Paula Keck, 5 years, DSS; Linda Kidd, 5 years, Emergency Operations; Alfred Beard, II, 5 years, Emergency Operations; Marie Pilkington, 5 years, Emergency Operations; Larry Scott, 5 years, Emergency Operations; Susan Scott, 5 years, Emergency Operations; Johnny Spruiell, 5 years, Public Works; Anne Williams, 5 years, DSS; Joseph Edwards, 5 years, Sheriff's Department; Joseph Alston, 5 years, Sheriff's Department; Anthony Elixson, 5 years, Sheriff's Department; Vanessa Jeffries, 5 years, Health; Tammy Phillips, 5 years, DSS; Sandra Cade, 5 years, DSS; Treva Seagroves, 5 years, Register of Deeds; Sarah Weil, 5 years, Health; George Alston, 5 years, Public Works

PRESENTATION BY TRIANGLE J COG

- **Presentation by Chick Krautler:** Presentation by Chick Krautler on Triangle J Council of Governments Activities

- The County Manager explained that the County has been an active member of Triangle J Council of Governments (TJCOG) for many years, probably going back to the date it was formed. He stated that it is a regional association of counties and towns which provides certain services to the member governments and acts as a forum for elected officials to discuss region-wide issues; that the County participates in

programs/services involving cabletelevision, aging services, household hazardous waste, solid waste and recycling, water quality monitoring, emergency water supply, emergency medical services, and area-wide telephone service; that over the past several years, there has been a major restructuring of TJCOG to provide a better focus through strategic planning and emphasis on contracting arrangements with member governments; that Mr. Krautler would talk about the County's relationship with TJCOG and the programs that it offers in which the County participates. He also pointed out that most importantly, the TJCOG has advised the County of a 20% reduction in dues from \$20,000 to \$16,000.

Chick Krautler, Executive Director of Triangle J Council of Governments, spoke to the Board regarding where TJCOG has been the last few years, where it is going, and gave examples of activities which go on under the auspices of TJCOG that directly benefit

the County and its citizens. He stated that many of the problems the elected officials deal with on a daily basis are regional in nature and have to be dealt with in a cooperative manner with regional partners; that water, air, traffic and crimes are not constrained by county borders; that solutions cannot be developed in isolation but have to be made regionally; that he believes the COG is the best vehicle for developing those regional solutions. He stated that the COG has been the leader in regional water supply/water quality initiatives that have been the key to their ability to accommodate the growth that this region is experiencing; that the COG developed a set of watershed protection guidelines that have been adopted throughout the region, developed the first ride-sharing program in the Triangle area, founded the Triangle Transit Authority, the World Trade Center, the Triangle Land Conservancy, the highway flower planting program, and many others. Mr. Krautler stated that his goal was to provide the County with more service for less money. He stated that clearly progress had been made in the service area and he was moving in the right direction in the dues area; that next year's dues would be reduced by 20%; that they are developing a "free hours" policy which will guarantee each member a certain number of hours of COG staff time to work on any projects on which the member directs as part of their dues commitment to the COG organization. He stated: (1) that they have to re-engage the elected officials in the process of developing regional priorities and regional policy; (2) that they need to involve the managers; (3) that they need to provide more direct services to their members; (4) that they need to be more entrepreneurial; (5) that they need to generate revenues from sources other than dues; (6) that they need to communicate better. He informed the Board of a new emphasis being developed at the COG is on providing of services to its members, either on an individual basis or by bringing members together to work through a consortium; that for every dollar the County invests in the COG, the County receives eight dollars in service. He stated that they were working hard to make Triangle J an effective organization for both program and a cost standpoint; that they need the County's help, commitment, and input because in the end, it is really the County's organization.

Commissioner Pollard asked Mr. Krautler to explain, sometime in the future, how Chatham County benefits from the World Trade activity as well as from the Triangle Transit Authority.

PUBLIC WORKS

Water/Sewer Issues

Comprehensive Sewer Feasibility Study: Consideration of a request for approval of Hobbs, Upchurch, & Associates to perform the Comprehensive Sewer Feasibility Study for the lump sum amount of \$36,857.00

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates, P.A. to perform the "Comprehensive Sewer Feasibility Study" for the lump sum amount of \$36,857.00. Commissioner Pollard seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Acknowledgment of Award: Consideration of acknowledgment of \$3,000 award from the Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation for Excellence in School Waste Reduction and Recycling

The Commissioners acknowledged the award.

The Manager explained that because a budget amendment had not been prepared for the meeting, the budget amendment will need to be approved at the next meeting in order to allocate the monies.

Solid Waste/Recycling Issue

Crutchfields Crossroads Convenience Center: Consideration of land acquisition for siting solid waste/recyclables convenience center at Crutchfield Crossroads

After lengthy discussion, Commissioner Wilson moved that the Board continue with the previous August 8, 1994, Board of Commissioners' decision to acquire the two acre site indicated as the "preferred site" for the convenience center location. Commissioner Grimes seconded the motion. The motion carried three (3) to two (2) with Commissioners Grimes, Holland, and Wilson voting for and Commissioners Dunlap and Pollard voting against the motion.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

Highway #87/Old Graham Road: Consideration of road name change

Commissioner Pollard moved to correct the E911 data base for the portion of Old Highway #87 that extends from Russells Chapel Road to Chicken Bridge Road to Old Graham Road. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

TAX ASSESSOR

Board of Equalization and Review Dates: Consideration of dates for the meeting of the 1995 Board of Equalization and Review

Commissioner Pollard moved to set the following dates and times for the Board of Equalization and Review to hear taxpayer complaints:

April 10, 1995	3:30 PM - 9:00 PM (with a possible short break)
April 12, 1995	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (plus additional time if needed)
April 17, 1995	4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (with a possible short break)
April 19, 1995	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
April 24, 1995	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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

- The Chair recessed the meeting for a two hour lunch with the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Appointments to the Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee: Consideration of appointments to the Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee for 1995-96 budget

Commissioner Pollard moved to accept the Council on Aging recommendation that the following persons be appointed to the Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee with David Moser, Triangle J, and Vicki McConnell, Chatham County Finance Director as ex-officio members:

Cassie H. Wasko	Aging (lead agency)
Norma Diggs	Aging
Gloria Williams	Community Action
Annie Hart	Community Action
Robert Hall	DSS
Uva Holland	County Commissioner

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

Senior Games Presentation: Presentation of plans for Senior Games

Don Lein, a representative of the North Carolina Senior Games, informed the Commissioners of the intention to hold some elements of the senior games this year in Chatham County and have full-fledged, sanctioned games next year. He stated that Senior Games are a successful wellness and health promotion program that includes fun, fitness, and fellowship. He stated that there are 25 seniors throughout the State who function as ambassadors for the senior games who go forth and spread the word.

Mr. Lein showed a slide presentation showing citizens involved in senior games which encourage people to stay active, renew old skills, learn new skills and exercise a positive outlook on life.

Commissioner Pollard moved to enthusiastically endorse the volunteer efforts to start the Senior Games in Chatham County. Commissioner Wilson stated that she strongly supported the games and seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Human Services Transportation Advisory Appointment: Consideration of an appointment to the Human Services Transportation Advisory Committee

Commissioner Holland nominated Commissioner John Grimes to the Human Services Transportation Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Pollard moved to support the Chair's recommendation and appoint Commissioner Grimes as the County's Governmental Representative on the Chatham Transit Network Board of Directors to serve a three year term. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Appointments to Private Industry Council: Consideration of an appointment to the Private Industry Council

Commissioner Pollard moved to appoint Willie Walden as a representative from the private sector to the Mid-Carolina Private Industry Council. Commissioner Grimes seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MATTERS

Bond Resolution: Consideration of a bond resolution in connection with the proposed \$5.3 million school bond referendum

The County Attorney explained that the bond resolution could not be adopted because the amount of the bond was changed and had to be readvertised and there is a ten-day waiting period; that the Bond Council recommended that the bond referendum be delayed at least a week; that if it is delayed until May 23, 1995, all requirements and time tables can be met; that this meeting could be recessed and the meeting continued at on Monday, March 20, 1995 at which the resolution can be read, discussions held, and the bond introduced and that a week later, action can be taken.

MANAGER' S REPORTS

The Manager informed the Board of the following: (1) that he was informed by Glenn Woolard that Central Carolina Bank (CCB) sponsored today's North Carolina Cooperative luncheon; (2) that the County has received one additional officer through the US Department of Justice (COPS FAST); (3) that the Joint District of the North Carolina

Association of County Commissioners will be held on Thursday, March 23, 1995 from noon until 3:00 PM; that registration is due today so anyone wishing to attend should inform the Clerk to the Board so reservations can be made; (4) that the Legislative Briefing of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners is to be held on May 3, 1995 at the Marriott Crabtree in Raleigh; (5) that in the Occupancy Tax proceeds which was sent out in the "Items of Information", the amount that is being collected is close to the amount that was estimated which is a new source of revenue which will be of help to the County next year; (6) that official notification that the Earl Thompson Park proposal was not funded has been received.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

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Commissioner Pollard stated that she thinks everyone sees the importance of community/volunteer participation in schools. She asked that each school submit their best volunteer, with criteria worked up by the Commissioners, so that the volunteer of the year for the schools could be recognized and that the staff think about developing this.

Commissioner Wilson shared information which she got at the NACo Conference in Washington, DC regarding illegal immigrants. She stated that she attended a conference entitled, "Controlling Illegal Immigration"; that a Mr. Robert Bock was conducting the seminar who received his masters at Duke University and did a study on immigration workers in the chicken plants; that he was very familiar with Chatham County; that he assured her that all of the employees in the chicken plants are legal and have come through migrant workers' programs from Texas; that if there are illegals, it is probably their wives and children; that in time, these wives and children will also become legal through a Family Unification Act; that it is a matter of time for them to apply and be accepted; that some do not wait, they just come on; that it is not very likely that the Immigration Department will ever actively try to enforce laws in this area because of their limited resources, personnel, and money; that they focus on drug dealers and criminals and the borders.

Commissioner Grimes stated that he had reservations concerning an item that was on the Consent Agenda. He stated that he opposed the last paragraph in the Smart Start Resolution which states, "Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Chatham that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners endorses and supports the continued development and expansion of Smart Start in North Carolina." He stated that in order for him to approve the statement, he would have to see some data from some independent sources supporting the fact that Smart Start is accomplishing the mission for its purpose; that as he understands it, there is no data presently available; that in order for him to say that he endorses and supports the continued development and expansion in North Carolina, he must have feedback supporting the program that has been in effect long enough to show that it is working.

Commissioner Grimes asked to reconsider Item #4 on the Consent Agenda to change his vote to oppose the Resolution as it is written.

Commissioner Grimes moved to reconsider Item #4 Smart Start Resolution on the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Dunlap seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Pollard moved to approve the Resolution endorsing and supporting the continued development and expansion of Smart Start. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) to one (1) with Commissioner Grimes opposing.

Commissioner Holland asked about the status of the "Reserved for Commissioner" signs to be placed in designated areas on the first Monday Board meeting dates.

The County Manager stated that the Sheriff is checking with US Sign Company regarding the cost of the signs and that they can be installed on poles and tire bases.

Commissioner Holland asked the County Attorney about the status of the canoeing that concerned citizens had asked about.

The Attorney stated that he would have an answer for the Board at their next meeting.

Legislative Concerns:

The County Manger stated that he had organized some of the thoughts and concerns that had been raised over the last several months about the concerns to be addressed with the Legislators. He stated that there are several local bills which must be addressed which the County is considering and asking special consideration for; that there are other items that will heavily impact us on which we need to touch; that he would like to write up a brief legislative package and list the topic, a brief summary, and our position; that those which will need local legislation particularly relating to Chatham County are redistricting, possible changes to our impact fee authority, an appropriation for the Site Review Committee, mixed drink sales at Fearington House Restaurant and the Marketplace; fox trapping and beaver control; that he had received a telephone call from someone who was interested in the Commissioners introducing a bill which would regulate the hog farming operations; that Department Heads had been asked to submit items which include impact fees and land transfer taxes; that Robert Hall had raised a very important question concerning Child Protective Services; apparently the Governor is looking to withhold approximately \$5.9 million which could seriously hurt the local allocation and while this is not a local bill particular to Chatham, he thinks we do need to mention this to the Legislators; that there has been general discussion of elimination of Regional Department of Social Services Offices and Regional Personnel Offices; that from Robert Hall's perspective, they do rely heavily on the regional offices for guidance and social service programs, particularly on

personnel issues; that the Board of Health has adopted a resolution asking the County to oppose the repeal of the population limit in a provision of the general statute which would allow consolidation of Human Service Boards; that the Director of Library Services has requested: (1) supporting an increase in the appropriation for state aid to libraries to \$18 million (And if the bill was passed, Chatham County would receive an additional \$100,000 in state aid.); (2) support and approval of public library construction grants from the state; (3) adequate funding of the State library.

Commissioner Grimes stated that during the last month or so, he had had a lot of people contact him from different parts of the County to express their disagreement on how the bill for redistricting, the vote, and timing of the vote were done.

Commissioner Grimes moved that the local bill for redistricting be removed from the legislative agenda for reconsideration at a future date to be brought back before the Commissioners for reconsideration.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Holland asked that the Commissioners talk with the Legislators about elected or appointed Superintendent of Public Education and that they talk about support for local schools.

Commissioner Pollard asked that the Commissioners seek State funding for public education with specific reference to low-wealth supplemental funding programs and small school funds and support from the Legislators for maintaining state educational expenditures and increase funding for counties that find themselves with rapidly growing school populations and that because we are the "bedroom county" for industrialized counties, we need some special help.

Commissioner Dunlap stated that the redistricting issue came to the Commissioners when the Democratic Convention was held; that they stated that they wanted the Commissioners to immediately redistrict; that the Commissioners took it under

advisement and had at least three or four open sessions where comments were received from the audience; that an attorney was hired and numerous proposals were put forth by him and others; that the Board, on the timing, was done as to when the Board could make a decision; that there was ample time for constituents to have read about it and presented their own plans; that those people have not submitted anything in writing to affirm their position; that they have waited nearly six months to voice their concern and present new plans; that he cannot understand their objections and why they waited until the day before it is to be presented to the Legislators for the issue to be brought up.

Commissioner Grimes stated that there is a perception in the fact that it was passed by a lame duck board; that they do not think that a lot of other plans, as far as where the lines were drawn, was given adequate consideration; that the timing may not be good, but a lot of people have come to him within the last two weeks to voice their concern.

Commissioner Grimes moved that the redistricting issue be reconsidered at a future time.

The motion died for lack of a second.

The Manager asked how the Board felt about the request from Johnston County regarding the 1% sales and use tax which was proposed for school capital needs.

Commissioner Pollard stated that she had problems with the additional sales tax.

The Manager recounted the most important items to come before the Legislators: (1) Redistricting; (2) Mixed Drinks for Fearrington Restaurants; (3) Fox Trapping and Beaver Control; (4) Impact Fee Changes (5) Site Review Committee

Resolution to Request an Increase in the Reimbursement Rate for Adult Developmental Activity Programs: Consideration of a resolution to request an increase in the reimbursement rate for adult developmental activity programs

Commissioner Pollard moved to approve **Resolution #95-12 to Request an Increase in the Reimbursement Rate for Adult Developmental Activity Programs**, a copy attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. Commissioner Grimes seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Resolution in Support of Legislation to Authorize Central Carolina Community College to Lease land to Chatham County Council on Aging: Consideration of a resolution in support of legislation to authorize Central Carolina Community College to lease land to Chatham County Council on Aging

Commissioner Pollard moved to approve **Resolution #95-13 in Support of Legislation to Authorize Central Carolina Community College to Lease Land to Chatham County Council on Aging**, a copy attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

The County Attorney stated that Chief Judge Betts had asked the Attorney to get the consensus of the Board regarding changing of the Siler City Court from Tuesday to Monday, keeping in mind that they will be meeting in Pittsboro. He stated that Judge Betts had stated that on the Mondays on which the Board meets, he would move to the Superior Courtroom and if that was not available, he would move to the Agricultural Extension Auditorium.

It was general consensus of the Board that this would be acceptable.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Dunlap moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the property adjacent to Silk Hope School, located on the Silk Hope-Gum Springs Road on the east side and adjoining the school. Commissioner Grimes seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Wilson moved to go out of Closed Session and into Regular Session. Commissioner Grimes seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

BOND ORDER

Commissioner Pollard moved to set March 29, 1995 at 7:00 P.M. to hold a Public Hearing on bond order and consideration of adoption of bond order and calling the election. Commissioner Grimes seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

After a lengthy discussion regarding the upcoming budget, budget cuts, and a prepared list of

questions regarding the preparation of the FY 1995-96 budget, Commissioner Dunlap asked to be excused from the remainder of the meeting.

Commissioner Pollard moved to excuse Commissioner Dunlap from the remainder of the meeting. Commissioner Grimes seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Wilson moved to recess the meeting until Monday, March 20, 1995 at 9:00 A.M. Commissioner Grimes seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0) and the meeting was recessed at 5:20 PM.

The meeting was reconvened by the Chairman at 9:17 AM on Monday, March 20, 1995.

BOND ORDER

The proposed "**Bond Order Authorizing the Issuance of \$5,300,000**", a copy attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, was read by the County Attorney. He explained that the bond order needed to be acted upon after a public hearing on same; that the Public Hearing would be held on March 29, 1995 at 7:00 P.M.

The County Attorney read the **Resolution Asking for A Public Hearing on the Bond Order and Directing the Finance Officer to File a Debt Statement and Directing that Notice of this Hearing be Published in the Newspaper**, a copy attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Commissioner Wilson moved to adopt **Resolution #95-14 Asking for A Public Hearing on the Bond Order and Directing the Finance Officer to File a Debt Statement and Directing that Notice of this Hearing be Published in the Newspaper**. Commissioner Pollard seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

REDISTRICTING

The County Manager explained that at the Legislative Delegation, the issue of Redistricting was raised; that we need a local bill to that affect; that at least one member of the Delegation mentioned that they had received phone calls expressing some concerns about the proposal which had been adopted; that Commissioner Grimes had also reiterated some concerns that he had; that the Delegation suggested that the Commissioners possibly revisit the issue; that it would be better for them if we had a consensus on the issue, and

that the Board decided after the discussion with the Delegation, that the issue would be revisited in some manner.

Commissioner Grimes informed the Board of concerns expressed to him over the last several months regarding the redistricting plan as presented to the Legislative Delegation and the timing of the vote on this particular plan. He stated that he had met with Keith Brown from Bynum over the weekend who has worked on redistricting plans; that he expressed to Mr. Brown some of the concerns of the phone calls he had received; that Senator Teena Little also stated that she had received phone calls from people in the areas bordering Moore County and that they felt like they, being in rural areas, with two Commissioners out of Siler City, do not feel like they are being represented from a rural flavor; that the new redistricting plan does not ensure a rural district such as the old redistricting plan the County had operated under for many years, especially the district that took in the Hickory Mountain Township, Gulf Township, and over into the Haw

River Township; that a lot of individuals liked the school board and the County Commissioners operating under the same plan as under the old redistricting plan/lines; that under the new plan, one of the school board members will have to run in a district already occupied by a school board member. Commissioner Grimes stated that he asked Mr. Brown if he would try to work out some districts that would: (1) Try to ensure a representative from a rural area that would give rural representation for those living in the rural areas; (2) See if he could come up with lines that could be used for both the school board and the County Commissioners, making sure that no Commissioner, as the Board is presently constituted, would run against another Commissioner and that no school board member would run against another school board member as that board is presently constituted. He stated that for many years, the Republican citizens of Chatham County have felt like they have not had very much input into the proceedings; that for them to finally have a representative elected to County government, have a chance to have a voice in some proceedings that will affect the County in the electoral process, they felt slighted; that this is where the timing problem came in; that Mr. Brown came up with a plan that he thinks can be studied and worked on and perhaps approved.

Commissioner Grimes moved to reopen the Redistricting Plan for reconsideration at this time.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Pollard stated that in the redistricting plan proposed in October, that there were more opportunities for rural people to run for office; that they can run from Albright, Harper's Crossroads, or any one of the rural areas; that she shares the concern for rural representation on the Board, and she thinks there is even greater opportunity in the new proposed plan.

Commissioner Wilson stated that we need to remind ourselves that everyone in the County votes for every candidate, so it is not that one district is going to elect one person, as they are elected County-wide.

The County Attorney stated that he felt the Board needed to communicate to the Legislative Delegation the result of the consideration taken this morning as they had asked the Commissioners to take another look at the proposal.

Commissioner Grimes asked that a copy of the minutes of this meeting be sent to the Delegation concerning motions that were made and those that died from lack of seconds.

IMPACT FEE LEGISLATION

- The Manager stated that there are four areas in our existing ordinance that need consideration. Those areas are as follows:

- 1) Fees Within Municipalities: - He suggested that language be added that would authorize us to access the fee within municipalities in the County, to be contingent upon agreement with that municipality; that if impact fees are left strictly to schools, the Commissioners would be in a good negotiating position, as that is not a service cities duplicate.
- 2) Debt Payment: He stated that the legislation needs to allow for fees collected to be used for the retirement of debt incurred to finance projects such as general obligation school bonds or certificates of participation.
- 3) Number of Fee Districts: He stated that this needs to be clarified, as it is more of a technicality, although it might have policy implications. He suggested that the distinction be made clearer in the

legislation.

4) Refund Recipients: He stated that clarification is needed as to whom would receive refunds if the fees are not used within the specified time period; that in case the County was not able to spend the money, there would need to be an inclusion to indicate who would receive it with options to include: fee payor or present landowner if the address of the fee payor was unknown.

Commissioner Pollard moved to allow draft and submit changes to impact fee legislation that addresses the following four areas: (1) that the legislation allow the impact fees to apply everywhere in Chatham County including the planning jurisdiction or any municipality including its corporate limits upon agreement with that local government; (2) that the fees collected be used for the retirement of debt incurred to finance projects such as general obligation school bonds or certificates of participation; (3) that there would be two defined districts: North Chatham and the other the balance of the County, giving the Commissioners the authority to change the districts; (4) that the fee payor or present landowner be designated as the one to whom the fees would go; that the actual amount of the impact fee is to be determined,fc with an upper limit of \$2500. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Dunlap moved that the Legislative Delegation be informed that the submitted Redistricting Plan is the plan that the Board wishes to be placed into law; that the differences of opinion were the same as were stated at their meeting with Commissioner Grimes opposing and Commissioners Dunlap, Holland, Wilson, and Pollard voting for; and that a copy of the minutes be sent with the plan. Commissioner Pollard seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

The County Manager stated that he had received communication from the NC Association of County Commissioners and that the Association had been invited by Dr. Jay Robinson, Chairman of the State Board of Education, to provide the Association's views on issues related to the downsizing of Department of Public Instruction; that they are asking if the Commissioners wish to respond with their reactions, ideas, questions, or suggestions.

Consensus was that the matter be considered at another meeting.

Commissioner Holland stated that she had a letter of resignation from Mr. Thomas Glosson from the Animal Control Advisory Committee; that she would like to have the position advertised and the position filled in the near future.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wilson moved that there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Dunlap seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Uva R. Holland, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra B. Lee
Clerk to the Board