

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING and WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 05, 2000

The Board of Commissioners (“the Board”) of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met in the Agricultural Auditorium Building, 45 South Street, located in Pittsboro, North Carolina, at 10:00 AM on September 05, 2000.

Present: Chairman Rick Givens; Vice Chair Uva Holland; Commissioners Margaret Pollard, Gary Phillips, and Carl Outz; County Manager, Charlie Horne; County Attorney, Robert L. Gunn; Assistant County Manager, Paul Spruill; Finance Officer, Vicki McConnell; and Clerk to the Board, Sandra B. Lee

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 10:07 AM.

AGENDA

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

The County Manager asked that Item #10, consideration of a request to award bid for Law Enforcement Center HVAC replacement, be removed from the agenda and deferred until a later date.

Commissioner Holland moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to approve the Agenda with the noted request. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

1. **Minutes:** Consideration of approval of Board Minutes for meeting held August 21, 2000, Work Session Minutes for meeting held August 21, 2000, and Special Session Minutes, August 16, 2000; and correction to August 7, 2000 Board Minutes

(Correction to August 7, 2000 Board Minutes: Monica Reckless, 131 W. Cornwallis Street, Pittsboro, NC, was appointed to the Human Relations Board instead of the Agriculture Advisory Board as listed.)

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

2. **Refunds on Regular Tax Bills:** Consideration of a request for approval of refunds on regular tax bills paid in error, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

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

- A. **Buckner Springs Road**

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

4. **Resolution Proclaiming Health and Fitness Day:** Consideration of a request for approval of **Resolution #2000-31 Proclaiming Saturday, September 23, 2000 as Family Health and Fitness Day**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

There was no one who wished to make comments at the Public Input Session.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

Public Hearing:

Naming of Two State-Maintained Roads: Public hearing to receive public comments on a request for the naming of two (2) state-maintained roads in Chatham County

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| A. | Burnette Circle Ext. | SR #1616 |
| B. | W. W. Farm Road | SR #1377 |

Tony Tucker, Chatham County Emergency Operations Director, explained that Emergency Operations had received two petitions requesting that the following two public roads be named in Chatham County: Burnette Circle Ext. and W. W. Farm Road; that as part of its plan to develop the Enhanced-911 Emergency Response System, there is a vital need to maintain the County's established system providing for the naming of public roads; that is important so that there can be no duplications or similarities of these assigned names within Chatham County; and that any duplication could result in confusion and/or delay in the response to these roads, should an emergency exist at that location.

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

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to approve the two state-maintained road names, Burnette Circle Extension and W. W. Farm Road, as petitioned. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

TAX ADMINISTRATION

Public Hearing:

2001 Revaluation Schedules of Values: Public hearing to receive public comments on the uniform Schedules of Values, Standards, and Rules to be used in appraising real property for the 2001

reevaluation

Kim Horton, Chatham County Tax Administrator, explained that the Values, Standards, and Rules to be used in appraising real property is required to be reviewed and approved by the Board of Commissioners before January 1st of the year they are applied; that Chatham County's next scheduled reevaluation will be effective January 2, 2001; that in accordance with GS 105-317 (c)(b), a public hearing on the proposed schedules is required to be held at least seven days before adopting the final schedules.

Ray Greenlaw, 2 Jordan Drive, Pittsboro, NC, stated that when he scanned the Values, Standards, and Rules in the library, that he found factors that were used in delineating neighborhoods; that he did not discover anything that showed him how the factors were applied nor what neighborhoods were actually delineated.

PUBLIC WORKS

Creation of New Positions in Public Works Department: Consideration of a request to create three new positions in the Chatham County Public Works Department (One (1) Water Treatment Plant Chief Operator and Two (2) Water Plant Operator Positions)

Commissioner Holland moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to approve the creation of a Water Treatment Plant Chief operator position (Grade 16) and two (2) Water Plant Operator positions (Grade 12) in the Chatham County Public Works Department. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

~~**Law Enforcement Center HVAC Replacement:** Consideration of a request to award bid for Law Enforcement Center HVAC replacement~~

This item was removed from the Agenda.

UNITED WAY

United Way Presentation: Presentation by the United Way

Beth Gillespie, Director of the United Way of Chatham County, thanked the Board of Commissioners for their generous support of United Way. She stated that her organization had enjoyed working with the County to co-sponsor two workshops on Latino issues; that their mission is to increase the financial and human resources available for providing human care services to County residents; that United Way is local; that the money raised in the County stays in the County; that they are effective in reaching over twenty-five agencies; that they are efficient in insuring that the funds raised most efficiently to help the greatest population; and that they are responsive to County needs. She stated that last year, the people of the County invested \$450,000 in United Way; that the response from businesses and individuals was incredible; that their campaign slogan this year is "Uniting People; Changing Lives"; and that the agencies which United Way supports, provide services to over one third of the County's population.

Ms. Gillespie invited the Board to attend the United Way campaign kick-off on Thursday, September 7, 2000 at Jordan Lake, Shelter #9, at 5:30 PM. She also stated that there would be a County employee celebration on October 3, 2000 at 7:45 AM.

Chairman Givens pledged \$200.00 and challenged the County Manager to kiss a pig if the County employee contributions reached its goal of \$5,500.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Chatham County Employee Recognition: Presentation of employees who have served Chatham County for more than twenty years

Carolyn Chandre, Human Resources Director, introduced twenty Chatham County Employees that have a total of 497 years of service to the County. A list of the honored employees is as follows:

Social Services

Kathryn Garrett	35 years	Income Maintenance Supervisor
Sandy Coletta	25 years	Income Maintenance Supervisor
Faye Johnson	24 years	Child Support Supervisor
Robert Hall	23 years	Social Services Director
Ruth Horton	22 years	Community Social Services Assistant
Daisy Womble	21 years	Social Work Supervisor
Wylma McCrary	20 years	Income Maintenance Caseworker
Elizabeth Cassedy	20 years	Social Worker

Sheriff's Office

Don Whitt	35 years	Sheriff
Patricia Phillips	33 years	Administrative Support Specialist
Charles Thomas	26 years	Operations Captain
David Seagroves	23 years	Sergeant; School Resource Officer
Robert Andrews	21 years	Civil Process Lieutenant
Tony Dimeo	21 years	Investigations Sergeant

Health Department

Jimmy Collins	40 years	Environmental Health Supervisor
Mary Ann Perkins	26 years	Administrative Assistant
Gywmn Johnson	20 years	Accounting Technician

Finance

Vicki McConnell	24 years	Finance Officer
Emily Foushee	22 years	Information Systems Administrator

Planning and Tax

Frances Wilson	21 years	Tax Collector
Keith Megginson	20 years	Planning Director

TRAVEL & TOURISM

Travel & Tourism Bylaws: Consideration of a request to approve bylaws for the Chatham County Travel & Tourism Advisory Board

Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to approve the Chatham County Travel & Tourism bylaws , attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Chatham County Travel & Tourism Advisory Board Appointments: Consideration of a request to appoint members to the Chatham County Travel & Tourism Advisory Board

Commissioner Outz moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to appoint Michael Rogers (Silk Hope Ruritan Club and Jordan Matthews High School) – Representative of Festivals, replacing Maggie Considine (Haw River Assembly); Armin Brach (Days Inn, General Manager) – Representative of Lodging, replacing Susan George James (Fearington House); and Tracy Burnett (Recreation Director) – Representative of Recreation/Environmental, replacing Margaret Jordan-Ellis (Deep River Park) to the Chatham County Travel & Tourism Advisory Board. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

MANAGER' S REPORTS

Manager's Evaluation:

The County Manager asked that the Board consider setting a date on which to perform the manager's evaluation. The Clerk to the Board distributed copies of the "2000 Commissioner's Evaluation of the County Manager" tool.

Siler City Request for Waterline Funds Assistance:

The County Manager stated that the Town of Siler City had asked for funds assistance from the County for installation of a commercial waterline in the vicinity of Loves Creek Baptist Church.

After considerable discussion, Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to fund the request in the amount of \$18,000.00 from the Town of Siler City for an 8" sewerline to be located along US #64 West, east of Siler City, in the vicinity of Loves Creek Baptist Church and that the Board entertain consideration to further support the request with additional funds for a larger sewer, if needed. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Chatham County Fair/Flat Woods Festival:

Commissioner Pollard reminded everyone of the opening of the Chatham County Agricultural Fair on September 5, 2000 and of the Flat Woods Festival on September 8th and 9th in Bennett.

Paving of Fairground Road:

Commissioner Outz stated that the Commissioners of the Town of Pittsboro had again asked him about the County contributing to the repaving costs of the Fairground Road.

Chatham Education Foundation:

Commissioner Holland reminded the Board that the Chatham Education Foundation, in cooperation with the Chatham County Board of Commissioners and the Chatham County Board of Education, is hosting the County's first *Public Education & Economic Development Summit* from 1:00 – 6:30 PM at Jordan Matthews High School in Siler City on Tuesday, October 10, 2000.

Chairman Givens asked that a letter be sent to the Chatham Education Foundation in appreciation for the invitation to the theater performance held August 30, 2000 at the Temple Theatre in Sanford, NC. A copy of the letter is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Chatham County Employee Softball Team:

Commissioner Phillips stated that Wayne Sherman, Health Director, and he are the oldest members of the Chatham County Softball Team; that most departments in the County are represented; and that they have had a lot of fun, even though they lost their first game.

Silk Hope Farmer's Day:

Commissioner Phillips stated that the Silk Hope Farmer's Day was a great event. He praised the efforts of Sheriff, Don Whitt, Chief Deputy, Ike Gray and the Sheriff's Department stating that they worked from sun-up to sun-down, helping by cooking and directing traffic. He stated that the Sheriff's Department and volunteers who helped to make the event a success are the backbone of the County.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Givens moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to go out of Regular Session and convene in Closed Session for the purpose of possible negotiation with municipalities. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

REGULAR SESSION

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

Fairground Road (Martin Luther King Street) Funds:

Chairman Givens moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, for the County Manager to work with the Town of Pittsboro on the paving reimbursement (\$4,000.00) for Martin Luther King Street and 3M water system improvements. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Worksession

Due to the early hour, the worksession was begun before lunch in the Agricultural Auditorium Building, 45 South Street, located in Pittsboro, North Carolina, at 11:00 AM.

Work Session Agenda:

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1. **Department of Social Services: Work First**
 2. **Gammarino Presentation: Air Quality in Chatham County Schools**
 3. **Siler City Collaboration Request: Water Line to Commercial Area**
 4. **Other**
 5. **Adjournment**
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DSS PRESENTATION: WORK FIRST

- **Sandy Coletta** and **Cindy Snipes**, employees in the Department of Social Services, presented an update on the Chatham County Work First Program and relayed how it works. They reviewed the Work First Planning process which includes appointing a planning committee and asked that the Board consider appointing members of an existing committee, one which currently works with the Work First program, for the Work First Planning Committee. They stated that the Work First Block Grant Plan for July 1, 2001

through June 30, 2003 is due to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) by December 1, 2000; that each county must notify DHHS by September 29, 2000 whether it is seeking "Electing" or "Standard" status; that membership must include representatives from the following: representative of the school system, representative of the Health Department, representative of the Board of Social Services, representative of the Board of Commissioners, and representative of the business community.

LUNCH

The Chairman recessed the meeting at 12:45 PM for the Chatham County Employee Appreciation Luncheon until 1:30 PM.

RECONVENE WORKSESSION

The Board of Commissioners ("the Board") of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met for the remainder of the worksession in the Henry H. Dunlap, Jr. Building, Classroom, located in Pittsboro, North Carolina, at 1:00 PM on September 05, 2000.

GAMMARINO PRESENTATION

Air Quality in Chatham County Schools:

Craig Gammarino, stated that recent medical research data continue to indicate significant implications between infant and early childhood chemical exposure to developmental abnormalities including asthma, MCS and AD/HD; that many years typically lapse by the time the Environmental Protection Agenda "digests" such data, sets policy, and publicizes restrictions in attempt to reduce childhood exposure of any chemical, yet the risk continues; that the popular termiticide Dursban is an example; that suspected for many years and heavily applied in the residential and institutional sectors, it was finally recently banned from 'common' products, yet it remains available to be used by registered applicators; that it will be used around some schools for the foreseeable future; that everyone is exposed to an increasing "soup" of synthetic chemicals and most of the children are educated in environments in which these chemicals are used and abused, environments which are inadequately maintained, environments with leaky roofs and uncontrollable humidity which breed microbial growth (bacteria and fungi that emit a variety of toxic bio-aerosols), and environments which are poorly conditioned by HVAC systems which also typically amplify microbial growth and which do not introduce adequate ventilation to dilute all of the indoor air pollutants; that these are just a few of the polluting factors which effect debilitating environments for all occupants, not just for sensitive asthmatics (of which there is an increasing number).

He stated that the underlying theme in the EPA 'Tools' program is to improve the learning environment by improving the IAQ; that it is based on education and cooperation; that heightened awareness of these proven risks and increased efforts to coordinate those creating the risks with those subject to their debilitating affects; that thus, the program requires the formation of an IAQ committee at the school to utilize a series of handouts tailored for teachers, principal and custodial staff, and the health department and County school administration; that these are evaluated by the school IAQ 'committee', any real problem areas defined and properly addressed, custodial and operation and maintenance practices are reviewed for chemical exposure safety and microbial management, and renovation activities are appropriately designed and monitored; that some schools have gone as fare as banning personal perfumes and fragranced custodial supplies, as they can trigger asthma and MCS reactions; that it is a low-or-no-cost, on-going program that he is willing to coordinate at North Chatham School, as well as help promote to all the County schools; and that problem areas are sure to be present and will have to be professionally remediated, the funding for which will likely be at least partially provided by the County.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0), and the meeting was adjourned at 2:45PM.

Rick Givens, Chairman

ATTEST:

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