

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 01, 1998

The Board of Commissioners ("the Board") of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met in regular session in the District Courtroom, located in the Courthouse Annex, Pittsboro, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting, at 10:00 A.M. on June 01, 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.

The County Manager asked that Item #3, Resolution Regarding Highway Construction Priorities for the Greater Triangle Region and Item #4, Chatham County Revitalization (CDBG) Policies be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda after the 1998-99 Secondary Roads Program and that a short Closed Session for the purpose of discussing industrial development be added to the Agenda at the end of the Regular Agenda.

Commissioner Holland moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, 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 May 18, 1998 and Budget Input Sessions held May 13, 1998 and May 20, 1998

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

2. **Audit Contract:** Consideration of a request for approval of Contract to Audit Accounts by Dixon Odom, Certified Public Accountants

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

3. ~~**Resolution Regarding Highway Construction Priorities for the Greater Triangle Region:**~~ Consideration of a request for approval of Resolution #98-17

~~Regarding Highway Construction Priorities for the Greater Triangle Region~~

4. ~~**Chatham County Revitalization (CDBG) Policies:** Consideration of a request for approval of various policies for adoption on Chatham County Revitalization (CDBG) projects~~

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

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

SECONDARY ROADS PRESENTATION

1998-99 Secondary Roads Program: Presentation of the 1998-99 Secondary Roads Program for Chatham County by Jeff Picklesimer, District Engineer

Jeff Picklesimer, District Engineer for the NC Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, introduced members of his staff in attendance. He reviewed the Chatham County Secondary Improvement Program 1998-99 Highway Funds, Trust Funds, and Bond Funds, a copy attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Resolution #98-17 for the Chatham County Secondary Roads Improvement Program: Consideration of a request for approval of Resolution #98-17 for the Chatham County Secondary Roads Improvement Program

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap, to adopt Resolution #98-17 for the Chatham County Secondary Roads Improvement Program, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Resolution Regarding Highway Construction Priorities for the Greater Triangle Region: Consideration of a request for approval of a Resolution Regarding Highway Construction Priorities for the Greater Triangle Region

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to take no action on the Resolution Regarding Highway Construction Priorities for the Greater Triangle Region as the highway construction priorities for the greater triangle area have already been included in federal sources for North Carolina road projects. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

PLANNING AND ZONING

Communications Towers Ordinance Update: Consideration of a Chatham County Communications Towers Ordinance update by Dave LeGrys

David LeGrys, Planning Board Chair, reviewed the Chatham County Communications Towers Ordinance, the Telecommunications Act of 1996, ordinance development, key provisions of the ordinance, application review and approval, and the proposed 1998 Tower Plan.. Mr. LeGrys

answered questions from the Board regarding the ordinance.

Chairman Pollard commended Mr. LeGrys on his update of the communications towers and the thoroughness with which he and the Planning Board worked together for the good of the County.

Mr. LeGrys thanked Keith Megginson, Planning Director, for his work efforts and his availability in developing the ordinance.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Appearance Commission Appointment: Consideration of a request to appoint a member to the Appearance Commission

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to appoint Jean Foxx, 1203 Elmer Moore Road, Siler City, NC to the Appearance Commission. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Judicial Center Design Team Appointments: Consideration of a request to appoint members to the Judicial Center Design Team

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to appoint the following members to the Judicial Center Design Committee:

Wade Barber
Resident Superior Court Judge
104 East King Street
Hillsborough, NC 27278
732-8181

Lowry Betts
795-B NC Hwy. #902
Pittsboro, NC 27330
542-5701

Cindy Perry
Office of the District Attorney
PO Box 652
Pittsboro, NC 27312

Janice Oldham
Clerk of Superior Court
PO Box 368
Pittsboro, NC 27312

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

Strategic Plan Steering Team Appointments: Consideration of a request to appoint members to the Strategic Plan Steering Team

Commissioner Pollard asked that the name of George Ferrell, 55 McGee Road, Chapel Hill, NC, be added to the list for consideration on the Strategic Plan Steering Team.

Commissioner Wilson suggested that each Commissioner choose three representatives and three alternates to serve on the Strategic Plan Steering Team, with appointments to be made at the next Board meeting.

It was decided, by consensus, to vote on the Strategic Plan Steering Team Appointments at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

Cooperative Volunteer Agreement: Consideration of a request for a cooperative volunteer agreement for Chatham County Employees

Ellen Brooks, Chatham County Council on Aging Volunteer Coordinator, stated that the Chatham County Council on Aging, with specific endorsements from the Chatham Education Foundation, Chatham Together and the United Way of Chatham County, respectfully request that the Chatham County Board of Commissioner adopt a policy giving County employees the opportunity to volunteer a specific number of hours each month at a Chatham County non-profit agency; that they request that interested employees be allowed to work as volunteers for two hours a month; that the impact on the community, if only 15% of the 339 County employees, chose to volunteer would be powerful; that these one hundred volunteer hours would provide vital services to the citizens, such as services to youths involved in the court system, meals delivered to home-bound senior adults and food distribution at the community's food bank; that using \$10 per hour as an average hourly wage, the cost would amount to approximately \$1,000, if 15% of the 339 employees worked as volunteers for two hours a month; and that in addition to the financial impact, studies indicate that volunteerism has a positive impact on the workplace as a whole and on employees as individuals.

Ms. Brooks thanked the Board for their consideration in this matter and is to return in the future with answers to questions from Commissioners who expressed concerns regarding the impact that volunteering would have on the staff.

Community-Based Alternatives Youth Services Advisory Council Requests:
Consideration of a budget request by the Community-Based Alternatives Youth Services Advisory Council

Reneé Dickson, Assistant County Manager, explained that the Chatham County Community Based Alternatives Youth Services Advisory Council met at which time continuation proposals were presented and funding recommendations were made; that while all agreed that each program was worthy of the increases they proposed, and realizing that the number of youth in Chatham county who are in need of prevention and

intervention services are dramatically increasing, the Council had no other recourse but to recommend allotments stay at the 1997-98 funding levels. Attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof is a summary of the requests by program and the funding level recommended by the Advisory Council.

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to approve the amounts as recommended by the Community Based Alternatives Youth Services Advisory Council as follows:

Chatham County Together	\$41,854
Conflict Managers	17,000
JOCCA Youth Employment	13,699 (Restitution)
	27,263 (CBA)

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

MANAGER' S REPORTS

The County Manager informed the Board of Commissioners of the following:

- 1) There have been two bills introduced regarding the appropriation of funds for low-wealth school systems including Senate Bill #1259 appropriating \$53,643,343 for 1998-99 from General Fund to State Aid to Local School Administration and House Bill #1414 appropriating \$80 million to reimburse counties for up to half of school utility costs.
- 2) Senator Ellie Kinnaird is planning to arrange a press conference, tentatively scheduled for Thursday, June 4, 1998, to announce her introduction of a bill to stop State funding by the radioactive waste authority on the proposed site on the borders of Chatham and Wake Counties. Any Commissioner who is interested in participating should call Mary MacDowell. A new report by Radioactive Waste Management Associates for Chatham County will also be released this week.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW

- Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to recess as the Board of Commissioners. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap, to convene as the Board of Adjustment. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

- Ken Joyner, Tax Administrator, presented the final staff recommendations to the Board of Equalization and Review which included follow-up to questions from the Board from the previous meeting.

- Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to excuse Commissioner Holland from the Board of Adjustment vote. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

- Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to approve the Minutes and the Staff recommendation of the Board of Equalization and Review Meeting held May 18, 1998, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to recess as the Board of Adjustment and reconvene as the Board of Commissioners. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Supplemental Funding for Low-Wealth School Systems:

After a discussion of supplemental funding for low-wealth school systems under consideration in Senate Bill #1259, Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to send a

letter to the General Assembly outlining Chatham County's dilemma in order to fund schools. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

NACo Voting Delegate:

- Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to appoint Commissioner Pollard as the NACo 1998 Voting Conference Delegate in Portland, Oregon, July 17-21, 1998. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0). A copy of the voting delegate form is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

NACo Shirts:

The Commissioners asked the Clerk to check on the availability of NACo shirts from the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

Budget Work Shop Schedule Change:

- Commissioner Dunlap asked that the previously scheduled meeting time on June 10, 1998 be rescheduled from 1:00 - 5:00 PM to 3:30 - 6:00 PM and then meet on June 15, 1998 at 3:00 PM

CLOSED SESSION

- Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to go out of Regular Session and convene in Closed Session for the purpose of discussing industrial development. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

REGULAR SESSION

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

LUNCH RECESS

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

WORK SESSION

- Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to reconvene for the afternoon work session. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

Note: Commissioner Dunlap was absent from the afternoon work session.

RECREATION

- Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to accept the proposed fees for recreation, environmental health, and building inspections. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

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Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to accept the Manager's Recommended budget for Buildings and Grounds. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

LIBRARY

- Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to accept the Manager's Recommended budget for Library Services. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Grimes, to accept the Manager's Recommended budget for the Recreation Department. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to accept the Manager's Recommended budget for Geographic Information Systems. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

GOVERNING BOARD

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to accept the Manager's Recommended budget for the Governing Board. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

REGISTER OF DEEDS

- Commissioner Holland moved, seconded by Wilson, to accept the Manager's Recommended budget for Register of Deeds. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

TAX ADMINISTRATION

Commissioner Holland moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to accept the Manager's Recommended budget for Tax Administration. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

REVALUATION

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to accept the Manager's Recommended budget for Revaluation. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

COUNCIL ON AGING

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to accept the Manager's Recommended budget for the Council on Aging. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

ORANGE-PERSON-CHATHAM MENTAL DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE AUTHORITY

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Grimes, to accept the Manager's Recommended budget for Orange-Person-Chatham Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Authority. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

CENTRAL PERMITTING

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to accept the Manager's Recommended budget for Central Permitting. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to accept the Manager's Recommended budget for the Cooperative Extension Service. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to accept the Manager's Recommended budget for the Inspections Department. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to accept the Manager's Recommended budget for the Planning Department. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

PREFERRED SITE LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Commissioner Holland moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to accept the Manager's Recommended budget for the Preferred Site Local Advisory Committee. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

ADJOURNMENT

- Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, 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.

Margaret Bryant Pollard, Chair

ATTEST:

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