

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 02, 1998

The Board of Commissioners ("the Board") of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met in regular session in the West Wing of the Courthouse Annex, Pittsboro, North Carolina, at 10:00 A.M. on February 02, 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; 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.

AGENDA

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

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 January 20, 1998

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

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Pollard asked that she be excused from Agenda Item #2, State of North Carolina Nuisance Tire Program, due to a possible conflict of interest.

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to excuse Chairman Pollard from Agenda Item #2. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

Commissioner Grimes asked that he also be excused from Agenda Item #2, State of North Carolina Nuisance Tire Program, due to a possible conflict of interest.

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to excuse Commissioner Grimes from Agenda Item #2. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

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

PUBLIC WORKS

State of North Carolina Nuisance Tire Program: Consideration of approval of State of North Carolina Nuisance Tire Program

Commissioner Holland moved, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap, to permit the County to participate in the State's Nuisance Tire Clean-Up program. The motion carried three (3) to zero (0).

Commissioner Holland moved, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap, to adopt a **Budget Amendment #33** to reflect the County's participation in this program. The motion carried three (3) to zero (0). The budget amendment is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Commercial and Construction Waste: Consideration of commercial and construction waste brought to County collection centers

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to adopt the County Collection Center Materials Acceptance Policy, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to approve the Material Identification Form, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

TAX ADMINISTRATION

Revaluation Policy Changes: Consideration of Revaluation Policy changes

Commissioner Holland moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to approve **Resolution #98-01 Establishing the Revaluation Date**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof and to approve the reclassification of Kim Horton from Property Appraiser to Chief Appraiser. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Economic Development Corporation Appointment: Consideration of a request to appoint a new member to the Economic Development Corporation

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to appoint Sam Adams to the Economic Development Corporation. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

JOCCA Board Appointment: Consideration of a request to appoint a Commissioner to the JOCCA Board

Chairman Pollard asked that her appointment to the JOCCA Board be rescinded and that the Commissioners consider the appointment of Commissioner Betty Wilson to the JOCCA Board.

Commissioner Holland moved, seconded by Commissioner Grimes, to rescind the appointment of Chairman Margaret Pollard to the JOCCA Board and to appoint Commissioner Betty Wilson to the JOCCA Board. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

Personnel Policy Amendments: Consideration of amendments to the Personnel Policy

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Grimes, to approve **Resolution #98-02 Amending the Chatham County Personnel Policy**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

MANAGER' S REPORTS

The County Manager informed the Commissioners of the following:

Work Session: The Manager asked, that due to time constraints, the work session proceed in the same location directly proceeding the morning Board meeting, recess for lunch, and then reconvene in the Byrd's Classroom.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Welfare Reform Process:

Chairman Pollard praised the efforts of the County Manager, Charlie Horne, with regard to his leadership efforts with the Welfare Reform process. She stated that the process required a tremendous amount of work and the collaboration of a number of agencies and individuals from business; that she thinks it was the most difficult work that the Board has had to deal with since the beginning of her term on the Board; that the process was so difficult because of the complexity of the welfare reform legislation and because it required so much collaboration and bringing many people up-to-date on welfare reform. She expressed appreciation to the Manager on behalf of the Board for a job well done.

WORK SESSION

Work Session Agenda:

1. Driveway Widths and Heights (Fire and Rescue Issues)
2. Fire Contracts
3. Mutual Aid Agreements
4. Fire Inspections
5. Fees for Services Issue (Municipalities)
6. Grants Conversation

7. Reschedule Joint Meeting with Planning Board
8. Solid Waste
9. Health Department Strategy
10. Board of Education Issues
11. Computers/Employees
12. Issues for Legislative Delegation Meeting on February 19, 1998

Driveway Widths and Heights:

After a discussion regarding driveway widths and heights and emergency vehicle access and turn-arounds, Commissioner Grimes asked that the County Manager research surrounding counties to see if they have policies and what they are on this issue and that the legal ramifications be researched by the County Attorney.

Joint Commissioner and Planning Board Meeting:

Keith Megginson, Planning Director, asked that the Board consider setting a date on which to hold a joint Board of Commissioners' and Planning Board meeting.

By consensus, Thursday, March 12, 1998 at 7:00 PM was the date set on which to hold a joint Board of Commissioners/Planning Board meeting with the location to be announced.

Requisition for Funds for Housing Finance Agency:

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland to authorize the following four individuals to sign the signatory form and certification for making requisition requests, "Requisition for Funds Form" from the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency: Margaret Pollard, Chair; Charlie Horne, County Manager, Vicki McConnell, Finance Officer, and Keith Megginson, Planning Director for the Housing Finance Agency. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Fire Contracts:

The County Attorney explained that previously, the Board adopted a standard contract for all of the fire departments that furnished fire protection services within their districts; that one method of furnishing fire protection is to contract with a Volunteer Fire Department; that the

General Statutes generally provide that if there is an election that approves a tax within a particular district, the Commissioners are authorized and directed to levy tax on the district up to fifteen cents per one hundred dollar valuation and to use that money for provision of fire protection services; that since the Statues require the contract, then it is his feeling that all contracts should be standard; that a local situation that might require some small deviation, but generally the contract should be standard; and that he and the Fire Marshall reviewed and revised the Volunteer Fire Department contract.

Tom Bender, Fire Marshall, explained the differences between the contract and First Responder Rules and Regulations, insurance provisions and coverage. He explained that after the initial contracts were signed, some of the fire departments, in order to obtain loans through Farmer's Home Administration, had to have

longer contracts with the County than were provided in the standard contract.

Frank Smith, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Silk Hope Fire Department, stated that it was their belief that a standardized contract could not be used by all fire departments in the County because different fire departments respond to different types of emergencies. He stated that they felt that contracts should be individualized to each fire department regarding the types of emergencies to which they are trained to respond and according to the departments' future plans.

After further discussion, Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to have the County Attorney contact the Attorney General's Office for an interpretation of G. S. 69-25.4 as to whether "fire protection" covers all services listed in the document submitted by Silk Hope Volunteer Fire Department as a proposed contract. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Mutual Aid Agreements:

Mutual aid agreements will come before the Board at a later date.

Fire Inspections/Fees for Services Within Municipalities:

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to continue the fire inspections within the municipalities until such time a fee study is accomplished. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Grants:

It was decided that the County should beware of establishing a policy of applying for grants that have reoccurring debts but should be decided on a case-by-case basis.

Legislative Delegation Meeting Agenda Items:

Items for discussion at the Legislative Delegation meeting are as follows:

- 1.) Allocation of teaching positions by the State
- 2.) School budget to be prepared earlier by legislation
- 3.) English as second language
- 4.) Schools to receive sales tax
- 5.) Carolina Meadows and Pittsboro/Exempt tax status for non-profits
- 6.) Other revenue options and ways to generate funds
- 7.) Nuclear waste reimbursement

LUNCH RECESS

- Commissioner Dunlap moved, seconded by Commissioner Grimes, to recess for lunch. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).
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Lunch with the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service: The NC Cooperative Extension

Service presented its annual report during a luncheon held in the Agricultural Building Auditorium.

RECONVENE WORK SESSION

- Chairman Pollard reconvened the Work Session at 2:00 PM.
- **Joint Board of Commissioners and Planning Board Meeting:** A joint meeting of the Board of Commissioners and the Chatham County Planning Board was rescheduled for March 12, 1998 in the Byrd's Classroom at 7:00 PM.
- **Board of Education Issues**

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to change the funding formula to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or 3%, whichever is greater. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).
- **Computers for County Employees:** Action was scheduled to be taken on this matter at the February 16, 1998 Board of Commissioners' meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

- Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap, 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 5:15 PM.

Margaret Bryant Pollard, Chair

ATTEST:

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

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