

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 03, 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 A.M. on September 03, 1996.

Present: Chairman 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 10:04 A.M.

AGENDA

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

Robert Gunn, County Attorney, asked that consideration of an agreement with CP&L and consideration to set a public hearing be added to the Agenda as Item #18A.

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.

1. **Minutes:** Consideration of approval of Board Minutes for Regular Meeting held August 19, 1996

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

2. **Charging Off 1985 and 1986 Tax Bills:** Consideration of a request to charge off 1985 and 1986 tax bills, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

3. **Filing of Oath of Office for Tax Assessor:** Consideration of approval of the filing of the Oath of Office for Tax Assessor, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

4. **Support Letter for Grant to Enhance the Family Resource Center:** Consideration of a request to submit a letter of support to enhance the Family Resource Center through receipt of \$75,000 in grant funds, a copy attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

5. **Resolution #96-25 Proclaiming Hunting and Fishing Day in Chatham County:** Consideration of approval of Resolution Proclaiming September 28, 1996 as Hunting and Fishing Day in Chatham County, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

6. **Resolution #96-26 in Support of Abandonment of Brick Yard Road Near Cherokee Sanford Brick in Moncure:** Consideration of approval of Resolution of Support for Abandonment of Brick Yard Road Near Cherokee Sanford Brick in Moncure, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

7. **Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse:** Consideration of approval of a Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

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

(1)	Brewington Lane	(3)	Little Indian Creek Road
(2)	Dickens Farm Road	(4)	Ronnie Brown Road

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

9. **Unit Pricing Peer Match Program:** Consideration of approval of a Unit Pricing Peer Match Program, a copy of the application attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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 comment.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Public Hearing

Community Development Block Grant Infrastructure Grant Public Hearing: Consideration of public comment on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Infrastructure Grant

Olivier Devaud, Economic Development Director, stated that in August, 1994, the owner of Moore's Machine, Inc. in Bear Creek requested that Chatham County consider the extension of a waterline to serve their facility at NC #902 and US #421. He stated that at that time, there was a projected expansion of \$2.5 million in building and equipment, based on new contracts; that the need for County water was dictated by

fire protection codes that require a sprinkler system for buildings in excess of 40,000 sq. ft. under one roof ; that a \$100,000 allocation from the Water Fund was made by the Board of Commissioners that month to pay a portion of the waterline extension cost; that because the County had no Public Works Director at budget time, the project was not carried forward to fiscal 1996-97 budget; that funds will need to be allocated from the

fund balance of the water capital reserve; that the extension project was estimated to cost \$187,000 and would create a 10-inch waterline extension from Old US #421 to the property line along new US #421; that Central Electric Membership Corporation has also received preliminary approval for a \$100,000 no-interest loan to Moore Machine in support of this expansion.

Mr. Devaud explained that Moore Machine, Inc. ultimately received that contract and others in 1994/1995 and purchased an existing building in Siler City; that in 1995, the company invested over one million dollars to establish a powder coat and painting facility in that building; that in July, 1996, the Economic Development Commission (EDC) staff spoke with Moore Machine about their next project expansion; that their next expansion includes the creation of thirty new jobs, a 20,625 sq. ft. expansion to their existing facility, and two million dollars in new equipment; that with the recognition that job creation could allow the County's sponsorship of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) infrastructure Grant; that Moore Machine and the EDC staff attended a pre-application meeting with the Department of Commerce Finance Division on July 31, 1996; and that the Wooten Company has agreed to file an application for this project at no cost to Chatham County.

He stated that this project is now estimated to cost \$258,500; that it requires a 25% local match; that the County would be responsible for providing \$64,625 toward the project; that this is less than the \$100,000 originally allocated from the Water Fund; that providing volume and pressure required by insurance underwriters at the Moore Machine Company facility would be accomplished by on-site storage and pressure boosting pumps at Moore Machine Company's expense, outside of the \$258,500 project.

Larry Jarvis, Wooten Company representative, stated that he would suggest to the State a \$500 per acre assessment fee for those who hook up to the water line within the first five years after project completion; that the grant is pretty straight forward with a creation of twenty additional new jobs and an expansion to the existing facility. He asked that if the Commissioners choose to proceed with the application, that a resolution be adopted authorizing the Chairman to execute the application.

- There was no one present who wished to make public comment.

- Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Grimes, to sponsor the Moore Machine Community Development Block Grant Infrastructure Project to facilitate job creation and investment at this site. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

FINANCE

Public Hearing

\$6.1 Million Refunding School Bond: Consideration of public comment concerning issuance of \$6.1 million for refunding of school bond and consideration of adoption of bond order

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to open the public hearing to receive public comment concerning the issuance of \$6.1 million for refunding of school bond. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

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

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to close the public hearing. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to adopt without change or amendment and direct the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners to publish as required by the Local Government Bond Act the bond order entitled, "Local

Bond Order Authorizing the Issuance of \$6,100,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds of The County of Chatham". The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

PUBLIC WORKS

Solid Waste/Recycling

- **Solid Waste/Recycling Rolloff Collection Truck Award:** Consideration of an award of a contract for a solid waste/recycling rolloff collection truck

- Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to award the contract to Cavalier Equipment Corporation, Roanoke, VA, for the purchase of a 1997 Mack Rolloff collection truck in the amount of \$83,758.80 and authorize the Chairman to execute associated contracts upon review and approval by the County Attorney. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

- Commissioner Pollard asked that the staff prepare a response to Chatham County's recycling for future generations and that of its current solid waste management. She stated that the County needs to be assured it is getting the most for its money in terms of efficiency and that it is utilizing the most responsible way of disposing of its waste. She stated that if this is not being done, other alternatives and solutions need to be explored.

Commissioner Grimes asked that the Recycling Coordinator check with other counties who use the weight-basis disposal to compare what effect the "pay-by-weight" has had on their recycling program, to determine if the cost of disposal has been reduced, if the margin gap has been reduced, and if the margin of profit for recycling has increased for the County, closing the margin of cost between recycling and the cost of the landfill.

- Commissioner Wilson praised the efforts of the Recycling Department on the recycling/convenience centers

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- **Public Health Services Funding Changes:** Presentation regarding the changes in funding for public health services

Wayne Sherman, Chatham County Health Director, explained that public health is at a crossroads and that the continuation of public health services, as we know them at the county level, is uncertain. He briefly reviewed the role of devolution, Medicare, Medicaid, Health and Human Services Funding, and the number of uninsured at the federal level. He reviewed block grants, Medicaid Managed Care, personal responsibility, and public health districts at the state level. Within local government, he touched on local taxes, mandates,

human services agencies, privatization, performance budgeting, and indigent care. He reviewed the health care industry and its reform, the future role of public health, and the growth, Latino immigrants, and health status disparity within Chatham County. He stated that each of the above factors influence the direction the Health Department will be taking in the future; that which will weigh more heavily in the decision-making is uncertain, but that it is clear that at least one more voice needs to be heard which is that of the community; that the Health Department is undertaking a comprehensive community health assessment/improvement effort in conjunction with Chatham and UNC Hospitals and the Chatham County Strategic plan Development Committee to identify the health assets and challenges of the community, to prioritize the health needs, and to establish action steps and long-range plans to address the issues. He stated that a future plan for Chatham County's Health Department will emerge from the community-based process in relation to the larger global changes occurring.

Commissioner Holland stated that she appreciated this information; that these are issues that have been coming for a long time; that it is a relief to know that they are being addressed, and that they will be working with him on these efforts.

Commissioner Wilson stated that she felt very fortunate to have a Health Director that is on top of things, one that is doing some creative thinking and addressing concerns, not just waiting to see what happens with health care.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

Resolution Authorizing the Refunds of \$25.00 Tap Fees Collected From Certain Individuals:

Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing Refunds of \$25.00 Tap Fees Collected From Certain Individuals

Robert Gunn, County Attorney, explained that approximately fifteen years ago, when the County was attempting to install some County water lines, one of the things done in connection with issuance and spending of the first water bonds and in administering the grants received from the Farmers Home Administration (FHA), was to set a \$25.00 fee for those persons signing-up for water at that time. He further explained that this was done to insure that the County would have enough persons to sign-up for water so that it would be feasible to move forward with the water system; that some people signed-up and paid their fees in areas that were not designated at that time for water services; that some of these same areas still do not have water service; that some of these same areas are just now in the process of having water extended to their area; that the main reason the County was able to have the small tap fee at that time was due to the grant from the FHA and the low interest rate on the bond; that this issue now needs to be resolved for those who paid the \$25.00 tap fee who did not receive County water; that he did not feel the County intended for the tap fee to be good forever and that one way to deal with the issue is to give notice to the individuals to make application for and that they receive a refund for their \$25.00 tap fee. He stated that the Board needs to make a decision in this matter so that it can be resolved.

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to defer a decision on this matter until the September 16, 1996 Board meeting. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Board of Health Appointment: Consideration of an appointment to the Board of Health to fill the expired term of the Professional Engineer

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard to appoint Russell Underwood, a licensed professional engineer to fill the expired term of Carolyn McCaskill, Effective July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1999. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

MANAGER' S REPORTS

Charlie Horne, County Manager, reviewed the following:

- 1) Solid Waste Funding Mechanisms, enclosed in packet for work session
- 2) Planning Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, September 3, 1996; Discussion of the Thoroughfare Plan to be held; Agricultural Building
- 3) Engineer needed for Jordan Lake water allocation project
- 4) Geographic Information System (GIS): No recommendation from Manager
- 5) Request to revisit subdivision issue which was on the May 20, 1996 Agenda
- 6) Siler City office site for County Manager; To be located in the Office of the Chamber of Commerce in Siler City; To be available within the next week or so

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Grimes, to authorize the County Manager to negotiate for a professional engineer to help with the allocation of water from Jordan Lake and to hire same. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

There were no Commissioner reports.

RECESS

- The Chairman called for a five minute recess.

CLOSED SESSION

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

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

REGULAR SESSION

- Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to set a public hearing on September 16, 1996 at 7:30 PM, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed contract with Pittsboro for the sale of the Pittsboro Town Hall building. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Grimes, to approve the cancellation of the facility lease, as of August 9, 1996, with CP&L in amount of \$1,625.00, which is equal to the amount of the property taxes, located on Russell's Chapel Road, and to authorize the Chairman and the Clerk to the Board to execute same. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Grimes, that the paid position of the Strategic Plan Development Plan Coordinator be directly under supervision of the County Manager. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

ADJOURNMENT

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Commissioner Wilson 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 1:21 P.M.

Uva R. Holland, Chairman

ATTEST:

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