

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, MAY 6, 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 10:00 AM, on May 6, 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

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 10:05 AM.

AGENDA

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

Charlie Horne, County Manager asked that Item #9, Home and Community Care Block Grant Funding Plan, be removed from the Agenda and placed on the Agenda for the next meeting to be held on May 20, 1996.

Commissioner Pollard asked that consideration to add a new member to the Appearance Commission be added as Item #6A.

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to approve the Agenda with the noted requests. The motion carried five (5) 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 22, 1996

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

2. **Tax Releases:** Consideration of a request for the approval of Tax Releases, copies attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

3. **Solid Waste Disposal Fees and Regular Tax Bills:** Consideration of a request for approval of Refunds for Solid Waste Disposal Fees and Regular Tax Bills paid in error, copies attached

hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

4. **Smart Start Funds Acceptance for Children's Resource Van:** Consideration of a request to accept Smart Start funds in the amount of

\$53,457 to fund a children's resource van, **Budget Amendment #72**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

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

- | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-----|---------------------|
| (1) | Harbison Drive | (4) | Maverick Ranch Road |
| (2) | Holly Run | (5) | Maddox Lane |
| (3) | Hooker Road | | |

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

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

There was no one present who wished to make public comments.

APPEARANCE COMMISSION

- **Annual Report from Appearance Commission:** Presentation of the Appearance Commission Annual Report

Chris Ketchel, Chairman of the Chatham County Appearance Commission, stated that the commission was established in April, 1992 and has just completed its fourth year of service to the community. He further stated that the commission has met six times during the year to discuss appearance related concerns of the County; that the purpose of the commission is to promote programs and policies of general community improvement and beautification; that the Commissioners approved a request for a reduction in the number of members from nine to seven in order to improve their vacancy situation. He emphasized the importance of keeping staggered terms for committee members in mind throughout the year so that qualified prospects may be identified and approached in a timely fashion.

He recognized Jule Hackney as a resigning member whom will be extremely hard to replace. He stated that Ms. Hackney, as a charter member, has served the County faithfully for the past four years; that she has been a vigilant proponent of improving the beauty of her surroundings; and that it is due to this dedication that she is being recognized with the certificate of appreciation.

- **Certificate of Appreciation for Special Recognition:** Consideration of a presentation of Certificate of Appreciation for Ms. Jule Hackney

-

Chairman Holland read a Certificate of Appreciation to Ms. Jule Hackney for her tireless efforts and unyielding devotion to improve the appearance of Chatham County as a charter member of the Chatham County Appearance Commission.

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to approve the **Certificate of Appreciation #96-13 for Special Recognition for Ms. Jule Hackney**, a copy attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Annual Report from Appearance Commission (cont.):

Mr. Ketchel continued by saying that activities in the commission's fourth year include the Gateway project which has been revamped and is the final implementation stages. He stated that their research into the theme for the highway welcome sign

determined that a rural environment was the preferred message to be conveyed; that construction funds were raised internally; that the sign has been hung on the front wall in

front of the elevator in the Courthouse Annex Building; that littering has been identified as another problem within the County; that this issue has been discussed and recommended actions are being worked on; that beautification is being discussed in coordination with state agencies; that the Paul Braxton School redevelopment and Governor's Club Polk Parcel Supplement have been reviewed and given approval; that a considerable part of the past year has been devoted toward the organizational structure of the committee; that the awards program has been delayed for a year so that its effects can be re-evaluated and incorporated into their enhanced public relations efforts in the new year; and that coordination with other county organizations, such as the Planning Department and the Land Use Plan, the Strategic Plan Development Committee, etc., has been outlined as a high priority for next year.

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to approve the Appearance Commission report. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Appearance Commission Appointment: Consideration of appointment to the Appearance Commission

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to appoint Martin Spritzer to the Appearance Commission. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

Home and Community Care Block Grant Funding Plan: Consideration of the Home and Community Care Block Grant County Funding Plan for Older Americans Act Funding for fiscal 1996-97

This item was removed from the Agenda and is to come before the Board of Commissioners at their May 20, 1996 meeting.

Resolution in Support of the Harpers Cross Roads Fire Substation: Consideration of a Resolution in Support of the Harpers Cross Roads Fire Substation

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to approve the **Resolution #96-15 in Support of the Harpers Cross Roads Fire Substation**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

MANAGER' S REPORTS

Chatham County Manager, Charlie Horne, explained that action was being taken to freeze spending on some departmental expenditures, especially within the solid waste and water departments except for those which are absolutely necessary in order to require safe operations, in order to gain a better grasp of the revenue generation and expenditure process.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Grimes expressed appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy extended to his family during the recent loss of his father-in-law, Mr. Cecil Budd.

CLOSED SESSION

- Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to go out of Regular Session and into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing property acquisition, G. S. 143.318.11. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

REGULAR SESSION

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- **Resolution Recognizing the Outstanding Service of Chatham County Health Department Employees:** Consideration of approval of a Resolution Recognizing the Outstanding Service of Chatham County Health Department Employees

Wayne Sherman, Chatham County Health Director, praised the efforts of the Health Department staff and those of Sgt. Richard Edwards and Staff Sgt. Una Belcher with the HHC First/130th Aviation Regiment of the North Carolina National Guard. He stated that the Commissioners were fortunate to have a very dedicated staff working for the County.

Brenda Dunn, Chatham County Nursing Supervisor, stated that on April 16, 1996, the Chatham County Health Department was notified of two possible Rubella Measles cases in the County and that through the department's efforts, the cases were confirmed two days later; that this is the first outbreak of this type within the County in eight to nine years; that press releases were sent to all surrounding hospitals, doctor's offices, and the media to inform them of the active outbreak and the Health Department's efforts; that screening and immunization efforts began at 5:00 AM the next morning at Perdue Poultry; that outreach efforts began in earnest with nine or ten different businesses receiving vaccinations; that there have been thirty confirmed cases of Rubella to date; that the biggest threat is to pregnant women and their unborn children; that exposure of pregnant women to Rubella Measles can cause multiple and severe birth defects and even death to their children; and that the Health Department employees have performed many of the duties required to prevent the spread of the disease, such as immunizations, home visits, testing, and tracking of potentially exposed people, outside their regular schedule, including work on weekends, early mornings, and late nights.

Commissioner Grimes praised the efforts of the Health Department and stated that this was an

excellent example as to why we have a public health department. He asked about the recouping some of the County expenses incurred with vaccinating these individuals.

Commissioner Wilson encouraged efforts for prevention of this and other communicable diseases within the County. She stated that because there is an on-site nurse at most industries, preventive measures would ensure that employees would be on their jobs when needed.

Wayne Sherman stated that he would be happy to forward a letter explaining what has happened within the community to corporate headquarters asking them to meet with officials to discuss future preventive measures.

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to endorse the efforts of the Health Department to send a letter to corporate headquarters asking them to meet with Chatham County Health Department officials to discuss future preventive measures and to have the chairman cosign the letter. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to approve the **Resolution #96-14 Recognizing the Outstanding Service of Chatham County Health Department Employees**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW

- Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to recess as the Board of Commissioners and convene as the Board of Equalization and Review. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to recess for a luncheon with the North Carolina Extension Homemakers Association, Inc. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to recess as the Board of Equalization and Review and to reconvene as the Board of Commissioners. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

ADJOURNMENT

- Commissioner Dunlap moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, 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 2:31 PM.

-
-
-
-
-
-

Uva R. Holland, Chairman

ATTEST:

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