

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, DECEMBER 04, 2000

The Board of Commissioners (“the Board”) of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met in regular session in the Superior Courtroom, located in Pittsboro, North Carolina, at 9:00 AM on December 04, 2000.

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

Absent: Commissioner Carl Outz

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Givens at 9:09 AM.

Reverend Carl Thompson offered the opening prayer.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Chatham County Commissioners:

The oath of office was administered by the Honorable Joe Hackney, North Carolina House of Representatives, to Margaret Bryant Pollard and Robert Atwater as Chatham County Commissioners.

Commissioner Atwater stated that he was honored to be taking office, and that he was glad to be able to share the day with some very special people that were in attendance.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Chairman:

County Attorney, Robert Gunn, presided over the organization of the Board. He opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Givens nominated Commissioner Phillips for Chairman of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Pollard seconded the motion.

Hearing no other nominations, the presiding officer called for a vote for Commissioner Phillips for Chairman of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

Commissioner Phillips took the seat as the Chairman of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners.

Vice Chairman:

The floor was opened for nominations for Vice Chair of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Atwater nominated Commissioner Pollard for Vice Chair of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Givens seconded the motion.

Hearing no other nominations, the Chairman called for a vote for Commissioner Pollard for Vice Chair of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

APPOINTMENT OF THE SHERIFF

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Givens, to appoint Chief Deputy Isaac L. Gray as the Sheriff of Chatham County. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

OATHS OF OFFICE

Chatham County Sheriff:

The oath of office was administered by the Honorable Judge Charles Anderson to Isaac L. Gray as Sheriff of Chatham County.

Chatham County Law Enforcement:

The oath of office was administered by the Honorable Judge Charles Anderson to the deputies of the Chatham County Sheriff's Department. A list of the sworn deputies is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Chatham County Register of Deeds:

The oath of office was administered by Janice Oldham, Clerk of Court, to Reba Thomas as Chatham County Register of Deeds.

Chatham County Register of Deeds Staff:

The oath of office was administered to the Chatham County Register of Deeds Staff, Camille H. Cunnup, Treva B. Seagroves, Beverly Kay, Tammy Gunter, and Verna Ellis.

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK TO THE BOARD

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Atwater, to reappoint Sandra B. Lee as Clerk to the Chatham County Board of Commissioners. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY

Commissioner Givens moved, seconded by Commissioner Atwater, to reappoint Robert L. Gunn as the County Attorney for the County of Chatham . The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Givens stated that he had enjoyed the past two years as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, and that he wished Commissioner Phillips the best of luck as he presides over the Board as the new chairman.

Commissioner Pollard thanked Commissioner Givens for his leadership and welcomed Commissioner Atwater to the Board. She further stated that it had been a pleasure serving on the Board and working for the citizens of Chatham County.

Commissioner Phillips expressed his appreciation for the leadership provided by Commissioner Givens during the past two years and stated that he looks forward to working with the new Board.

Commissioner Atwater stated that he was humbled to be elected to the office of Chatham County Commissioner; that he will strive to do the best job he can to represent the citizens of the County; that he is encouraged by the direction the Board of Commissioners is taking; that he appreciates the different groups represented at the meeting, including law enforcement; schools; and staff, and that he will perform his duties to the best of his abilities. He introduced the people in attendance who stood with him while he was administered the oath of office which included his wife, Jean Atwater; his son, Will Atwater; former Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and resident of Chatham County, Christopher C. Fordham, III, MD; former attorney for Durham County, Russ Odom; and former, long-time Director of the State of North Carolina Park System, Thomas C. Ellis.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Givens moved, seconded by Commissioner Atwater, that there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0), and the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 AM.

Gary Phillips, Chairman

ATTEST:

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