

**MINUTES**  
**CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**SPECIAL MEETING, JULY 26, 1999**

The Board of Commissioners ("the Board") of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met in special session in the District Courtroom, located in Pittsboro, North Carolina, at 10:00 A.M. on July 26, 1999.

Present: Vice Chair Uva Holland;  
Commissioners: Margaret Pollard, Gary Phillips, and Carl Outz;  
County Manager, Charlie Horne; County Attorney,  
Robert L. Gunn; Assistant Finance Officer,  
Vicki McConnell; and Clerk to the Board,  
Sandra B. Lee

Absent: Chairman Rick Givens

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 10:08 AM.

**AGENDA**

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

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to approve the Agenda. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- The Vice Chairman directed the Clerk to the Board to read the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, 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 July 12, 1999

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**NC RURAL COMMUNITIES ASSISTANCE PROJECT**

- *Public Hearing*

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**Sharon LaPalme**, explained that the creation of a government entity, such as the Chatham County Sewer District I, allows Chatham County to apply for assistance for the Stockyard Road/Colonial Road sewer line extension through the Rural Economic Development Center's Unsewered Communities Grant Program; that the guidelines of the program specify that the applicant have a population of 5,000 or less, or that counties apply on behalf of a local unit of government with a population of 5,000 or less; that the creation of the sewer district allows Chatham County to apply on behalf of this district; that the public hearing is the first step toward creating the sewer district; that if awarded the grant money, the County would have one year to complete the district formation process; that since this public hearing is non-binding, the County may choose to stop the district formation process if the grant money is not awarded.

**Bob Gunn**, County Attorney, explained that creating a district that provides sewer service; that the district would have the authority to levy taxes in the district; that if it should come about, there might be problems having all of the area instead of serving one part of it; that if it would not interfere with the plans, specific boundary configurations might be established.

**R. B. Thomas**, Holland's Chapel Road, Apex, NC, asked if sewer hookup in this area would be mandatory and if so, could the County afford it. He stated that it is his understanding that the County is looking at property on the Holland Chapel Road for a new school, and if so, would the sewer be coming through Holland Chapel Road; that if so, would hookup be mandatory; that there are a tremendous amount of people living in the area on fixed incomes that would not be able to afford the \$25 hookup fee and \$60 monthly fee. He stated that he thinks the issue needs to be brought before the public at a regular Board meeting to be further studied.

**Wilbert Coble, Jr.**, 963 Stockyard Road, Siler City, NC, stated that he has lived on Stockyard Road all of his life; that he has some property that cannot be used due to sewer problems; that there would be a lot more people living there if they had sewer; that he has a lot of family that would move back to the area if sewer was available. He asked that the Board consider sewer in this area.

**Ray Greenlaw**, 2 Jordan Drive, Pittsboro, NC, stated that he agrees in part with the first gentleman who spoke; that he wants to be careful of any sewer design and about the precedence the County wants to set in establishing other districts; that he doesn't want the County to get into the business of establishing a new sewer system; that he wants to proceed with the project and but cautioned the Board to use care for what might be used as a model for entire County.

Commissioner Pollard recommended that the NC Rural Communities Assistance Project consult with the County Attorney in drawing up the sewer boundaries to make sure that only the areas identified as problem areas are made available for sewer.

Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to end the public hearing. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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The Clerk to the Board, after reading the minutes of the July 26, 1999 meeting, asked for approval of same so that an executed copy of the approved minutes could be mailed with the grant application.

Commissioner Outz moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to approve the Board Minutes for special meeting held July 26, 1999. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

## **MANAGER'S REPORTS**

- The County Manager informed the Board of the following:

1.) **Board of Education Meeting:** As previously discussed, a joint meeting between the Board of Education and the Board of Commissioners to discuss new schools has been set for the September 7, 1999 Board of Commissioners' work session at 1:00 PM.

2.) **Juvenile Justice Meeting:** The meeting with the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Group will be held on August 4, 1999 from 2:00 – 5:00 PM at Central Carolina Community College, Multi-Purpose Room, Pittsboro, NC.

## **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

- **Vehicle Identification Stickers:**

Commissioner Outz expressed a desire to proceed with the individual vehicle windshield stickers which would permit County citizens to deposit their trash at the recycling centers, thereby prohibiting illegal dumping within the County.

The County Manager stated that this issue would be addressed and updated at the August 2, 1999 meeting.

- **Letters of Appreciation:**

Commissioner Pollard asked that letters of appreciation be sent to American Water Works Association and NCRCAP for working with Stockyard Road and the community in bringing this problem to the Commissioners' attention. Copies of the letters are attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

- **Legal Matters:**

Bob Gunn, County Attorney, stated that the State Supreme Court has ruled with the County in the case Hearn VS Chatham County; that they affirmed the decision of the Court of Appeals which was to the effect that Mr. Hearn had resigned; that the decision in the Supreme Court was a tie vote with the Chief Justice abstaining; that the effect of this is that the decision of the Court of Appeals stands; that there is another case pending in Federal Court involving other claims of Mr. Hearn.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, 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 10:48 AM.

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Uva R. Holland, Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

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