

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 21, 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 5:00 P.M. on October 21, 1996.

Present: Vice Chairman 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 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman at 5:10 P.M.

AGENDA

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

The County Manager asked that Items #7 and #14 be removed from the Agenda and that a Closed Session for the purpose of discussing personnel be added to the Agenda as Item #18.

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap, to approve the Agenda with the noted requests. The motion carried three (3) to zero (0).

CONSENT AGENDA

The Chairman directed the Clerk to the Board to read the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap, 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 October 21, 1996

The motion carried three (3) to zero (0).

2. **Tax Releases:** Consideration of a request to approve Tax Releases, copy attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

The motion carried three (3) to zero (0).

3. **Solid Waste Disposal Fees and Regular Tax Bills Paid in Error:** Consideration of approval of Refunds for Solid Waste Disposal Fees and Regular Tax Bills paid in error, copy attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

The motion carried three (3) to zero (0).

4. **Right-Of-Entry Resolution:** Consideration of Right-Of-Entry Resolution granting permission to enter onto private property within Chatham County within a 180 day period in

order to remove drainage obstructions (Soil and

Water), **Resolution #96-38 Right-of-Entry**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

The motion carried three (3) to zero (0).

5. **Proclamation #96-39 for Adult Immunization Awareness Week:** Consideration of support for Governor Hunt's Proclamation for Adult Immunization Awareness Week (October 20-26, 1996) by sponsoring Senior Vaccination Sunday on November 3, 1996, copy attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

The motion carried three (3) to zero (0).

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

STRATEGIC PLAN DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

The Vice Chairman welcomed the committee participants of the Strategic Plan Development Committee to the meeting.

Members of the Strategic Plan Development Committee (SPDC) presented fifty-two newly-revised goals and a vision statement for Chatham County's future. Commissioners asked if the fifty-two goals were needed. Jeannie Garten, SPDC Coordinator, described public outreach activities and citizen opinions that shaped SPDC conclusions and recommendations. Suggestions for expanded public contact included involving churches and making presentations to groups and organizations during their meetings.

Larry Hicks answered questions relating to the uses of a strategic plan, calling it a "blueprint" to help guide decision-making. Commissioner Dunlap asked for a follow-up meeting and the SPDC agreed to present three goals as examples of how a strategic plan would help commissioners decide important issues. Questions to be considered include: 1) Who is responsible for developing and implementing action steps? 2) When and how are actions steps to be undertaken and their budgetary impact?

County Manager, Charlie Horne, will poll Commissioners regarding a date and time for the follow-up meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

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

CABLE TELEVISION

Public Hearing

Cable Franchise: Public hearing to receive public comment on Cable Franchise

The County Manager explained that the public hearing is the second of two public hearings held on the cable franchise coming up for renewal consideration within the next few months. He stated that this is an opportunity for the public to express their views on the cable company's performance.

James V. Perdew, 479 Rectory Street, Pittsboro, NC, stated that as a representative of the Walnut Grove area, the senior citizens there have only their television sets; that their cable has been very bad; that the cable company has been contacted but they continue to experience “black-outs”. He questioned why he should pay the bill for inferior service and below-standard pictures. He suggested that if the present cable company cannot improve services that they be replaced.

Don Lein, 13 Crosswinds Estates, Pittsboro, NC, stated that he was consistently told that they were on the list during the aftermath of the storm for cable repair; that ultimately they were told that they were never on a list for repair; that cable customer service personnel is not doing their job; that when he finally found someone that was willing to help, they were not properly trained; that they were told they would get credit for twenty-four days without cable, but when the bill arrived, they received credit for seven days instead; that they have become frustrated consumers without any leverage having to always prove their case rather than having the cable company come to them; that the cable company is in a non-competitive environment and he would like to have someone else competing for his dollar.

RECOGNITION OF HURRICANE FRAN WORKERS

Recognition of Hurricane Fran Workers: Awards presentation for the Hurricane Fran workers

The Vice Chairman stated that, on behalf of the other Commissioners, she felt that the County had experienced its “finest hour” during Hurricane Fran; that our people came forth and made the County proud; and that it is an honor to recognize some of the people who meant a lot to the citizens of Chatham County during this time.

County Manager, Charlie Horne asked those involved in the recovery process after Hurricane Fran to stand for recognition. He stated that this was an outstanding hour for all those involved and during the recovery henceforth. He praised the tremendous job done by people who were not even asked to do so and stated that there were those who were out in the storm, trapped in the highways while trying to keep the main arteries open for emergency service vehicles, etc. He stated that there had been a valiant and heroic effort on the part of many County participants.

Tony Tucker, Emergency Operations Director, acknowledged everyone who participated during the Hurricane Fran operation. He stated that everyone did a great job and that there were those who were out in the storm longer than they should have been for safety reasons; that it was a joint effort with all agencies participating.

Charlie Horne thanked everyone for their heroic efforts during the storm and the recovery thereafter. He stated that the plaques stated, in a small way, thanks for everything done during this period. He stated that he hoped to take a look at the process that worked so well and apply it to other places.

Tom Bender, Fire Marshall, offered his thanks to all of the rescue squad workers, fire fighters, dispatchers, volunteers, and many others who operated so efficiently.

The members present were recognized for their heroic efforts.

The Vice Chairman stated that the Chairman, unable to be in attendance due to sickness, asked that her thanks be extended to all Department Heads, especially Don Whitt, Tony Tucker, Wayne Sherman, Robert Hall, and Cassie Wasko for their Hurricane Fran efforts beyond the call-of-duty.

She also praised the County Manager, the Assistant Manager, and the Finance Director for their work efforts.

PLANNING AND ZONING

- **Proposed Amendment to the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance:** Consideration of a proposed amendment to the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance Section 9.4 "Extension or Enlargement of Non-conforming Situations" and Section 9.5 "Reconstruction Limitations", to lessen restrictions on non-conforming situation

- Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard to amend the Zoning Ordinance as proposed as Attachment #2, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

- **Request to Zone Land from Industrial to Residential Agricultural:** Consideration of a request by Chatham County to zone land belonging separately to Parker, Mitchell, and Hilton, on the southwest side of SR #1916 and SR #1923 from industrial to RA-40 residential agricultural

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Grimes, that the Hilton property be zoned RA-40. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Firing Range Use Fees: Consideration of a request by the Sheriff's Department to collect firing range fees

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap, to approve the \$10.00 range fee. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- **Animal Control Advisory Committee Appointment:** Consideration of appointment or reappointments to the Animal Control Advisory Committee

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Grimes, to reappoint Valerie Clark to the ACAC Humane Society seat. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap, to appoint Becky Loflin to the public member seat effective July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1999. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

- ~~**Formation of a Permanent Solid Waste Advisory Committee:** Consideration of a resolution regarding the formation of a permanent Solid Waste Advisory Committee~~

- This item was removed from the Agenda.

Project Budget for Bennett Water Tank: Consideration of the Project Budget for Bennett Water Tank

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to approve the **Project Ordinance Concerning the Bennett Water Tank Project**, and approval of **Budget Amendment #8**. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

MANAGER' S REPORTS

The County Manager informed the Commissioners of the following:

Commissioner Board Retreat

1) Board Retreat - October 23 & 24, 1996; 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM; Governor's Club, Governor's Rooms A&B, Main Clubhouse; Tentative agenda having been set by Commissioners Grimes and Pollard, staff and facilitators

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Pollard stated that the people in Moncure have called regarding the extension of cable service to their area up the Pittsboro-Moncure Road to the Health Center and possibly to the Haywood people.

Commissioner Wilson stated that she had just returned from a trip to Florida where she attended a conference on delivering health care for the indigent. She stated that she received some very informative information which will be shared with the Commissioners and the Health Director at a later time.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Funding of Water and Sewer Line Extension: Consideration of Chatham County participation in funding water and sewer line extension to serve Trusty Building Components location in Siler City

Commissioner Dunlap moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to approve County participation in the amount of \$20,203.00 to extend water and sewer utility lines to serve Trusty Building Components on property now owned by North Chatham Center Company. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing personnel. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

REGULAR SESSION

Commissioner Dunlap moved, seconded by Commissioner Grimes, to go out of Closed Session and into Regular Session. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

Reclassification of County Positions

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to reclassify the Records Clerk in the Sheriff's Department to Deputy Sheriff; to reclassify the Elections Director position from Grade 14 to Grade 16; and to reclassify the Management Information System (MIS) employee from Grade 17 to Grade 18. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

- Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Grimes, to keep the Code Enforcement Director at Grade 20, Step 5. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

ADJOURNMENT

- Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap, that there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0), and the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 P.M.

Uva R. Holland, Chairman

ATTEST:

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