

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION, JUNE 04, 2001

The Board of Commissioners (“the Board”) of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met at RAFI, USA, Pittsboro Elementary School Road, Pittsboro, North Carolina, at 1:00 PM on June 04, 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

Work Session Agenda:

I. Chatham County FY 2001-2002 Budget

RECONVENE WORK SESSION

Commissioner Givens moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to reconvene the work session. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0), and the meeting reconvened at 1:11 PM.

Budget Work Sessions:

By consensus, the following dates were set on which to hold budget work sessions:

June 12, 2001	6:00 PM - until	Henry Dunlap Building Classroom
June 13, 2001	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM	Henry Dunlap Building Classroom

After considerable discussion regarding the FY 2001-2002 budget, Commissioner Givens asked the County Manager to revise the budget with a tax rate of 59 cents per \$100, leaving the Board of Education’s request for funding in tact.

Chairman Phillips suggested keeping the current rate of 85 cents per \$100, redoing the budget, postponing the new revaluation for another year in order to give property owners time to adjust to one increase before proceeding to a higher property and tax valuation. He stated that this would give the Board time to consider the matter further and extend the time to dispute property revaluations while educating the public about the revaluation.

Commissioner Pollard asked the County Manager to revise the budget with a tax rate of 65 cents and 69 cents per \$100 with the proposed revaluation.

Commissioner Outz asked about remodeling one of the Trageser buildings that the County has purchased in order to ease the space shortage within the Department of Social Services.

Commissioner Atwater stated that the Board has the responsibility to ameliorate the effects of the new revaluation; that the landowners would unfairly bear the brunt of the budget’s needs; and that he feels that each Board member is haunted by the tremendous increases that some people are going to have to pay.

By consensus, the Board agreed to ask Kim Horton, Chatham County Tax Administrator, to attend the next work session to help them with the revised tax equations.

Resolution Proclaiming Homeownership Week:

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to approve **Resolution #2001-__ Proclaiming June 3, 2001-June 9, 2001 Homeownership Week**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Bynum Mills Update:

The County Manager stated that a “stop work order” has been issued for Bynum Mills due to Mr. Stevens’ failure to apply for a permit for asbestos removal.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Outz moved, seconded by Commissioner Givens, 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 2:35 PM.

Gary Phillips, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra B. Lee, Clerk to the Board
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