

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION, MARCH 16, 1998

The Board of Commissioners (“the Board”) of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met for the purpose of holding a work session in the Health Administration Building, Bryd’s Classroom, Pittsboro, North Carolina, 10:00 A.M. on March 16, 1998.

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; and Assistant County Manager, Reneé Dickson;

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 10:00 AM.

AGENDA:

I. Water System Issues

1. Rates
2. Feasibility
3. Master Plan
4. Water Advisory Committee
5. Raw Water Intake

II. Solid Waste Issues

1. Pay-As-You-Throw

III. Various Issues

1. Budget
2. Recreation
3. BellSouth Lease
4. Community College Funding (Maintenance Shortfall \$38,000)
5. Work/Pay – Bill Lail
6. Economic Development Corporation
 - A. Location (Proposed purchase of house currently leased to CP&L)
 - B. Contract
7. Board of Education Taxing Authorization (Local Bill for General Assembly)
8. Time of Work Sessions
9. Council on Aging (Discussion of COA Requests)
 - A. Policy of In-home vs Institutionalization Senior Adults at Risk
 - B. Funding In-home vs Institutionalization
10. Other Items

Water Topics:

Feasibility Study:

The Staff presented a list of “immediate need projects” including Lystra Road Line Replacement and Edwards Mountain Booster Pump Upgrade, after which the Board of Commissioners acknowledged the need for the projects and agreed to consider awarding the contracts for them in the near future.

The Staff presented a list of proposed important criteria concerning the evaluation of potential future projects. The Board voiced support for the list as follows and suggested adding water quality as another factor to consider:

- System Improvement Potential
- Supports Regional Cooperation
- Compliance with the Land Use Development Plan (1989, current)
- Public Health
- Financial Sustainability
- Economic Development
- Waste Water Treatment Capacity
- Supports Public Institution Needs

The Board recommended that the consultant working on the study focus on evaluating the degree to which all the potential water line projects satisfy the criteria, but refrain from ranking water line extensions.

The Board also recommended working with the staff and the Water Advisory Committee in the future to discuss the relative importance of each of the individual criteria that was identified.

Water Rates:

The Staff presented proposed rate analysis steps and rate guidelines. The Board voiced support for the proposed guidelines as follows and directed the Water Advisory Committee to meet and present the Board with a proposed rate study schedule identifying the roles of staff, consulting engineers, and the committee:

- Promote water conservation
- Reduce “peaking”
- Support economic development
- Provides a “life-line” rate
- Cover 100% of operating costs and depreciation
- Cover a percentage of debt service (different percentages to be studied)

Water Availability Fee Financing:

The Staff presented the Board with several financing options.

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to approve private financing of connection fees, currently costing \$2,000. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Solid Waste Topics:

Solid Waste Availability Fees:

The Staff presented the budgetary impacts of charging all households a solid waste availability fee

versus waiving the fee for households using a private hauler.

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to charge a solid waste availability fee to all households in the unincorporated areas of the County. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Pay-As-You-Throw System:

The Staff presented the Board with specific pay-as-you-throw options and projections of the affects of the different systems on next year's budget.

The Board voiced support for a sticker-based pay-as-you-throw system, and recommended that the system implementation be scheduled to begin on a new fiscal year, approximately July, 1999.

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BellSouth Lease:

After a discussion, Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Grimes, to approve the BellSouth Lease, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to excuse Commissioner Dunlap from the remainder of the meeting due to a doctor's appointment. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Council on Aging:

After a discussion of Council on Aging requests, Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to have the Council on Aging return to the Board with options for serving Adult Protective Services (APS) clients, persons at risk, and answers to questions, such as, who the County serves and in what capacity. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

The Board asked that the Council on Aging get the last five years financial data on Adult Protective Services and then project future demands.

Recess:

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to recess the meeting until 7:00 PM at which time the Board will meet in the Superior Courtroom for their regularly scheduled meeting. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

Margaret Bryant Pollard, Chair

ATTTEST:

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