

**MINUTES**  
**CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**and**  
**WORK SESSION**  
**FEBRUARY 05, 2001**

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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 February 05, 2001.

Present: Chairman Gary Phillips; Vice Chair Margaret Pollard; Commissioners Bob Atwater, Rick Givens, 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 10:00 AM.

**AGENDA**

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

The County Manager asked that consideration of a defibrillator replacement and consideration of a North Carolina real estate excise tax refund be added to the Agenda after the Safe Start presentation.

Commissioner Givens moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz to approve the Agenda with the noted requests. 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 Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

1. **Minutes:** Consideration of approval of Board minutes for meeting held January 16, 2001, work session minutes for meeting held January 16, 2001, and Legislative Delegation minutes for meeting held January 30, 2001

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

2. **Tax Lien Advertisement:** Consideration of a request to approve the advertisement of tax liens

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

3. **Funds Acceptance for the Health Department:** Consideration of a request for approval to accept additional funds in the amount of \$5,200 from the Department of Health & Human Services awarded to the Chatham County Health Department

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

### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

### **PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

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

### **SAFE START PRESENTATION**

Jenny Megginson, Executive Director, Partnership for Children, explained that Chatham County was awarded the SAFE START project in April, 2000; that Chatham County Partnership for Children is the co-applicant with the County for this grant; that Phase I of the project was for strategic planning with three deliverables required OJJDP; that according to the agreement for this project, the Board of Commissioners is to give final approval to all deliverables which are: 1) the 5-Year Strategic Plan, 2) the 18 Months Implementation Plan; and 3) the First 6 Months Progress Report.

They explained that funds for this project are received by the County and distributed to the Partnership; that approval of the budget for receipt of funds is also required; that the development of the plan for SAFE START has included a broad range of community input; that the resulting plan reflects the decisions and deliberations of a large planning group; that UNC Jordan Institute for Families has developed a solid evaluation plan for the project activities that will give ongoing information as to whether the project is getting the desired results; that changes and adjustment of activities may occur as a result of the ongoing evaluation effort; that this is a project that will get results; that the Partnership has met all deadlines for financial reports and deliverables as required by OJJDP and that the staff has participated fully in all required OJJDP meetings related to the project; that the project has been well-supported and that all parties have demonstrated fulfillment of the responsibilities and commitments agreed to in the application for the grant award.

After further discussion and questions from the Board, Commissioner Givens moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to approve all three deliverables and the budgets for each award amount as follows: \$420,000 for the remainder of funds for Phase I and award of \$670,000 for Phase II, a total of \$1,090,000 for the 18-month period beginning May 1, 2001 and ending September 30,2002. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

### **MANAGER' S REPORTS**

The County Manager included the following:

#### **Interim Health Director:**

Wayne Sherman, Chatham County Health Director, stated that he was pleased to announce the appointment of the Interim Health Director, Bill Lail, by the Board of Health, stating that Mr. Lail had worked in the Family Resource Center and as Human Services Planner, and that he was leaving the County in good hands during the interim phase in which the Board of Health will appoint a new director.

He also expressed his appreciation to the Board of Commissioners for the opportunity to serve as the Chatham County Health Director for the past eight years stating that it has been a rich and rewarding experience; and that working with so many good people in the Health Department and a very active and committed Board of Health, they had been able to influence, quite well, the health of the community. He further stated that he hoped that the initiatives that have been undertaken and are currently in progress will continue under the new Interim Director and the Board of Health.

Commissioner Pollard expressed appreciation to the Health Director for building programs based on health issues, not solely on data, but on what the community sees as important public health problems.

#### **Defibrillator Replacement:**

Commissioner Outz moved, seconded by Commissioner Givens, to approve the replacement of twelve (12) LifePak 300 defibrillators with LifePak 500 defibrillators at a cost of \$26,953.50. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

#### **NC Real Estate Excise Tax Refund:**

Commissioner Givens moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to approve the North Carolina Real Estate Excise Tax refund in the amount of \$874.00 inadvertently paid to Chatham County. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0). The letter of request is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

#### **Revaluation Update:**

Kim Horton, Chatham County Tax Administrator, stated that in February, 1998, the Board of Commissioners approved an in-house revaluation for Chatham County; that three years later, it is now complete; that the notices are presently being printed and will be mailed to tax payers on February 15, 2001.

She distributed a revaluation outline synopsis and reviewed the quality of the revaluation. She stated that the deadline for Land Use applications expired with the listing period on January 31, 2001; that the Board may wish to consider an extension since it is a revaluation year and the notices have not yet been mailed.

Commissioner Givens moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to extend the deadline for Land Use applications until April 15, 2001. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

After considerable discussion, Chairman Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to appoint a special committee to sit as the Board of Equalization and Review. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0). The staff is to return to the Board their recommendations for specifics, charge, compensation, and composition of the committee.

#### **Community Development Block Grant:**

Keith Megginson, Chatham County Planning Director, explained that the County will be the administrator of the project; that we are now advertising for consultants to administer the program; and that public hearings have been scheduled and arrangements have been worked out with each of the towns to hold a public meeting to gather citizen input on the program. Scheduled meetings are to be held as follows:

##### **Siler City**

February 12, 2001

Planning Board Meeting – Siler City Town Hall

7:00 PM

**Chatham County**

February 19, 2001

Chatham County Board of Commissioners' Meeting - District Courtroom

7:00 PM

**Pittsboro**

February 26, 2001

Town Hall Meeting

7:00 PM

**Goldston**

March 5, 2001

Town Board Meeting - Goldston Library

7:00 PM

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

**Town of Pittsboro/Board of Commissioners:**

Commissioner Outz voiced concern with regard to the relationship between the Board of Commissioners and the Town of Pittsboro relating to water.

**Historical Society Letter:**

Commissioner Pollard expressed interest in sending a letter to the Chatham County Historical Society indicating the County's interest in preserving the integrity of the buildings on the Trageser property. She stated that she felt that it would be good to have Historical Society representation on a committee planning for property development. She also expressed concern with regard to the preservation and maintenance of the Neil Alexander Bell Building and evaluation of the building with regard to its historic significance.

Chairman Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to send a letter to the Chatham County Historical Society indicating the County's interest in preserving the integrity of the buildings. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0). A copy of the letter is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

**County Funds for Special Projects:**

Commissioner Pollard expressed concern relating to Moncure residents and receiving of their fair share of County funds with regard to geographic distribution.

**Welfare Roles:**

Commissioner Outz expressed concern with regard to reports of the reduction in welfare benefits and the continued need of the Department of Social Services for additional office space.

**Employee Hiring Freeze:**

Commissioner Outz mentioned that the Board might consider not replacing employees in positions that are open at this time as a means to save money.

**Valentine's Dance:**

Chairman Phillips stated that there will be a Valentine's Dance at the Kiwanis Club on February 17, 2001 to benefit the Teen Center of Pittsboro.

**Hispanic Housing in Siler City:**

Chairman Phillips stated that he had spent about four hours looking at about fifteen houses in Siler City; that some of the conditions were deplorable; and that this problem must be addressed, in some way, in cooperation with the Town of Siler City.

**BREAK**

- Chairman Phillips called for a five-minute break.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Commissioner Outz moved, seconded by Chairman Phillips, to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition and personnel. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

**REGULAR SESSION**

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

**RESOLUTION TO CONDEMN PROPERTY**

- Commissioner Givens moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to approve **Resolution #2001-01 Authorizing Notice of Intent to Institute an Action to Condemn Property**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

**RECESS**

Chairman Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to recess the meeting to Celebrity Dairy for the luncheon with the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service and consideration of their annual report

**WORK SESSION****Work Session Agenda:**

**Master Water Plan**  
**Land Use Plan**  
**Impact Fees**  
**Development Exactions**

**LUNCH WITH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE**

- **Cooperative Extension Service Luncheon and Annual Report:** Luncheon with the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service and consideration of annual report at Celebrity Dairy

12:30 – 1:30 PM	<b>Lunch at The Inn at Celebrity Dairy</b>
1:30 – 2:30 PM	<b>Annual Report to Board of Commissioners</b>
2:30 – 3:00 PM	<b>Tour of The Inn and Celebrity Dairy</b>

The North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service presented its annual report during a luncheon held at Celebrity Dairy.

### **RECONVENE WORK SESSION**

Issues on the agenda were discussed, as time allowed, with follow-up to be forthcoming as required.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

- Commissioner Givens moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing personnel. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

### **REGULAR SESSION**

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

### **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 five (5) to zero (0), and the meeting was adjourned at 5:16 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