

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING AND WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 01, 1999

The Board of Commissioners (“the Board”) of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met in the District Courtroom, located in Pittsboro, North Carolina, at 7:00 PM on November 01, 1999.

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

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 10:05 AM.

AGENDA

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

The County Manager asked that consideration for a bid acceptance for a dump truck chassis for the Utilities Division be added to the Agenda under the Manager’s Reports.

The Chairman asked that time be allowed to let Mr. John Blair speak to the Board with regard to the courthouse clocks and contracts for same.

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to approve the Agenda with the noted requests. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Outz moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

1. **Minutes:** Consideration of approval of Board Minutes for Regular Meeting held October 18, 1999 and Work Session held October 18, 1999

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

2. **Resolution Authorizing Applicant’s Agent to File for Federal Financial Assistance:** Consideration of a request to approve **Resolution #99-30 Authorizing Applicant’s Agent to File for Federal Financial Assistance Under the Disaster Relief Act**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

3. **Accounting and Tolling Order for Time Warner Cable:** Consideration of a request to approve the Accounting and Tolling Order for Time Warner Cable's FCC-1240, 1205, 1235, Rate Filings, Extending the Review Period Deadline to January 31, 2000, 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 comments.

COURTHOUSE CLOCKS

John Blair explained the construction process of the clocks which are to be installed in the courthouse cupola and expressed concern with regard to the signing of the final agreement so that the installation of the clocks can begin. He presented the Board and County Attorney with new language to be substituted in the contract.

Bob Gunn, County Attorney, stated that after reviewing the proposed trust language for the County with the Triangle Community Foundation, that there are needs to be met before the requirements of the contract between Mr. Johnson and the County can be satisfied; that these include the annual maintenance fund and the donor advised non-endowment fund. He stated that he will reserve further comments until he can review the new specified conditions.

PRESENTATION BY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Relevant Immigration Issues: Presentation of relevant immigration issues by Bill Lail, Human Services Planner, of the Family Resource Center

Bill Lail, Director of the Family Resource Center, stated that the Chatham Family Resource Center (FRC) is a direct community response to Hispanic immigration to Chatham County; that the FRC was created in 1994 under the health department administration; that the need for this new entity was created by unprecedented immigration; that the County's largest provider of prenatal care (up to 70% Hispanic clients) needed a comprehensive health and community education program for immigrants; that over 50% of the County's only full-time pediatrician's caseload are Hispanic children; that 40% of the town's kindergarten class is Hispanic; that there are no licensed Hispanic childcare centers; that well over half the town's workforce is Hispanic; that over 35% of Siler City's population is Hispanic; that many Hispanics are undocumented and their children are US citizens; that given this scenario, the community needed a new way to respond to this large-scale immigration; that the community saw the need to build a center and did so; that the center provided, among other things, a low-cost facility in which local agencies and non-profit organization can operate (i.e. health department, Smart Start, Girl Scouts, Brownie Troops, NA, AA, etc.), a facility in which out-of-area resource agencies can operate to bring services to Siler city residents (i.e. WIC, Americorps Program, Head Start, Frank Porter Graham, Baby Love, etc.), a testing ground for innovative programs with diverse funding streams, a one-stop walk-in resource for all residents, a fully functional high-visibility site for local education/training activities including two child-care centers, kitchen, four classrooms, five offices, large meeting hall, parking, and playground, a facility for study by university and

community college students serving internships in Chatham County, a much-needed comprehensive Hispanics services and orientation center.

Mr. Lail shared the objectives of the Family Resource Center, stated that the largest issue facing the community is the new immigrant population, and illustrated the interdependency of industry, community and government on this issue. He stated that the FRC Board of Directors has implemented strategies for sustainability that they believe will provide future facility funding and listed same.

Commissioner Pollard asked that the Board express their appreciation in a well-developed resolution for the vision and hard work by Bill Lail, who worked through the immigration issue, who sought support of at least five of the County's top industries; which has put Chatham County above other counties and kept it lean; and that industry has learned the value of participating in its programs.

Commissioner Phillips stated that he was very proud of the Family Resource Center; that he hopes that as the organization matures in its relationship between the client/community, that more people will become part of the Board.

INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Upgrade Information Systems Computer Hardware – IBM AS/400: Consideration of a request to approve the upgrade of information systems computer hardware – IBM AS/400

Commissioner Holland moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to award the computer hardware upgrade lease to Yorel Integrated Solutions, Inc. as provided by the NC State Purchase and contract under Bid/File #901464 at a total cost of \$160,503.00. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

FIRE MARSHAL'S DEPARTMENT

Delinquent Fire Inspection Fees: Consideration of a request to write-off fire inspection fees as bad debts

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to write-off delinquent fire inspection fees in the amount of \$345.00 as bad debts. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Agricultural Advisory Board Formation and Appointments: Consideration of a request to form an Agricultural Advisory Board and appointments to same

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to form an Agricultural Advisory Board to serve as advisors to the Chatham County Board of Commissioners. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

US Hwy. #64/Haw River Canoe Access: Consideration of a request to assume ownership of the US Hwy. #64/Haw River canoe access

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to assume ownership and maintenance responsibilities for the US Hwy. #64/Haw River canoe access upon its completion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Board of Commissioners' Retreat Date: Consideration of a request to set a date on which to hold the Board of Commissioners' annual retreat

By consensus, the Board agreed to set December 15th and 16th, 1999 as the dates on which to hold the Board of Commissioners' annual retreat. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

December Board of Commissioners' Meeting: Consideration of a request to cancel the second regularly scheduled December Board of Commissioners' Meeting on December 20, 1999

By consensus, the Board agreed to move their regularly scheduled 10:00 AM meeting for December 6, 1999 to 7:00 PM on December 6, 1999 and cancel the second December Board of Commissioners' meeting scheduled for December 20, 1999 at 7:00 PM. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

BREAK

- The Chairman called for a ten-minute break.

CLOSED SESSION

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

REGULAR SESSION

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

LUNCH RECESS

- Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to recess for lunch. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

WORK SESSION

WORK SESSION AGENDA:

1:00 PM	Strategic Plan Update
2:30 PM	Development Fees/Adequate Facilities
3:00 PM	Economic Development Industry Park
3:30 PM	Solid Waste Advisory Committee

4:00 PM Water System Update

RECONVENE WORK SESSION

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to reconvene the work session in the Henry H. Dunlap Classroom. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Bid Award for Dump Truck: Consideration of a request for approval to award a bid for a dump truck chassis for the Utilities Division

Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to award the bid for the dump truck chassis for the Utilities Division to Parks Chevrolet in the amount of \$44,283.16. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Strategic Plan Update:

A multimedia presentation of the collaborative planning for the future of Chatham County was presented by the Strategic Plan Committee.

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to authorize the County Manager to spend up to \$10,000.00 for support of the strategic planning process. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

The Board discussed their desire for more representation of farmers and minorities in the strategic process.

Economic Development:

Joe Trageser, Economic Development Corporation President, asked the Board for additional funding in the amount of \$50,000.00 to help the Economic Development Corporation meet their mission and goals.

Tony Tucker, Economic Development Director, expressed his appreciation to the Board for their support and stated that he looks forward to bringing positive economic development to the County.

The Chairman welcomed Tony Tucker to Chatham County and the Economic Development Corporation.

Mexico Trip:

The County Manager asked if any member of the Board would like to, as previously discussed, travel to Mexico if funds were appropriated by the North Carolina Center for International Understanding (NCCIU) for this purpose.

Commissioners Givens and Pollard stated that they would be interested in participating in this tour.

Solid Waste Advisory Committee:

Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to continue with the Solid Waste Advisory Committee for a period of five years. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Future Search:

Bob Holden, Solid Waste Director, explained that Triangle J Council of Governments (TJCOG) has convened regular meetings of the region's local government solid waste planners since 1991; that this group, the Triangle Region Solid Waste Planners Committee, recently issued a report urging the Triangle's local governments to work more closely on planning infrastructure to manage solid waste beyond the next ten years; that the committee pointed out the dangers of relying on landfilling for the indefinite future and the need to explore coordinated capital investment in alternative means of handling waste; that the TJCOG Board of Delegates and the Greater Triangle Regional Council have also recently encouraged greater regional cooperation on solid waste; that as a means to initiate productive action on a regional level, the Triangle Region Solid Waste Planners Committee is proposing that the region conduct a "Future Search", which is a dynamic, interactive process used by groups to identify trends, common ground, and action steps.

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to participate in "Future Search". The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

ADJOURNMENT

- Commissioner Holland moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, 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 4:34 PM.

Rick Givens, Chairman

ATTEST:

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