

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 3, 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 June 3, 1996.

Present: Chair Uva Holland, Vice Chair Betty Wilson; Commissioners
 Margaret Pollard, John Grimes, 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 10:09 AM.

AGENDA

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

Charlie Horne, County Manager, asked that a Closed Session be added to the Agenda for the purpose of discussing possible litigation.

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to approve the Agenda with the noted request. 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, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, 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 May 20, 1996

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

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

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

4. **Agreement Renewal with Triangle J Council of Governments for Household Hazardous Waste Facility Operations:** Consideration of a renewal of agreement with Triangle J Council of Governments to perform contract administration for household hazardous waste facility operations as well as preparation of educational brochures and other related materials, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

5. **Resolution for the Addition of Road to the NC Secondary Road System:** Consideration of a resolution for the addition of Cedar Run in the Cedar Chase Subdivision to the North Carolina Secondary Road System, **Resolution #96-16 For the Addition of Streets or Roads to the North Carolina System of Secondary Roads**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

6. **Resolution Requesting State of North Carolina Accept Responsibility for Medicaid Program:** Consideration of a resolution requesting State of North Carolina accept responsibility for Medicaid Program, **Resolution #96-17 Opposing Unfunded Mandates**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Jim Diggs, 5390 Farrington Road, Chapel Hill, NC, voiced his concern regarding the duplication of road numbers shared by Durham and Chatham Counties. He stated that the major problem is that Farrington Road, located in both Durham and Chatham, has a duplication of numbers served by the Chapel Hill Post Office; that he hopes that if there is a major medical emergency, that the rescue people will not be directed to the incorrect address; that his mail is delayed due to the numbering problem, and that he never did receive a subscription for a newspaper ordered because his address could not be located.

Commissioner Holland asked that the County Manager contact Mr. Diggs regarding this issue to find a resolution to the problem.

1996-97 SECONDARY ROADS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- **1996-97 Secondary Roads Improvement Program:** Presentation of the 1996-97 Secondary Roads Improvement Program by J. L. Picklesimer

- Mary Hayes Holmes, member of the Department of Transportation Board, introduced the members of the Department of Transportation (DOT) present for the meeting and praised staff work efforts during the inclement winter weather. She reminded the Board and citizens present, that if they had questions or problems regarding roads within Chatham County, that any of the DOT staff would be glad to help them or that they were welcome to call her.

- J. L. Picklesimer, District Engineer for the State of North Carolina Department of Transportation, stated that the Secondary Improvement Plan has funding from two sources: Highway and Trust Funds; that as

of July, 1996, he is anticipating a highway fund allocation of approximately \$1,186,349; that in the highway funds program, there are three elements: (1) Paving of unpaved roads down the priority list as right-of-way and funds allow, beginning with Priority #34-#37, with an approximate allocation of \$850,000; (2) Maintenance reserve for spot stabilization, paved road improvements, replacing small bridges with pipe, or safety projects, with an approximate allocation of \$169,715; (3) Retain approximately 18% of available funds for road additions, property owner participation paving, volunteer fire department and rescue squad driveways, old subdivision improvement program, overruns, county-wide surveys and right-of-way acquisition, approximate allocation \$223,318. He stated that the trust funds anticipated allocation is \$1,048,012; that the program elements are as follows: (1) Paving of

unpaved roads down the priority list as right-of-way and funds allow, starting with Priority #38-#42, with an approximate allocation of \$826,000; (2) Maintenance reserve for spot stabilization, paved road improvement, replace small bridges with pipe, or safety projects with an approximate allocation of \$154,629; (3) Retain approximately 6% of available funds for property owner participation paving and overruns with an approximate allocation of \$69,625. Copies of the Chatham County Secondary Improvement Supplement 1996-97 proposed allocations for Highway Funds and Trust Funds is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to approve **Resolution #96-18 Supporting Secondary Road Improvements in Chatham County for the Forthcoming Fiscal Year**, according to the priorities recommended by the Department of Transportation. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Marty Tillman, County Maintenance Engineer for the State of North Carolina Department of Transportation, informed the Commissioners that he would be glad to answer any questions which they might have. There were no questions asked.

Commissioner Holland stated that she had noticed the roads in other counties and that those in Chatham County were looking very good.

Commissioner Grimes commended the Department of Transportation staff for their diligent work efforts during the severe winter weather.

Commissioner Wilson stated that she appreciated the fine work efforts of the Department of Transportation Staff.

Mr. Tillman stated that he would gladly pass along the comments to his staff; that they were the ones who deserved the praise; that they worked long, hard hours during the winter to make the roads safe for the citizens and did so without any accidents or injuries.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

Renaming of Hickory Mountain-Hadley Mill Road: Consideration of public comments from the May 20, 1996 Board of Commissioners meeting to rename Hickory Mountain-Hadley Mill Road

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to approve the renaming of Hickory Mountain-Hadley Mill Road to Hadley Mill Road.

After further discussion, the motion died when Commissioner Pollard withdrew her second to the motion.

Tony Tucker, Emergency Operations Director, clarified the issue by explaining that there needed to be 60% approval from land owners with road frontage to constitute a road name change; that this did not mean that 60% of the land owners were in favor of renaming the road; that it meant that 60% of the land owners wanted the issue to come before the Commissioners; and that there have definitely been problems with excited individuals who have had medical emergencies living on this road who gave an incorrect road name, causing a delay for emergency services.

Commissioner Wilson stated that due to lives being endangered due to emergency personnel being misdirected to residences in need, she moved to approve the renaming of Hickory Mountain Hadley Mill Road to Hadley Mill Road. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pollard. The motion carried four (4) to one (1) with Commissioner Grimes casting the dissenting vote.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Region J Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council Appointments/Reappointments:
Consideration of appointments or reappointments to the Region J Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to reappoint/appoint the following to the Region J Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council:

John Wait
Tony Tucker
Jim Adams
Chairperson of the Region J Emergency Medical Services

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

Minute Approval and Final Recommendations Approval for Disposition of Appeals by the Board of Equalization and Review: Consideration by the Board of Commissioners to convene as the Board of Equalization and Review to approve the minutes of the April 29, 1996 and May 6, 1996 hearings and to approve final disposition of appeals

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

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap to approve the minutes of the 1996 Board of Equalization and Review and to approve the staff recommendations. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

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

Budget Presentation: Presentation of the 1996-97 Recommended Chatham County Budget

Charlie Horne, County Manager, stated that he felt the new budget was a fiscally sound budget; that it is ambitious, in that the goals and objections which the County is trying to achieve, are addressed in Commissioner priorities which were outlined in early 1996; that the proposed general budget totals thirty-two million dollars; that utilities total \$2,687,265 and solid waste totals \$2,013,582; that the proposal is based on a 2.5% increase in the current tax rate; that his philosophy is that we should do what we do well; that the budget presented reflects this philosophy and gives the resources to provide quality, professional services to the residents of Chatham County. He offered his thanks to each department head and to Renee Dickson for their work on the budget stating that their work, commitment, and visions are reflected in this document. He stated that the 1996-97 Recommended Budget is another milestone on the road toward Chatham County's future.

Renee Dickson, Assistant Manager, thanked Susan Jabbusch and Carolina Advanced Digital, for loaning the County their projector which allowed her to give the high-tech presentation. She highlighted aspects of the general fund budget, the utility fund, the solid waste fund, interfund transfers for a total FY 1996-97 Recommended Budget of \$36,107,546. She reviewed total property valuation, the amount generated by

a one penny increase, the recommended tax rate, total property tax revenue and the fund balance recommended for appropriation. She also reviewed amounts recommended for appropriation by each County department, those selected to participate in performance-based budgeting, education, general government/administration, human service, natural resource management, and public safety needs.

By general consensus, the dates and places were set on which to hold budget workshops as follows:

June 06, 1996	5:00 PM-7:30 PM	Agricultural Building Conference Room
June 11, 1996	6:00 PM-Until	Agricultural Building Conference Room
June 17, 1996 (Public Hearing)	7:00 PM	District Courtroom
June 19, 1996	6:00 PM-Until	Agricultural Building Conference Room
June 20, 1996	6:00 PM, if needed	Agricultural Building Conference Room

Scheduling of Public Hearing for Community Block Grant: Consideration to schedule a public hearing to receive public comments regarding the application for the Community Block Grant for June 17, 1996

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to schedule a public hearing for June 17, 1996 at 7:00 PM on the 1996 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The motion

carried five (5) to zero (0).

MANAGER' S REPORTS

Charlie Horne, County Manager, stated that he had no specific reports, but would like to relinquish his time to the sheriff and to the health director to make short presentations.

COPS Fast Application

Don Whitt, Chatham County Sheriff, explained that he had received a letter from the U. S. Department of Justice advising that the County had received a COPS Universal Hiring Grant Award for one full-time officer at an estimated amount of federal funds cost of \$66,567.00, for a three-year period. He stated that four officers had been applied for originally, but only one officer was allotted to the County; that the budget worksheet had to be completed and received by the COPS Office by June 15, 1996, which was why he had requested to come before the Commissioners at this time.

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to move forward with the COPS Fast Application, to be submitted by the June 15, 1996 deadline, for an additional full-time officer at an estimated cost of \$66,567.00 for a three-year period. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

The Sheriff also stated that the County policy stated that an officer with fifteen years of service received his revolver upon leaving the department; that Officer Bennie Goins lacked four months to complete fifteen years of service with the Chatham County Sheriff's Department after suffering a heart attack and passing away on May 19, 1996. He asked for consideration to present Sgt. Goins' service revolver to his family.

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to waive the County policy regarding the four-month service extension and present his service revolver to the family of Sgt. Bennie Goins. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Health Department Funds Acceptance

Wayne Sherman, Chatham County Health Director, requested consideration to accept funds in the amount of \$3,275 for health and safety improvements to the child care facility made available through the Smart Start program, related to the Family Resource Center in Siler City to meet requirements as required by Day Care Council and to accept funds and expend them by June 30, 1996.

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to approve the request for funds acceptance in the amount of \$3,275 from Smart Start for the purpose of upgrading the day care center. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Sergeant Bennie Goins:

Commissioner Pollard asked to observe a moment of silence in memory of and dedication for his service to Chatham County for Sgt. Bennie Goins, a most respected Chatham County Sheriff Officer who served the "Three-Rivers" area of Moncure, who passed away on May 19, 1996.

Commissioner Grimes added that Sgt. Goins be remembered, in addition, for his service to his Country during the Viet Nam conflict.

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to observe a moment of silence in memory of Sgt. Bennie Goins. The motion carried five (5) to one (0).

A moment of silence was observed.

CLOSED SESSION

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

REGULAR SESSION

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

Renee Dickson introduced Mark McDonald, a student of the University of North Carolina Intern Program studying for his Masters of Public Administration and working for the County during the summer months on the Capital Improvements Program for the County, among other programs.

LUNCH

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to recess for lunch until 1:30 PM. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

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Update on Land Development Plan: Consideration of an update and information regarding the Chatham County Land Development Plan

- Keith Megginson, Planning Director, gave an update on the status of meetings held regarding the land use planning and zoning process. He stated that the Board had considered awarding a contract earlier in the budget year for preparation of a Land Development Plan for the entire County; that the Board rejected all bids and instructed the Planning Department to hold small educational meetings about the land use planning and zoning; that Craven Hudson, the Cooperative Extension Service Area Agent, prepared a slide-tape presentation about growth and development in Chatham County and methods of guiding changes; that the presentation was shown to the Board of Commissioners and then presentations were begun in the community; that approximately 350-400 people have seen the presentations; that the presentations generated many questions and discussions; that Mr. Hudson documented the questions and comments received which will be shared with the Board when they so choose; that at some time, the Board needs to decide if they want to have a Land Development Plan done in the coming year; and that additional discussion and analysis can be given when the Board is ready to address the issue.

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to authorize the Planning Director proceed with the process to advertise for a vendor to render a Chatham County Land Development Plan. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Water and Sewer Work Session: Work session to discuss Chatham County Water and Sewer Issues

Charlie Horne, County Manager, explained that he would like to take a short amount of time to discuss what would make a water and sewer plan successful in Chatham County. A general discussion ensued and it was decided that during the meeting with OWASA on June 5, 1996, the following would need to be discussed:

- - Infrastructure remains with unit
 - *Chatham County owns what is in Chatham County
 - Have capability to assist each other and lend mutual support in times of crisis
 - No rights given up vis-à-vis Jordan Lake/other sources
 - *Repairs
 - *Water Allocations, etc.
 - Have access for an intake at their site
 - To be in partnership with other entities in terms of their intake of water from the lake
 - Fee structure with others to make sure that Chatham has a "going" rate
 - Assure access to lake at intake areas
 - Discuss joint process
 - Possible single study to determine long-term needs

Commissioner Pollard asked to see examples of other joint infrastructure agreements with similar circumstances. She stated that she would like to know the risks and benefits involved.

ADJOURNMENT

- Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, 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 2:38 PM.

Uva R. Holland, Chairman

ATTEST:

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