

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET WORK SESSION, MAY 24, 2000

The Board of Commissioners ("the Board") of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met in the Henry H. Dunlap, Jr. Building Classroom, located in Pittsboro, North Carolina, at 8:30 A.M. on May 24, 2000.

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; Assistant County Manager, Reneé Dickson; and Finance Officer Vicki McConnell

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 8:35 AM.

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to duplicate a legislative bill for the replication of the Johnson County model for construction of schools. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

HUMAN SERVICE PROGRAMS

Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to approve the Human Service Programs budget and the budget of all other non-profits as recommended by the County Manager. (Note that the recommendation was not included in the budget document, but was made in separate correspondence to the Board of Commissioners.) The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

ORANGE-PERSON-CHATHAM MENTAL HEALTH AREA PROGRAM

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to approve the Orange-Person-Chatham Mental Health Area Program budget as recommended by the County Manager. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

SOCIAL SERVICES

Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to approve the Social Services budget as recommended by the County Manager. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

CENTRAL PERMITTING

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to approve the Central Permitting budget as recommended by the County Manager. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to approve the Economic Development budget as recommended by the County Manager. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

HEALTH – ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Chairman Givens, to approve the Health – Environmental Health budget as recommended by the County Manager. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

INSPECTIONS

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to approve the Inspections budget as recommended by the County Manager. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to approve the Planning Department budget as recommended by the County Manager. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

PREFERRED SITE LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to approve the Preferred Site Local Advisory Committee as recommended by the County Manager. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

PUBLIC WORKS TRANSFERS

Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to approve the Public Works Transfers budget as proposed by the County Manager. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

The Board asked that a note be sent to staff commending them on reducing the General Fund transfer to Waste Management. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to approve the Soil and Water Conservation District budget as recommended by the County Manager. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

TRAVEL & TOURISM

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Chairman Givens, to approve the Travel & Tourism as recommended by the County Manager. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

COURT-RELATED PROGRAMS

Commissioner Outz moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to approve the Court-related Programs budget as recommended by the County Manager. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Commissioner Holland moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to approve the Emergency Medical Services budget as recommended by the County Manager. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

Commissioner Outz moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to approve the Emergency Operations as recommended by the County Manager. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to approve the Fire Marshal's Office budget as recommended by the County Manager. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

ANIMAL CONTROL

Commissioner Outz moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to approve the Health – Animal Control budget as recommended by the County Manager. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

JAIL

Commissioner Outz moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to approve the Jail budget as recommended by the County Manager. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to approve the Sheriff's Department budget as recommended by the County Manager, with the exception that the additional funds for SIRT supplies and cellular phones (\$13,498) be funded from drug funds in order to help fund the increase in the teachers' supplement. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

- Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to approve the Telecommunications budget as recommended by the County Manager. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

UTILITY FUND (ALL DIVISIONS)

- Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to approve the Utility Fund (all divisions) budget as recommended by the County Manager. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to approve the Waste Management Fund budget as recommended by the County Manager. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

NEW FEES AND FEE INCREASES

The Board of Commissioners discussed the new fees and fee increases proposed in the budget. Chairman Givens asked if the fees were to be charged to residential customers or only commercial customers. Reneé Dickson verified with Jimmy Collins that the fees would be charged only to commercial customers. The Board of Commissioners also expressed concern that a new fee was being charged for spray irrigation permits, but the Board had not yet received a proposal on how these inspections would be done.

Chairman Givens moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to approve the new fees and fee increases as recommended by the County Manager, with the exception that a fee for spray irrigation permits not be charged. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

SCHOOL SYSTEM SUPPLEMENTS

- Commissioner Outz moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to raise the teachers' supplement by \$1,500; raise the principals' supplement by \$1,000; and raise the teacher assistant supplement to \$500. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

SPECIAL REVENUE/RESERVE FUNDS

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to approve all Special Revenue/Reserve Funds budgets as recommended by the County Manager, with the exception that the transfer from the Revaluation Fund to the General Fund would be increased by \$7,641 and \$200,000 would be transferred from the Impact Fee Reserve Fund to the General Fund, both to help cover the cost of the increase in the teachers' supplement. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

CHATHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS

- Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to approve the Chatham County Schools' budget as recommended by the County Manager, with the following exceptions:

- .. Increase the budget by \$972,877 to fund the increase in supplements (See Motion for School System Supplements, Page 3)
- .. Designate \$200,000 of capital outlay funds as restricted to new construction and transfer funds from the Impact Fee Reserve Fund to cover this cost.

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

TEACHERS' SUPPLEMENTS

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to add the amount currently spent on teachers' supplements to the new amount to increase the teachers' supplements and designate it all as supplements for teachers of Chatham County. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to approve the County Attorney budget as recommended by the County Manager. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

PROPERTY TAX RATE

- Chairman Givens moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to set the property tax rate at eighty-five

cents (\$0.85) per \$100 valuation. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

FIRE DISTRICTS/GULF-GOLDSTON SANITARY DISTRICT

- Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to set the tax rates for the fire districts and the Gulf-Goldston Sanitary District as recommended by the County Manager. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

BUDGET ORDINANCE

- Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to adopt the Budget Ordinance, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, to reflect the changes made by the Board of Commissioners in its budget work sessions. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

WORKER'S COMPENSATION/GENERAL LIABILITY AND PROPERTY INSURANCE

- Commissioner Outz moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to change worker's compensation and general liability and property insurance carriers to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Risk Management Pools. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Rick Givens, Chairman

ATTEST:

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