

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 22, 1996

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 7:00 PM, on April 22, 1996.

Present: Chair Uva Holland, Vice Chair Betty Wilson; Commissioners Margaret Pollard, and Henry Dunlap; County Manager Charlie Horne; County Attorney Robert L. Gunn; Assistant County Manager Renee Dickson; and Clerk to the Board Sandra B. Lee

Commissioner John Grimes entered the meeting at 7:25 PM.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:17 PM.

AGENDA

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

Robert Gunn, County Attorney asked that Consent Agenda Item #3, Part #2 be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda for the purpose of discussing a date to hold a public hearing to receive public comment on the changing of the road name from Hickory Mountain Hadley Mill Road to Hadley Mill Road and that a brief Closed Session be added to the Agenda as Item #14A for the purpose of discussing the closing-out of a contract.

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to approve the Agenda with the noted requests. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

CONSENT AGENDA

The Chairman directed the Clerk to the Board to read the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda as read by the Clerk. 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 April 09, 1996 and Legislative Delegation Meeting held April 2, 1996

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

2. **Goldston Rescue Squad Crash Truck:** Consideration of a request for County assistance to purchase a crash truck for Goldston Rescue Squad

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

3. **Renaming of a Chatham County Road:** Consideration of a request from citizens for the renaming of a road in Chatham County:

- (1) Petition to change Rocky Road to Marvin Edwards Lane

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

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

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| (1) Bent Tree | (5) McGowan Lane |
| (2) Blackberry Cove | (6) Singing Hills Drive |
| (3) Glen Ridge Road | (7) Wild Horse Run |
| (4) Ironwood | (8) Windflower |

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION HONORING THE SERVICE OF CHATHAM COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Resolution Honoring the Service of Chatham County Employees: Consideration of a Resolution Honoring the Service of Chatham County Employees

Uva Holland, Chairman, read a Resolution Honoring the Service of Chatham County Employees.

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to approve **Resolution #96-9 Honoring the Service of Chatham County Employees**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Holland read a Certificate of Appreciation for Robert L. Gunn for His Service to Chatham County as Interim County Manager.

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to approve the **Certificate of Appreciation #96-10 for Robert L. Gunn for His Service to Chatham County as Interim County Manager**, a copy attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Holland read a Resolution Honoring the Service of Renee Dickson as Interim Assistant County Manager.

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to approve **Resolution #96-11 Honoring the Service of Renee Dickson as Interim Assistant County Manager**, a copy attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Pollard asked that the two employees be given a standing ovation.

NEW COUNTY MANAGER

- Commissioner Holland introduced Charlie Horne as the new Chatham County Manager and stated

that the Commissioners were extremely pleased to have him join the staff.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Public Hearing

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): Public Hearing to receive public comment on application to the North Carolina Department of Commerce for small cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Larry Jarvis, with the Wooten Company, stated that Waste Reduction Products Corporation is involved in the reclamation of scrap drywall used in the manufacturing of mobile homes. He stated that the drywall is first crushed and is then processed to separate

the paper from the gypsum; that the paper is either sold in bulk to paper manufacturers or used in the production of a hydro seed mulch; that the gypsum has the greatest value and is used to produce an assortment of household, lawn, and agricultural products. He stated that the Waste Reduction Products intends to purchase the Vest Textile property on Murchison Road; that the existing warehouse on the site will be expanded by an additional 24,000 square feet; that the operation will create at least 103 new jobs in the next two years and will have an annual payroll in excess of \$4 million; that the immediate investment in plant, equipment, and machinery will be in excess of \$2.3 million; that the operation is environmentally friendly; that noise will not extend beyond the property lines; that no hazardous substances are used in the operation and only domestic wastewater is produced; that in total, Chatham County's request to the Department of Commerce is one million and of that, \$35,000 will be used for project administration; that the remaining \$965,000 will be used to purchase a 41% participation in \$2,362,545 loan from BB&T; that the CDBG portion of the loan will have an interest rate of 4%; that BB&T will retain 2% as a loan servicing fee and will return the remaining interest and principal directly to the Department of Commerce; and that Chatham County will have no loan servicing responsibilities.

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to approve **Resolution #96-12 Authorizing the Submission of a Fiscal Year 1996 Community Development Block Grant Application**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

There was no one in attendance who wished to make public comment.

DEER POPULATION

Public Hearing

Chatham County Deer Population Explosion: Public Hearing to receive public comment on the deer population explosion in Chatham County

Scott Osborne, Big Game Program Coordinator for the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, stated that he serves as a resource person to answer questions from the public; that he understands the concern with regard to the deer over-population in Chatham County; that as the County has seen increases in the deer population within the County and the remainder of the Piedmont counties, they have tried to respond by providing more opportunity for the sportsmen; that there are approximately 300,000 deer which die yearly due to illegal hunting, fences, automobiles, parasites, diseases, etc.; that they like to steer as much of that immortality as possible to the hunters; that the season length has been expanded to include a greater number of doe that can be harvested; that they feel that limiting the number of deer in the area will best be accomplished by limiting the area by controlling the number of doe population in the area;

that Chatham County has expanded to the point where it has the most liberal season and the most liberal bag limit in the state; and that they feel in most areas where this change has been implemented, there will be a noticeable decrease in difference within two years after the changes are implemented.

Robert Gunn asked how many years it would take to stabilize the deer population under the present set-up.

Mr. Osborne stated that this would depend on the level of doe harvest within the area.

Commissioner Grimes asked if there were any natural deer predators.

Mr. Osborne stated that man was the main deer predator; that the wolf, bobcat, and coyote were also contributors, although they were not abundant in the area; that research

with regard to population control, with alternatives to additional harvesting, is being investigated.

Steve Johnson, 11000 NC Highway #902, Bear Creek, NC, stated that he represented two hunting clubs which are in favor of extending the deer hunting season; that as a member of the North Carolina Taxidermist Association and a registered veterinary technician at Duke Medical Center, he dodges a deer at least three days per week on the road during a 50-mile commute to work; that as a taxidermist and a hunter, he sees what appears to be wart-like lesions on a lot of the deer; that there are a disproportionate number of albino deer which comes from in-breeding; that he would like to see the deer season run concurrent with the eastern season; and that he would like to plug for Sunday hunting state-wide.

Aaron Honeycutt, 7984 Old Graham Road, Pittsboro, NC, stated that he does not believe that extending the deer season will show a great change in the harvest number; that there is too much pressure on buck population of the herd and not enough pressure on the doe; that the only change he would make with regard to season regulations is with regard to the six tags that are used for deer in Chatham County; that one tag is a bonus deer tag to be used anytime during the season as long as it is used within Chatham County; that the change needs to focus on the doe; that if a storage cooler was available where deer, especially doe, could be donated and the deer meat processed, it would be beneficial to the needy.

Phillip Culberson, 919 Wrenn Culberson Road, Siler City, NC, stated that he is interested in hunting and that he would like to see the muscel loader season extended.

Candace Burke, 738 Bruce Burus Road, Moncure, NC, stated that she has property in southern Chatham County; that there is a great deal of hunting going on around her; that unfortunately, some of her experiences with hunters are not good ones; that she has found a deer carcass minus the head on her property; that her fences have been torn down; that ruts have run through her pasture; that she prefers alternatives, such as contraception, be pursued; but that if hunting is determined to be the only alternative, then she prefers the extended doe only season.

Dale Rice, 739 Hatley Road, Pittsboro, NC, stated that he feels there needs to be more control regarding the deer population and that some of the deer need to be taken and given to the needy for food.

Richard Burnette, 2765 Mt. Gilead Church Road, Pittsboro, NC, stated that he is aware of deer population but unlike most hunters, he hunts raccoons. He further stated that he has seen a lot of deer at night; that there is no market for deer; that there is a furrier market for raccoons; that there might be a market from dog food companies for deer meat; that he thinks there needs to be a market developed for the use of deer meat.

Justin Green, 7442 Highway #902, Pittsboro, NC, stated that he spends a lot of time in the woods and has seen the deer population decrease in the last two years; that he thinks the program that the Wildlife Commission has instated has helped to bring the deer population down; that highway accidents are caused by people and their ignorance during driving in the early morning and late night driving hours, not the deer.

Mike Tysor, 361 Thompson Street, Pittsboro, NC, praised the efforts of the Wildlife Officers; that he hunts heavily and would propose to extend the deer season by two weeks at the end of January; that people need to slow down killing bucks; that more doe should be taken; and that there should be a limit of one to two bucks per year.

David Clement, Seaforth Road, Pittsboro, NC, stated that his wife, who grew up in the area, remembers when there were no deer before the dam was built twenty to twenty-five years ago; that the deer have multiplied; that he is not a hunter but if he sees a deer, he is going to shoot them as they are destroying his vegetation.

David Hackney, Mann's Chapel area, stated that there have been two factors which have affected him, as well as his garden and small farm, regarding the deer population; that (1) the subdivisions have gone from two-acres, to five-acres, to ten-acre lots and (2) the deer are breeding rapidly; that bow hunting would be an option for consideration; that an extension of the doe season would be another option; that he would like to see incentives offered to hunting club members to hunt the doe; that he would like to see some type of tax incentives for land owners who have 200-500,000 acre tracts on which hunters are allowed to hunt only the doe population.

Vincent Collena, 45 Benchmark, Fearrington, Pittsboro, NC, stated that there has been a problem in Chatham County with the deer population for over ten years; that bows were tried in the Wilmington area and were fairly successful; that he feels Fearrington might be becoming a sanctuary for deer; that he would like to see incentives offered to people who hunt doe with the meat being used for people who need the meat.

Kevin Williams, 2050 Jay Shambley Road, Pittsboro, NC stated that there needs to be some type of organized effort to attack the deer who are continuously coming out of the woods each evening and standing five feet off the highway; that the traffic issue needs to be addressed before serious injuries and personal damage is encountered.

Scott Osmonde thanked the people in attendance who made comments regarding this issue. He stated that this is a problem dealt with annually; that many people have suggested an increase in the length of the season but that this will work only if there is an increase in the doe harvest; that by increasing the length of the deer season will not help eliminate the deer; that 53 % of the hunters within the state do not kill deer; that in Chatham County and the Piedmont region, 90% of deer hunters do not kill more than two bucks or two doe per season; that there has to be something done to change the mind-set of the hunters; that there are incentives for land owners; and that there are alternatives being looked into to address the problem.

Larry Warlick, Wildlife Officer, explained that he would like to see some opportunity for the hunters to take advantage of the expanded either-sex season; that he feels that if they will respond to what has been offered, that there will soon be a stabilization of the deer population.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Final Plat Review

Singing Hills Subdivision: Consideration of a request for final approval of Singing Hills

Subdivision consisting of 16 lots on 81 acres off Jay Shambley Road (SR #2167) in Hickory Mountain Township

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to accept the Planning Department and Planning Board recommendation to grant final approval to the plat as drawn with the condition that the plat not be recorded until the road maintenance agreement is in a form acceptable to the County and with the condition that no building permits be issued until the road has sufficient gravel for it to be accessible to emergency vehicles. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Zoning and Ordinance Amendments

Request by Riddle Commercial Properties for a Conditional Use Business District with a Conditional Use Permit: Consideration of a request by Riddle Commercial Properties for a Conditional Use Business District with a Conditional Use Permit for a shopping center on 21 acres on the southeast side of the intersection of US #15-501 and SR #1724 (Old Lystra Road) in Williams Township

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard to accept the Planning Department and the Planning Board recommendation that the request be denied for lack of information to make the five required findings. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Proposed Amendment to the Chatham County Watershed Protection Ordinance: Proposed amendment to the Chatham County Watershed Protection Ordinance to allow reduced lot sizes of two acres in the river corridor areas for pre-ordinance owners of land

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to table the issue for further study. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

School Resource Officers Grant Application: Consideration of a grant application for Chatham County

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to approve the submittal of the final application for the two (2) Resource Officers. The motion carried four (4) to one (1) with Commissioner Grimes dissenting. A copy of the grant is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

Customer Service Standards for Cable Telecommunication Providers: Consideration of approval of Chatham County Customer Service Standards for Cable Telecommunication Providers

Bob Sepe, stated that the Cable Standards Ordinance was adopted that gave the Board the latitude to issue cable television franchises; that the companion document to the ordinance is the Customer Service Standards for Cable Telecommunication Providers; that this states how the company is to do business within Chatham County; that it sets a level of expectation; that it was ironic that the original Service Standards contract was approved by Time Warner and that now Time Warner has some new employees who suggested changes in the contract; that the new vice-president made several recommendations; that this included employee identification of vehicles, including subcontractors; that they have taken some of the recommendations that they have included and incorporated them but that the document is essentially the same.

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to adopt document #12, County of Chatham Customer Service Standards for Cable Telecommunication Providers. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0). A copy is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

MANAGER' S REPORTS

Charlie Horne, new Chatham County Manager stated that it was a pleasure to be in Chatham County and to be a part of the team, and that he looks forward to working with the Commissioners and other members of the organization in the future. He stated that the staff is working hard on the budget, looking at departments, and will have further budget information to the Board in the near future. He asked for Commissioner consideration of the documented, upcoming meetings, and that they let him know the meetings for which they wished to be registered as follows:

Joint District Meeting	April 26, 1996	Plantation Inn Resort, Raleigh, NC 12:00 - 3:00 PM
Legislative Briefing	June 6, 1996	Radisson Plaza Hotel, Raleigh, NC Beginning at 2:00 PM
NACo Annual Conference	July 12 - 16, 1996	Houston, TX
Board of Education	May 14, 1996	Bonlee School, Bonlee, NC 6:30 PM
Septic Soil Research	May 10, 1996	Walter Bright Research Site 9:00 AM

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Wilson thanked Sandra Lee, Clerk to the Board, and Vicki McConnell, Finance Director, for the good job they have done during the interim period without a County Manager and for the extra work-load they carried during this period.

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Grimes, to present a resolution of appreciation to the Chatham County Health Department for their diligent work during the measles outbreak within the County at the May 6, 1996 meeting. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Grimes asked if there was an avenue to recoup the charges for the vaccine, employee labor, and supplies spent by the County on the individuals who received the immunizations.

Renee Dickson explained that the State provides the vaccine for the immunizations, but that the County pays for the labor and supplies involved in the vaccinations; that it is her understanding that there is no way to recoup funds spent by charging someone for their immunizations; and that the companies where the outbreaks occurred might be asked for contributions, but that the County cannot force payment for the immunizations.

Charlie Horne stated that he would get feedback on this issue for the Commissioners.

SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING TO RENAME ROAD

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to set May 20, 1996 as the date for a public hearing to consider the renaming of Hickory Mountain Hadley Mill Road to Hadley Mill Road. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

County Attorney, Robert Gunn, thanked the staff for their hard work, dedication, and wonderful cooperation that he has always received but particularly during the time when he assumed the responsibilities as Interim County Manager. He thanked Vicki McConnell, Sandra Lee, Renee Dickson, the Board of Commissioners, the Sheriff, and other staff for their efforts.

CLOSED SESSION

- Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

REGULAR SESSION

- Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to go out of Closed Session and into Regular Session.

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to access liquidated damages on NC Highway #902, State Road #1727, Water Extensions Project

Contract XII, in the amount of \$2,000 to Lee Paving, and to authorize the County Attorney to close-out the contract. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW

- Vicki McConnell, Finance Director, reviewed the Board of Equalization and Review Agenda and presented copies of the agenda and procedures for the review to the Commissioners. She reminded the Board of Commissioners of the Board of Equalization and Review Meeting which is scheduled to meet on April 29, 1996 from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM in the District Courtroom.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Dunlap moved, seconded by Commissioner Grimes, that there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0), and the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

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Uva R. Holland, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra B. Lee, Clerk to the Board
Chatham County Board of Commissioners