

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET INPUT SESSION, MAY 09, 2000

The Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met in special session for the purpose of receiving public comments on the Manager's Recommended Budget in the Siler City Superior Courtroom, Siler City, North Carolina, at 7:00 PM on May 09, 2000.

Present: Chairman Rick Givens; Vice Chairman Uva Holland;
Commissioners Margaret Pollard, Gary Phillips and Carl
Outz; County Manager Charlie Horne; County Attorney,
Robert L. Gunn; Assistant Manager, Reneé Dickson;
and Finance Officer, Vicki McConnell

Rick Givens, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The County Manager, Assistant County Manager, and Finance Officer presented an overview of the Fiscal Year 2000-2001 Recommended Budget.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

- Robert Hall, Social Services Director, presented the highlights of the Fiscal Year 2000-2001 Department of Social Services budget.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Wayne Sherman, Health Director, explained the budget requests of the Health Department.

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

- The Chairman declared the public hearing open.

Linda Ornt, Executive Director of Triangle Radio Reading Service, 211 E. Six Forks #103, Raleigh, NC, thanked the County for its allocation and for the amount recommended in the budget. She stated that the large surplus shown in the funding application was due to a large bequest from a deceased board member and that most of the amount would be held in an endowment.

Shirelle Lee, with Chatham Together!, thanked the County for its allocation and explained the program

Kristen Lindley, a teacher at North Chatham Elementary, addressed the Board of Commissioners in support of an increase in the teacher's supplement. She suggested a \$3,500 to \$5,000 supplement per year for teachers.

Susan Helmer, member of the Chatham County Board of Education, stated she was concerned about the Board of Commissioners' goal to not raise taxes. She stated that people had told her that they are willing to pay more taxes for children's services. She advocated for funding of the full Board of Education request and for increasing the teacher's supplement.

Chairman Givens asked Ms. Helmer if the Board of Education would be willing to sacrifice capital improvements to fund the teacher's supplement. Ms. Helmer stated that the supplement was the Board of Education's priority.

Tammy Eddins, teacher, spoke in favor of increasing the teacher's supplement.

June Arthurs, President of the Chatham County Association of Educators, spoke in favor of increasing the teacher's supplement to fifteen percent of teachers' salaries. She stated that the increase requested by the Board of Education was far too small.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Uva R. Holland, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

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