

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2000

The Board of Commissioners ("the Board") of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met in the District Courtroom, located in Pittsboro, North Carolina, at 7:00 PM on August 21, 2000.

Present: Chairman Rick Givens; 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

Absent: Vice Chair, Uva Holland

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:04 PM.

AGENDA

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

The County Manager asked that a request by the Chatham County Library to apply for funding for computers and software for public use be added to the Consent Agenda as Item #8A and that a presentation with George Strader of the Wildlife Commission to discuss the deer season be added to the Agenda after the Public Input Session.

Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to approve the Agenda with the noted requests. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to approve the Consent Agenda.

1. **Minutes:** Consideration of approval of Board minutes for meeting held August 07, 2000 and work session held August 07, 2000

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

2. **Resolution for Partial Road Abandonment:** Consideration of a request for approval of **Resolution #2000-28 for Partial Road Abandonment for State Road #1511 – Hillside Dairy Road, 0.46 mile in length**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

3. **Private Roads:** Consideration of a request from citizens for the naming of private roads in Chatham County as follows:

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| A. Blair Lane | C. Lillie Lane |
| B. C. P. Drive | D. Ruby Red |

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

4. **Set Public Hearing to Name State Maintained Roads:** Consideration of a request for approval to set September 5, 2000 as the date on which to hold a public hearing for the naming of two State maintained roads in Chatham County

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

5. **Resolution Authorizing the Removal of Graves:** Consideration of a request for approval of **Resolution #2000-29 Authorizing the Removal of Graves from Liberty Chapel United Church of Christ**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

6. **Resolution Declaring Community Health Center Week:** Consideration of a request for approval of **Resolution #2000-30 Declaring Chatham County Community Health Center Week – August 20-26, 2000**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

7. **Late Property Tax Exemption – First Wesleyan Church:** Consideration of a request to approve late property tax exemption application for First Wesleyan Church, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

8. **Amended Exemption Application – Asbury United Methodist Church:** Consideration of a request to approve amended exemption application for Asbury United Methodist Church, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

- 8A. **Request to Apply for Funding for Public Libraries:** Consideration of a request by the Chatham County Public Libraries to apply for funding for computers and software for public use

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

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Mike Riggs, 296 Two Mule Road, Pittsboro, NC, stated that he is developing property adjacent to the proposed Luck Stone mining operation; that it has created a lot of concern among his neighbors; that there has been a movement to try to control how the County develops and regulate it and try to avoid some of the problems that would have occurred with the mining company; that because there are no specific zoning

regulations, there are potential obstacles that could be in the Board's path; that in order to avoid these problems, many are intensely interested in the Strategic Plan; that the mining people have made it known that they are interested in regrouping and even if they were to fail in their attempt, there may be other people who would sell their land for this purpose. Mr. Riggs stated that he is behind the Strategic Plan to zone the County; and that they would like to see zoning put into effect that would limit this type of operation in the County.

WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

George Strader, District Biologist for the NC Wildlife Resources Commission, reviewed Wildlife regulations and presented specifics with regard to the present deer season. He answered questions from the Board and stated that he would be glad to further address additional questions as they arise.

TRIANGLE LAND CONSERVANCY

- **Triangle Land Conservancy:** Presentation by the Triangle Land Conservancy on *State of Open Space 2000* report

Kate Dixon, Executive Director of Triangle Land Conservancy, gave an update on a number of things which the Triangle Land Conservancy is doing within Chatham County, stating that they are a local, non-profit which works in six counties in the Triangle Area, including Chatham County, that works to protect important natural and scenic lands and farm lands; that they now protect approximately 22,000 acres in thirty-four different preserves; that there is more land in Chatham County (approximately 800 acres) which is protected than any other county including four properties on the Deep River and one on the Haw River; that a capital campaign of \$200,000 was surpassed by \$55,000; that through the campaign two tracts of land have been purchased on the Deep River; that an invitation will be forthcoming to help celebrate reaching their goal for an event at the Deep River Camelback Bridge on Saturday, September 16, 2000, hosted by the Deep River Park Association at 5:00PM.

She reviewed the *State of Open Space 2000*, written by the Triangle Land Conservancy that was released in April and stated that the report contains the following: 1) examination of the recent transformation of the region's landscape; 2) inventory of the open space lands that have been protected; 3) discussion of the various initiatives undertaken by local governments and non-profits to protect additional land; and 4) make two recommendations, including the creation of a regional open space plan.

EmPOWERMENT

- ***Public Hearing:***

- **EmPOWERMENT:** Public hearing to receive public comments on a request by EmPOWERMENT for approval of a grant application

Mark Chilton, EmPOWERment Associate Director, gave a brief overview of EmPOWERment, Inc. who is requesting Capacity Building Funding of \$50,000 to launch *Housing Chatham*, an aggressive, community-based initiative to expand housing opportunities for low-income families in Chatham County.

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

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to approve the submission of an EmPOWERment, Inc. grant application for a Community Development Block Grant. The motion carried

four (4) to zero (0).

TAX DEPARTMENT

2001 Revaluation Schedules of Values: Presentation of the uniform schedules of values, standards, and rules to be used in appraising real property for the 2001 revaluation

Kim Horton, Tax Administrator, gave an overview of the 2001 Revaluation Schedules of Values stating that according to the General Statutes, the Values, Standards, and Rules to be used in appraising real property shall be reviewed and approved by the Board of Commissioners before January 1st of the year that they are applied; that Chatham County's next scheduled revaluation will be effective January 1, 2001; that a copy of the schedules will be placed in the office of the County Manager and in the office of the Tax Administrator where they will remain available for public inspection; that a notice will be issued in the local paper stating that the proposed schedules to be used in appraising real property have been submitted to the Board and are available for public inspection; and that a public hearing on the schedules will be held on September 5, 2000.

The County Manager asked that copies of the schedules be placed in each of the County's libraries.

Mr. Ron McCarthy praised the efforts of Ms. Horton in the revaluation process.

PUBLIC WORKS

Operation of Jordan Water Treatment Plant: Consideration of a proposal for Chatham County to take over operation of Jordan Water Treatment Plant

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to authorize the County Manager to cancel the current contract with HMS and adopt the revised budget for WTP operation, effective September 30, 2000 at midnight. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0). A copy of the notification and revised WTP operating budget for FY2000 are attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Recreation Advisory Board Appointments: Consideration of a request to appoint two members (one by Commissioner Outz and one by Chairman Givens) to the Recreation Advisory Board

Chairman Givens appointed Lynn Barrett, 925 Buck Gunter Road, Siler City, NC to the Chatham County Recreation Advisory Board.

Commissioner Outz deferred his appointment until a later date.

MANAGER' S REPORTS

The County Manager had no further announcements.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Revaluation:

Commissioner Pollard stated that she was glad to see that the County's revaluation process is moving

along well, that it is fair, and that it is being overseen by competent staff.

Board Appreciation:

Chairman Rick Givens expressed appreciation to the Board for their team efforts and good working relationship.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Outz moved, that there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0), and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Rick Givens, Chairman

ATTEST:

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