

**MINUTES**  
**CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**WORK SESSION, JANUARY 16, 2001**

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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 4:00 PM on January 16, 2001.

Present: Chairman Gary Phillips; Vice Chair, Margaret Pollard; Commissioners Bob Atwater, Rick Givens, and Carl Outz, County Manager, Charlie Horne; County Attorney, Robert 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 4:00 PM.

**Work Session Agenda:**

- I. Citizen Problem - Septic**
- II. Resolution – CP&L**
- III. Extension Service Annual Luncheon  
Confirmation of date and time**
- IV. Agriculture Advisory Committee  
Proposed organizational meeting**
- V. Time Warner Franchise  
Next steps**
- VI. Legislative Agenda for General Assembly**
- VII. Other**

**CITIZEN PROBLEM**

Mr. Brady stated that he is having a problem with his septic tank permit; that an Environmental Specialist came seven times to check the holes he had dug; that Environmental Health Services (EHS) requested a backhoe; that they then had to wait for them to return; that the holes were dug, but before the inspection, two inches of rain fell; that there were four inches of water in the hole; that he contacted a state representative with EHS and did exactly as they requested; that when EHS returned, that they still did not pass; that fourteen septic tanks in a 500 foot radius exist; that there are many others in the area are having the same difficulty; that the laws are too harsh on septic systems; that he needs to sell the land; and that he would appreciate Commissioner involvement in this matter.

**ANNUAL EXTENSION SERVICE LUNCHEON**

The County Manager informed the Board of the luncheon and annual report scheduled by the Agricultural Extension Service at Celebrity Dairy, on Monday, February 5, 2001. The worksession will continue after the luncheon at Celebrity Dairy.

**AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The County Manager informed the Board of the proposed organizational Ag Advisory Committee

meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2001, 7:00 PM, in the Henry Dunlap Classroom.

### **TIME WARNER FRANCHISE**

Bob Gunn, County Attorney, reviewed the Time Warner Franchise and stated that it is a non-exclusive franchise to operate within the County; that it makes available a network to view Board of Commissioners' meetings or other County related meetings; that it had been reviewed by Bob Sepe who thought that it was the best deal available; that he, as the county attorney, has no particular recommendations; and that he is unsure of the time frame under which the County is working.

The County Manager stated that he had spoken with Mr. Brad Phillips with regard to providing a map showing proposed service areas and areas now in use.

### **CAPE FEAR RIVER ASSEMBLY**

Everette Billingsly, asked for Chatham County's participation in and support for the ongoing efforts of the Cape Fear River Assembly, Inc. and the Upper Cape Fear River Basin Association (UCFRBA). He stated that the UCFRBA is a public and private partnership, established in February, 2000, to promote cooperative and cost-effective water quality monitoring, research, and protection efforts in the 3,160 square mile area that includes the Haw River, Jordan Lake, and Deep River watersheds; that there are currently seventeen local governments and four industries participating in the UCFRBA; that the Cape Fear River Assembly has requested the jurisdiction's financial support to sustain and enhance the Assembly's ongoing operations and its partnerships with organizations such as the UCFRBA; and that with support, the Assembly can continue to proactively address basin-wide water resource planning, management, protection, and education needs, while at the same time assisting the UCFRBA and other sub-basin organizations in their efforts.

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to contribute \$1,300.00 to Cape Fear River Assembly, Inc. and that their request become a part of the annual budgetary process. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

### **NUCLEAR STORAGE AT CP&L**

- After considerable discussion regarding the nuclear waste storage at Shearon Harris, Commissioner Atwater read a proposed resolution which is to be returned to the Board in final form for consideration at a later date.

Commissioner Givens moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to table this issue until a later date. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

### **RECREATION GRANT APPLICATION**

- Tracy Burnett, Chatham County Recreation Director, explained the specifics of the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) and asked the Board to approve the grant application to acquire land and develop a twenty-five acre park in the southwest area of the County, adjacent to Chatham Central High School. She further explained that the total proposed project is \$661,096; that the proposal requests the grant committee fund the grant maximum of \$250,000, leaving a balance of \$411,096 for funding by the County; that the only funding associated with the approval of the application is a \$300 proposal from Chatham Appraisals to perform an appraisal of the property as required by the grant; that approval of the grant application must be done in order to pursue the project, however, it does not commit the County to accepting the grant or funding the grant match.

Commissioner Givens moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to approve the grant application process for the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF). The motion carried four (4) to one (1) with Commissioner Outz opposing.

## **OTHER**

### **Letter of Condolence:**

By consensus, the Board agreed to send a letter of condolence to Lynn Barrett, Administrative Support in the Manager's Office, upon learning of the death of her parents.

### **North Carolina Housing Recovery Program Application:**

Commissioner Givens moved, seconded by Commissioner Atwater, to allow the County Manager to proceed with the North Carolina Housing Recovery Grant Program application process due to Hurricane Floyd. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

### **Child Victim Services Coordinator:**

By consensus, the Board agreed to appropriate \$4,251 to cover personnel and operating costs for the Child Victim Services position.

## **LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Items of interest to be discussed with the Legislative Delegation were reviewed and include additional revenue sources for Chatham County, modification of impact fee authorization, synchronization of water distribution from Jordan Lake water, prototype school construction, alternative wastewater systems use, and legislative support for large Clean Water Management Fund grant to protect the Cape Fear Basin and Jordan Lake.

The Legislative Delegation meeting is to be held on January 30, 2001 at 6:00 PM at Fearington House Restaurant, Pittsboro, NC.

### **Letter to School Board Regarding Legislative Requests:**

By consensus, the Board agreed to send a letter to the Chatham County School Administration and Chatham County School Board advising them of the Board of Commissioners' meeting with the Legislative Delegation and ask for and encourage their input on school issues, particularly prototype schools as previously discussed.

## **RECESS**

Commissioner Pollard moved to recess the meeting. Commissioner Givens seconded the motion, and the meeting was recessed at 6:28 PM.

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Gary Phillips, Chairman

ATTEST:

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