

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 15, 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 7:00 P.M. on February 15, 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; Finance Officer Vicki McConnell; and Clerk to the Board, Sandra B. Lee

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:00 PM.

AGENDA

- The Chairman explained that there will no discussion on impact fees as previously erroneously published in the newspaper.

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

The Chairman asked that Item #6, Sketch Design Approval of River Ridge, be placed on the regular agenda for discussion.

The County Manager asked that Item #19, CP&L/Citizen Input on Spent Nuclear Fuel, be moved to #9B on the agenda; and that Item 320, NC Rural Communities Assistance Project, Inc. be placed on the March 15, 1999 agenda.

Commissioner Holland moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, 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 Phillips 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 meeting held February 01, 1999

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

2. **Refunds on Regular Tax Bills:** Consideration of a request for approval of refunds on regular tax bills paid in error, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof

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

3. **Grant Application for "Project Tomorrow":** Consideration of a request for approval by the Library Department to apply for a "Project Tomorrow" Environmental Education Grant

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

4. **Funds Acceptance for Environmental Health Services Division of the Health Department:** Consideration of a request for approval to accept additional DENR funds in the amount of \$2,164.61 for the Environmental Health Services Division of the Health Department

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

5. **Sketch Design Approval of Glen Ridge, Lots 13, 14, 15, and 16:** Consideration of a request by Musigny, Inc., for sketch design approval of "Glen Ridge, Lots 13, 14, 15, and 16" on 20 acres off SR #1534 (Poythress Road) in Baldwin Township

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

6. **Sketch Design Approval of River Ridge:** Consideration of a request by Ricky Spoon for sketch design approval of "River Ridge", consisting of 26 lots on approximately 103 acres, off SR #2157 (Pete Roberson Road) in Oakland Township

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

7. **Preliminary Design Approval of Chatham Forest:** Consideration of a request by Jane Durham Williams for preliminary design approval of "Chatham Forest" consisting of 7 subdivision lots on approximately 50 acres, off SR #1535 (Gilmore Road), in Baldwin Township

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

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Don Bollinger, PO Box 131, Gulf, NC, stated that Norfolk Southern Railroad (NSR) once had a single track that passed through their township; that in 1989, NSR began the abandonment of a 2.2 mile section of this track; that heavy equipment has been brought in and destroyed their trees and land; that NSR has not made use of the corridor or the right-of-way for well over the seven year limitation defined in the NC General Statutes; that NSR is constructing an industrial spur in the center of where their homes stand; that this spur will be used to stage grain cars for a feed mill in Candor, NC; that the tracks will be doubled, but will not simply pass through the neighborhood; that the grain cars are to be started twenty-four hours a day; that this will create a great amount of noise plus the spillage of grain which will attract a large variety of pests and rats; that Gulf is a very simple and modest area and they do not have the means by which to defend their rights in this matter; that Gulf is a 150 year old bedroom community that has been recommended to the National Register of Historic Places; that they have both State and Federal grants to help preserve the historical significance of the Deep River in this area; that Rails to Trails have attempted to gain the right-of-way of this corridor since 1989; that they are asking the Commissioners to formally inquire through the Surface

Transportation Board as to the status of abandonment and seek an injunction to stop the construction until this matter is resolved.

Bill McGuire, Lakewood Falls, Carbondon, NC, asked for help in improving the road conditions in the subdivision of Lakewood Falls. He stated that the road is approximately 2½ miles long and is dirt and gravel; that there are twenty-five households living within the boundaries of the subdivision and another building permit has been recently issued; that there is a potential of thirty-two more homes to be built as the lots have already been sold; that there are eight school age children that must walk to catch the school bus as the bus will not go down the road because it is a private road; that the owner of the road, C. R. Creech, has promised publicly and privately and he will provide a letter of intent to turn over ownership of the road to the County or the State if they will improve the road; that Mr. Creech will not maintain the road in the future and has not done so the last couple of months. He asked for the Commissioners' help to resolve this situation.

Karl Ernst, 711 Red Oak Drive, Siler City, NC, stated that he was looking forward to a strategic plan in the implementation of impact fees; that impact fees target growth; that people are coming into the County and building homes but a majority are working outside of the County; that there needs to be some kind of comprehensive initiative for revenue sharing because of the people who live in the County and work elsewhere.; and that he would love to see some type of revenue sharing.

Request by Ricky Spoon for Sketch Design Approval: Consideration of a request for approval by Ricky Spoon for sketch design for approval of River Ridge consisting of 26 lots on approximately 103 acres, off SR #2157 (Pete Roberson Road) in Oakland Township

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland to accept the Planning Department and Planning Board recommendation granting sketch design approval with the following condition:

- 1) Emergency vehicle turnarounds at intervals of approximately one every 1000 feet (on the main road) shall be designated on the preliminary and final plats. Said turnarounds shall be improved, such that at a minimum, the first 25 feet shall be an all weather travel surface with a minimum clearance of 12 feet wide and 14 feet high. Such improvements shall be made prior to the plat being recorded.

The motion carried five (5) to zero (0) with Commissioner Phillips abstaining.

SUBDIVISION MORATORIUM ORDINANCE

Public Hearing

Proposed Subdivision Moratorium Ordinance: Public hearing to receive public comments on An Ordinance Establishing a Moratorium on the Approval of Major Subdivisions of Land in Chatham County

Larry Hicks, 128 Persimmon Hill, Pittsboro, NC, stated that he has some of the very same concerns as four years ago, but that now there are very valuable tools available for use to attack them, including the strategic plan, land use plan, economic development efforts, and water feasibility study; and that these ideas need to be fused together. He urged the adoption of a moratorium after all of

these pieces are in place.

Ray Greenlaw, 2 Jordan Drive, Pittsboro, NC, stated that it was encouraging to see that the Board of Commissioners is considering significant initiatives designed to influence Chatham County's future growth; that in the context of Chatham County's overall effort to manage that growth, a moratorium on additional major residential development could be a useful tool if it is done in the right way at the right time; that he has some concerns with the "Purpose" article of the draft ordinance; that some of the expectations envisioned in this section may be unrealistic in the 270 days proposed in the ordinance; that the Board needs to look at a new comprehensive land use plan; and that the Water Master Plan and the Land Use Plan must first be finalized. He asked the Board to examine carefully the ramifications of this proposed ordinance before they take action.

Dave LeGrys, 111 Pokeberry Lane, Pittsboro, NC, stated that the first impression of the Planning Board was that of surprise; that many different plans need to be completed if the moratorium is to work properly; and that there needs to be a clear project plan for things that need to be accomplished during the moratorium. He requested a joint work session between the Board of Commissioners and the Planning Board.

Barbara Lorie, 117 Blue Heron Farm, Pittsboro, NC, stated that she had recently traveled in California and found it to be very polluted, just as Raleigh is becoming; and that more family farms are needed in Chatham County to help preserve the area. She stressed that the Board needs to take a long hard look at development in the County, and stated that she would support a moratorium and a long range plan for the greater good of all Chatham.

Anne Von Gruenigen, 980 Hal Clark Road, Siler City, NC, stated that she supports a moratorium on subdivisions; that subdivisions pose a great threat to agriculture; that farmers use fewer tax dollars than non-agricultural residents; and that she resents having to pay more taxes for support of additional services to subdivisions. She asked the Board to support the agricultural community and enact the moratorium until the Land Use Plan is final and implemented.

WATER FEASIBILITY

Public Comments Session

Water Feasibility Study: Designated period to receive public comments on the Chatham County Draft Water Feasibility Study

Fred Hobbs, engineer with Hobbs Upchurch & Associates, Inc., gave a brief slide show and overview of the draft version of the County's Water Feasibility Study.

Jerry Hackney, 430 Calvin Phillip Road, Bennett, NC, speaking on behalf of the Fall Creek Community, stated that they are in desperate need of water; that they are relying on well water systems; that one family had to hook up into a neighbor's well; that there is one family who has drilled four different wells and another has drilled three wells; that both have little water; that main complaints from the current water supply is that it is not good to drink nor wash clothes in; that there are several land owners who would like to build in the area but have not because of the poor supply of water; that they are a poultry and livestock producing community; that there are several rental properties and businesses who need water; that there is a definite need for water in that area of the

County.

Ray Greenlaw, 2 Jordan Drive, Pittsboro, NC, stated that during the Water Committee's meeting, the committee authorized the chairman to compile and submit, as part of the current process of reviewing the October 1998 draft, a list of the principal concerns addressed in comments made by committee members; that members initials comments on the original draft report were submitted on June 7, 1998 with a supplemental set of comments provided on June 11, 1998; that the committee members provided comments on a series of revised drafts which culminated with the October, 1998 version. After listing the principal concerns addressed by the committee members, he stated that as presented in this draft, the investigation and comparative analyses of potential alternative water sources is considered incomplete; that the draft report does not consider the limitations imposed by available capabilities to manage the greatly increased volumes of wastewater that would be generated by a countywide water system.

Kristy Manning, 403 Rock Rest Road, Pittsboro, NC, President of the Haw River Assembly, stated that the more water supplied by the County, the more wastewater there is going to be; that the impact from wastewater treatment plants pose the greatest threat of health to the three Chatham County rivers; that two things which affect the health of the river are as follows: 1) many occasional accidental dumpings of wastewater into rivers, particularly in times of draught; 2) accumulative effects of allowable levels of wastewater; that construction of new plants could harm rivers indefinitely. She urged that any new wastewater facilities that are considered within the Cape Fear Basin do a much better job than existing technology is currently doing; and that any new water that is added to the rivers must be cleaner than what is already there.

RECESS

- The Chairman called for a five-minute recess.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

CP&L/Citizen Input on Spent Nuclear Fuel

Liz Cullington, Pittsboro, NC, stated that she had looked at CP&L's application; that she would be happy to share her findings; that she thinks it reflects the level of non-review and cursory attention to detail that the NRC has given to the application; that she found incredible and stupid statements in the document; that they indicate that CP&L is well aware that the NRC will approve their application; that they have no interest in making the company look at other viable alternatives for dealing with the fuel; that application was filed on December 23, 1998 and that the notice was written up and printed in the federal register on January 13, 1999; that she felt these things reflected the arrogance of the company and the disregard by the NRC for the people's safety;

Mary MacDowell, Chatham County PSLAC, stated that she had just received Gordon Thompson's report; that the full report is available; that she feels it is important that the report should be perused by people who know what it means; that the NRC will provide part of it and the question is whether Chatham County wants to support the effort of Orange County for the review of the document by someone other than the NRC and CP&L; that the County has the option of asking for a further extension of the comment period; that if the Board takes no action at this time, it could close off the chance to make a decision to intervene without asking the public comment period be further extended.

James Larry Cheek, 603 N. 4th Avenue, Siler City, NC, stated that he lives in Chatham County and is an employee of CP&L; that CP&L's record of safety speaks for itself; that they take pride in customer satisfaction; that CP&L will be safe, performing the safe way in the right way.

Jim Scarola, PO Box 1551, Raleigh, NC, Vice President of Nuclear Operations at the Harris Plant, representing CP&L and its 600 employees, stated that safety is taken very seriously by CP&L and himself; that it is his number one accountability in the operation of the nuclear facility; that he knows of the interest in the community and appreciates the Commissioners taking the time to visit the site; that he is aware of the time and attention the Commissioners have put in to sorting out this issue to make good judgement; that nuclear power has been used to stir quite a bit of emotion and exploit fear in the public; that the plans that were submitted to the NRC are built on ten years of experience; that it is the implementation of a plan that started out during the licensing process of Harris when three units were cancelled and the decision was made to continue to build a fuel storage capability for four pools; that two of those pools are currently in service; that two are not in service at this time; that the licensing amendment that has been submitted is for the second two pools; that the storage of spent fuel was started in 1988; that CP&L will store only used fuel from its own nuclear plants; that after eighteen months of operation, approximately one-third of the fuel assemblies that are used are removed from the reactor and moved to the used fuel storage facility; that shipments were begun in 1989 from the Robinson and Brunswick Plants; that the shipments have continued for better than ten years and will continue to remain at approximately ten shipments per year; that each shipment consists of one or two steel containers designed for transport; that the used-fuel storage facilities are designed and constructed to withstand earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes; that the systems are capable of being powered electrically from emergency diesel generators in the event that off-site electrical power is unavailable; that the used-fuel pool cooling systems include back-up pumps, heat exchangers, controls, instrumentation and piping to assure safety even if a single component fails; that the systems feature high-technology instrumentation to continuously monitor water level and temperature; that the pools are forty feet deep; that at least twenty-three feet of water covers the used fuel; that the concrete pool walls are six feet thick with a stainless steel liner; that no drains exist in the pools; that pipe connections to the pools are located well above the top of the used-fuel assemblies so that the pools cannot be accidentally drained to uncover the fuel; that the fuel handling building, which contains all four of the used-fuel pools and related equipment, is a concrete structure that is also built to withstand hurricanes, tornadoes, and earthquakes requirements; that fuel shipping ultimately will ship to a permanent storage facility located in Nevada in the year 2010; that the proposal for the license amendment is for the interim storage at the Harris facility; that it is not for long-term storage; that it is important to note that the fuel that is shipped is out of the reactor for more than three years; that this is significant in terms of safety and in terms of the fuel capability to generate heat; that the fuel is shipped dry, by railroad, without any water; that the issue at hand is that the current fuel pools are currently seventy-five percent filled; that in order to support continued operation of the facility, CP&L needs to extend their pool storage capability and put the second two pools in service to support the end of license and the eventual shipment out to Nevada; and that there is a lot of discussion in terms of the regulatory process.

He asked that the Board not allow some of the reports to be quoted out of context and stated that the summaries of those reports are very clear.

John Caves, PO Box 1551, Raleigh, NC, Supervisor of Regulatory Affairs, stated that he would answer questions with regard to the issues that were raised by Dr. Gordon Thompson. He stated that the application reflects that the cooling system cannot handle the prospective load of fuel; that the plan to limit the heat load is an unreviewed safety question and is true; that the NRC has not previously been able to look at this issue and has not determined it to be unsafe; and that the NRC has

only looked at whether the application was complete. He also stated that CP&L has taken many steps to insure that safe measures are taken with regard to storage of spent fuel; and that there would be no affect to those who live adjacent to the Harris Plant.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Proposed Amendment to Communication Towers Ordinance: Consideration of a request for approval of a proposed amendment to various sections of the Chatham County Communication Towers to provide for improvements resulting from the first year's experiences with the ordinance

Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to accept the Planning Department and Planning Board recommendation that the Chatham County Communication Towers Ordinance be amended as follows:

Page 4, Article III, Section 3-1, item 2.b.iii

Current text: "Past efforts to co-locate on existing facilities"

New text: "Efforts to co-locate on existing facilities shall include detailed technical and logistical information to demonstrate why it is not feasible to Co-locate on an existing tower or tower under construction."

Page 4, Article III, Section 3-1, item 5 (a new item)

New text: "5. Process Steps:

a) All requests for new towers and co-locations are reviewed at the annual Planning Board meeting. Confirmation of the active status of each existing tower is made at this meeting. Status of approved towers that are currently under construction is presented. Approved towers that have not been completed within the prescribed time may be considered as new applications at this meeting. This review may extend beyond a single Planning Board meeting if required.

b) A comprehensive tower plan, that identifies current towers, and search areas for new towers is prepared for approval by the County Commissioners. The County Commissioners shall receive public input for the comprehensive plan prior to its approval. After approval of the comprehensive plan, co-location applications may proceed without further consideration.

c) Individual tower applications, targeted at the search area, are reviewed by the Planning Board, offered to public hearing and then submitted for approval by the County Commissioners. Individual applications that are ready may be presented for public hearing directly after the public input of the comprehensive plan(at the same meeting).

d) In the event that an approved site later is found to be unsuitable, the applicant may obtain approval for another location within the search area approved in the comprehensive plan, after public input, without waiting for the next yearly tower review cycle.

e) New towers must be completed within 12 months of the date of approval.

All uncompleted towers shall be referred to the next annual tower meeting for review.

Page 4, Article III, Section 3-2, item 2.

Insert the word: “substantial” before “benefit” in the second sentence:

“Towers may be located in Area 33 only if a substantial benefit to Chatham County can be demonstrated which shall not be based upon the provision of service statement in Section 704(a) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.”

Page 5, Article IV, Section 4-1, item 21

New text: “If the site is designed for or equipped with on site generators for electric power supply then a retention basin for liquids shall be provided that is designed according to recommendations of the County Fire Marshal and/or the County Emergency Operations Office.”

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

Proposed Amendment to Subdivision Regulations: Consideration of a request for approval of a proposed amendment to the Chatham County Subdivision Regulations, section 6.2D (2) concerning improving new subdivision’s private roads to state standards

Chairman Givens asked to be excused from voting on this issue due to a possible conflict of interest.

Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to excuse the Chairman from voting on the proposed Amendment to the Chatham County Subdivision Regulations. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to table this issue until a later date. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

Sketch Design Approval of Maple Springs Estates, Phases I, II and III: Consideration of a request by Richard H. Givens, for sketch design approval of Maple Springs Estates, Phases I, II, and III consisting of 18 subdivision lots on 143.92 acres, off SR #1006 (Siler City-Glendon Road), in Bear Creek Township

Chairman Givens asked to be excused from voting on this issue due to a possible conflict of interest.

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to excuse the Chairman from voting on the sketch design approval of Maple Springs Estates, Phases I, II, and III. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to accept the Planning Department and Planning Board recommendation granting sketch design approval with the following conditions:

1. The emergency vehicle turnarounds shall also be designated on the final plat

and improved such that at a minimum the first 25 feet shall be an all weather travel surface with a minimum clearance of 12 feet wide and 14 feet high. Such improvements shall be made prior to the final plat being recorded.

2. Floodable areas shall be designated on all subdivision lots where necessary on the preliminary and final plats. It is recommended that floodable areas also be designated on the exempt lots.

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

The Vice Chair relinquished the seat to the Chair after voting on the sketch design approval of Maple Springs Estates, Phases, I, II, and III.

Carolina Meadows Request for Revision to Conditional Use Permit: Consideration of a request by Carolina Meadows for a revision to Section H (Residential Development) of the existing Conditional Use Permit, Off SR #1727 (Whippoorwill Lane) in Williams Township

Commissioner Outz moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to accept the Planning Department and Planning Board recommendation that the five findings be made and the request be approved as submitted. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Cardinal Operating Company Request for Conditional Use Permit: Consideration of a request by Cardinal Operating Company for a Conditional Use Permit for a contractor's storage yard (pipe storage yard), on 12.3 acres of the Strowd property on the southeast side of Hwy. #15-501, south of Mt. Gilead Church Road (SR #1700) in Baldwin Township

Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to accept the Planning Department and Planning Board recommendation and find the five findings and that the request be approved with the following conditions:

1. The existing driveway be improved to the standards listed in attachment #5 prior to commencing work on the site.
2. An Erosion Control and Sedimentation permit be obtained from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources prior to commencing work on the site.
3. No part of the easement may be blocked (i.e. tractor trailer trucks parking on paved or gravel road bed) at any time so as to prevent thru traffic.
4. Property and driveway are to be restored after use has ceased as stated in item #4, letter dated 1-20-99 from Bradley L. Lausbaugh to David LeGrys.
5. The driveway is to be maintained to provide an all-weather access during the entire project time.
6. The permit will expire December 31, 1999. Condition #4 must be completed prior to expiration date.
7. Cardinal Operating Company to install "No Trespassing" signs and gate, as requested by adjacent property owner, providing no objections from other property owners along easement.

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

Glenwood Development Company Request for Revision to Conditional Use Permit:

Consideration of a request by Glenwood Development Company for a revision to the existing Cole Park Plaza Conditional Use Permit (for a shopping center), to allow the Goodyear/Chapel Hill Tire Store to locate in the existing shopping center, off Highway #15-501 North in Williams Township

Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to accept the Planning Department and Planning Board recommendation that the five findings be made and the request be approved with the following conditions:

1. Business conducted on site shall be as specified on attachment #2
2. No outside storage of motor vehicles that are partially dismantled or wrecked or parts thereof and/or are not capable of being driven under their own power
3. Outside storage of tires shall be within an enclosed opaque screened 10' x 10' area.
4. Signage to be as submitted by applicant 2-2-99 [see sign example in file], concerning size, color, and location.

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Grant Funds Acceptance by Health Department for Breastfeeding Support Program:

Consideration of approval to accept grant funds in the amount of \$114,952 from the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust for the Health Department to initiate a breastfeeding support program

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to accept grant funds in the amount of \$114,952 to initiate a breastfeeding support program through the Health Department. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

Fire-Radio Communications Upgrade: Consideration of approval to award bid for fire radio communications upgrade to Piedmont Communications

Commissioner Outz moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to award Piedmont Communications, Inc, for the Fire Department Communication upgrade contract, an approval for County staff to continue with the upgrade Phase I not to exceed \$105,000.00. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sheriff's Department Vehicle Bids: Consideration of approval to award bid for six fully-equipped police-ready 1999 Ford Crown Victoria vehicles for the Chatham County Sheriff's Department

Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to award the contract for six 1999 Crown Victoria fully-equipped, police ready vehicles to Bobby Jones Ford in the amount of \$137,970.00. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

TAX DEPARTMENT

Chief Appraiser Reclassification: Consideration of a request for approval of the reclassification of the Chief Appraiser position in the Tax Department

Commissioner Outz moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to approve the reclassification of Chief Appraiser position from a Grade 21 to a Grade 19. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

~~**NC Rural Communities Assistance Project, Inc.:** Consideration of a request to set a date on which to hold a public hearing on state and federal funding options to finance the construction of a sewer line extension to the Stockyard Road Community~~

This item was removed from the Agenda.

MANAGER'S REPORTS

The County Manager informed the Commissioners of the following:

- 1) **Planning Board Meeting:** There will be a joint meeting with the Planning Board on either Tuesday, March 16, 1999 or Tuesday, March 23, 1999 at 7:00 PM, date is to be confirmed.
- 2) **Board of Health Meeting:** There will be a joint meeting with the Board of Health to discuss indigent health, etc. It was decided that this would be a committee of the Board with two members attending the meeting and reporting back to the full Board. Date and time to be decided.
- 3) **OWASA Meeting:** There will be a follow-up meeting from last October with governmental entities that compose OWASA to set a meeting with Chapel Hill, Carrboro, Orange and Chatham Counties. Date and time to be decided.
- 4) **Legislative Delegation Meeting:** The Legislative Delegation Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 1999, at the Ferrington House at 7:00 PM.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Pollard stated that she had met with the Lakewood Falls Community to hear concerns with regard to the State assuming ownership of the Lakewood Falls Drive located in the Lakewood Falls Subdivision in Carabonton, NC. She stated that the road has fallen into a poor state of repair and that neither the residents who live along the roadway nor the developer have the funds to bring the road up to minimum State standards. She asked that a letter of support be sent to the Department of Transportation requesting help in alleviating this problem. A copy of the letter is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Commissioner Phillips voiced concern with regard to the current work in progress by the Norfolk-Southern Railroad in Gulf, NC. He asked that a letter of support be sent to the Department of Transportation encouraging Norfolk-Railroad to negotiate with the homeowners of Gulf to try to reach an equitable situation for all parties involved.

Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to send a letter of support to the Department of Transportation encouraging Norfolk-Railroad to negotiate with the homeowners of Gulf to try to reach an equitable situation for all parties involved. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0). A copy of the letter is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Chairman Givens stated that he had attended an outreach program in which they are going to write a grant for funding in the amount of \$300,000 per year for three years. He stated that he had explained that at the end of the term, County funds may not be available to continue the program. More information will be available at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioners Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, 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 9:41 PM.

Rick Givens, Chairman

ATTEST:

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