

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 03, 1997

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 November 03, 1997.

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

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 10:00 A.M after extending congratulations to the Jordan Matthews High School Cross Country Teams for their State and Regional Championships and welcoming the arrival of Benjamin Seth Bowman, newborn grandson of Commissioner Betty Wilson.

AGENDA

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

The County Manager asked that Item #12, “Discovery Penalty Relief” be deferred to the November 17th meeting; that an Appointment to the Water Advisory Committee by Commissioner Grimes be added as 16A; that an appointment to the OPC Mental Health by Commissioner Wilson be added as 16B; that a Closed Session be added to the end of the Agenda for the purpose of discussing the sale of property; and that a Resolution Honoring Jordan Matthews High School Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams for State and Regional Championships be added to the Consent Agenda as Item #8.

Commissioner Holland asked that her appointment to the Water Advisory Committee be added to the Agenda as Item #16C.

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Grimes, 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 Holland, 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 October 20, 1997

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

2. **Medicare/Medicaid Rates Change:** Notification of change in 1997 Medicare/Medicaid

rates for flu and pneumonia vaccinations

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

3. **ETJ Appointments for Town of Siler City:** Consideration to appoint Pat Lowman as an alternate ETJ member of the Siler City Planning Board/Board of Adjustment and appointment of James Patterson as an active member of the Planning Board/Board of Adjustment

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

4. **Surplus County Vehicles:** Consideration to declare County vehicles as surplus, a copy attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

5. **Acceptance of State Funds for Library's Current Budget:** Consideration to accept State funds in the amount of \$17,340 for the library's current budget, **Budget Amendment #21**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

6. **Acceptance of LSCA Funds for Library:** Consideration to accept LSCA Title I grant funds in the amount of \$\$8,750 for the library's Collection Development project, **Budget Amendment #22**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

7. **Acceptance of LSCA Funds for Library:** Consideration to accept federal LSCA Title I grant funds in the amount of \$10,045 for the Video Services project, **Budget Amendment #23**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

8. **Resolution #97-40 Honoring Jordan Matthews High School Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams for State and Regional Championships:** Consideration of approval of Resolution #97-40 Honoring Jordan Matthews High School Boys and Girls Cross County Teams for State and Regional Championships, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

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

PLANNING AND ZONING

Zoning District Change: Consideration of a request for a zoning district change from RA-40 (Residential-Agricultural) to Heavy Industrial Conditional Use District with a Conditional Use Permit for an

industrial facility that recycles scrap metal and manufactures structural steel and for other industrial uses on approximately 1,260 acres off S. R. #1912 (Christian Chapel Road) and S. R. #1924 (Moncure-Flatwood Road) in Cape Fear Township

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to approve the recommendations by the Planning Board and Planning Department as follows:

1. The Land Development Plan for Eastern Chatham County adopted October 2, 1989 be amended to include the approximate 1,260 acres of concern in the industrial designation of land uses.
2. The Chatham County zoning map be amended to zone the approximate 1,260 acres as requested to a Heavy Industrial Conditional Use District.

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

Water Quality in Southeastern Chatham County: Consideration of water quality in surface waters of southeastern Chatham County

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to hold a meeting with representation of the staff including Environmental Health Supervisor, Jimmy Collins, officials from the brick companies, and representatives from the Soil and Water Conservation Office . The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Set Public Hearing Date for Proposed Amendment to Chatham County Zoning Ordinance

Text: Consideration of a date on which to hold a public hearing regarding a proposed amendment to the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance text to allow a reduction in building setbacks to the minimum established in the state building code for industrial districts

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to set November 17, 1997 as the date on which to hold a public hearing to receive public comments on the proposed text change to the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Set Public Hearing Date for Chatham County Sign Ordinance: Consideration of a date on which to hold a public hearing regarding the Chatham County Sign Ordinance

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to set November 17, 1997 as the date on which to hold a public hearing to receive public comments on the proposed text change to the Chatham County Sign Ordinance. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

TAX ADMINISTRATION

~~- **Discovery Penalty Relief:** Consideration of a request to relieve a discovery penalty on a listing for Jimmy Brooks for Brooks Properties LLC~~

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This item was removed from the Agenda.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Dissolution of Economic Development Commission: Consideration of a request to dissolve the Economic Development Commission

Commissioner Holland moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to dissolve the Economic Development Commission and to recognize the Economic Development Corporation as a private organization supported financially by Chatham County Government. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Economic Development Corporation Ex-Officio Member Appointment: Consideration of a request to appoint one new ex-officio member to the Economic Development Corporation

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to appoint Margaret Pollard to the Economic Development Corporation Board. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Recreation Advisory Board Appointments: Consideration of a request to appoint three members to the Recreation Advisory Board

Commissioners Grimes, Pollard, and Dunlap asked to defer their appointments to the Recreation Advisory Board until a later date.

RECESS

- The Chairman called for a five minute break.

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SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Public Hearing: Consideration of a request to set November 17, 1997 as the date on which to hold a public hearing on the Local Law Enforcement Block Grants Program

Commissioner Holland moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to set November 17, 1997 as the date on which to hold a public hearing on the Local Law Enforcement Block Grants Program. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Water Advisory Board Appointments: Consideration of a request to appoint new members to the Water Advisory Board

Commissioner Holland moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to appoint Kevin Hine to the Water Advisory Board. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to appoint Craig Bray to the Water Advisory Board. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Orange-Person-Chatham (OPC) Mental Health Appointment: Consideration of a request to

appoint a new member to the Orange-Person-Chatham (OPC) Board

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to appoint A. Glenn Dunn, Jr. to the Orange-Person-Chatham (OPC) Board. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

Welfare Reform Leadership: Discussion of Welfare Reform Leadership

Commissioner Pollard reported on the first meeting of the Welfare Reform Task Group. She stated that the County Manager reviewed specifics of the expected accomplishments; that there was good representation from the agencies and employer groups as well as groups that work with the poor in the County; that the problem of transportation was discussed; and that she feels the County has the capability of coming up with meaningful welfare reform.

The County Manager stated that the group talked about asking people who receive the services to talk about how they get them and related obstacles and that the group has decided to begin weekly meetings.

MANAGER' S REPORTS

The County Manager informed the Commissioners of the following:

Siler City Inspections: The County is assisting the Town of Siler City with their inspections work as their inspector left for other employment.

Agenda for Board Retreat: Current plans are to have a facilitator(s) whom will help set the Board's agenda. A site has not yet been chosen for the December 4th and 5th retreat dates.

Commissioners Dunlap and Wilson volunteered to help frame the agenda for the retreat.

Revaluation Work Session: A work session is needed to discuss property revaluation within the County. It was decided, by consensus, to begin the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on November 17th one hour early at 6:00 PM.

Rural Development: There will be a meeting on Friday, November 7th with Rural Development, formerly Farmer's Home, to begin possible financing for water improvements.

Building and Renovations Program: Direction from the Board is needed for the architect for the judicial building. This item will be placed on the agenda for November 17th.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Pollard expressed pride regarding the Jordan Matthews Championship. She asked that the staff have the resolution framed and delivered to the coach.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to go out of Regular Session and

into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing sale of property. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

REGULAR SESSION

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

HOME HEALTH SALE

- Commissioner Holland moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to sell the Chatham County Home Health Agency to the University of North Carolina in the amount of \$300,000.00. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0). The contract is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY BY LARRY CRUM

- Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to adopt **Resolution #97-41 Regarding a Negotiated Offer to Purchase Real Property (by Larry Crum)**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY BY G. M. ANDERSON BUILDERS

- Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to adopt **Resolution #97-42 Regarding a Negotiated Offer to Purchase Real Property (by G. M. Builders)**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

RECESS

- Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to recess the meeting until 5:00 PM at the Byrd's Classroom.

Margaret Bryant Pollard, Chair

ATTEST:

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