

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
JANUARY 07, 2002

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 1:00 PM on January 07, 2002.

Present: Chairman Gary Phillips; Vice Chair Margaret Pollard; Commissioners 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. Sublett

Absent: Commissioner Bob Atwater

The Chairman reconvened the work session at 1:21 PM.

Work Session Agenda

- 1.) **Amended CIP Presentation – Paul Spruill**
- 2.) **Potential Uses of Trageser Property – Kurt Lent, Charlie Horne, and Paul Spruill**
- 3.) **Chatham County Website Demonstration**

CHATHAM COUNTY WEBSITE

Renee Dickson, Chatham County Director of Organizational Development, stated that the new Chatham County internet web site is designed to be accessible, user friendly, and up-to-date; that the new site allows for more interaction between citizens and county government; that, for example, citizens will be able to do on-line searches of minutes from October 1994 through the present; that citizens will also be able to search for County staff phone numbers by employee name and service; that future enhancements could include e-government applications such as paying taxes, permits, etc. on line, on-line job applications, etc.; that the plan is to train at least one person in each department who will create and/or maintain his/her department’s web site based on the template design; and that one staff person will be designated as the Webmaster to ensure consistency and screen for problems

Ms. Dickson reviewed the web site home page, and stated that the site utilizes the colors of the Chatham County Flag; that the logo, two triangles, represents Chatham County’s geographic location between the Piedmont Triad and the Triangle; and that the site will include pictures of each Commissioner, a biography, and contact information, the budget, and other information. She acknowledged the help she had received from Neha, Chatham County Tourism Coordinator, who helped design the original site, and links

and department pages and Mike Miller, Information Systems Network Engineer, for his technical assistance.

AMENDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

Paul Spruill, Assistant County Manager, reviewed the 2002-2007 draft of the Capital Improvements Program (CIP). He listed the Board's priorities which were discussed at the annual retreat in December as follows:

1. Removal of the Judicial Center as a high priority
2. Stronger consideration for the Agricultural Center
3. Stronger consideration for using houses on the Trageser Property
4. Reflect the use of voter-approved bonds on all major projects except immediate concerns (Social Services, Clerk of Court, Register of Deeds)

TRAGESER PROPERTY POTENTIAL USES

Kurt Lent, Architect, reviewed existing County buildings and how they could be remodeled and used to relieve space needs.

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Givens, to endorse the process and encourage staff to proceed. Staff is to report back to the Board when they get more detailed information. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

Chairman Phillips concurred stating that the Board should endorse going forward with this, begin the necessary conversation, get a further level of detail, begin a construction schedule, and talk with interested agencies and organizations, principally with the Chatham County Historical Association.

Capital Improvements Program:

Commissioner Givens moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to adopt the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) as presented by the staff based on the information from the December, 2001 Board Retreat and continue this process and bring it back as an amendment to the CIP. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0). A copy of the draft 2002-2007 Capital Improvement Program is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Mr. Lent invited the Board to participate in the Green Buildings Workshop to be held on January 22, 2002, from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM, at Horton Middle School.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Givens, to adjourn the meeting so that the Board could visit the Trageser property buildings. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0), and the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.

Gary Phillips, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra B. Sublett, Clerk to the Board
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