

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 18, 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 4:00 PM on February 18, 2002.

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. Sublett

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

Work Session Agenda

1. Nuisance Ordinance Review
2. Solid Waste Advisory Board Update
3. Bookmobile Update
4. Rosemont (American Tobacco Trail)
5. Local Option Sales Tax
6. Closed Session (Litigation)

JOINT MEETINGS

- The joint meeting between the Chatham County Board of Commissioners and the Pittsboro Town Board is to be held on March 25, 2002, 5:30 PM at the Pittsboro Town Hall. An alternate date was set for April 8, 2002.

- The joint meeting between the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners and the Orange County Board of Commissioners is to be held on February 27, 2002, 12:30 PM at the Human Services Center in Chapel Hill, NC.

NUISANCE ORDINANCE REVIEW

Specifics of noise ordinances were discussed.

Commissioner Atwater asked that staff corroborate with the Health Department to prepare a potential draft of a revised noise ordinance.

The County Manager is to arrange to have a noise meter so that the Board can listen to 60/70 decibel

readings.

Commissioner Pollard stated that while the Board works on the problem, people are getting angry. She asked if it would be helpful for the Board to initiate a process with dispute settlement.

The Chairman asked that the County Manager assist him in arranging a meeting between the parties to discuss mediation of the issue.

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY

John McSween, Chairman of the Chatham County Solid Waste Advisory Committee, introduced HDR Engineering.

The Board of Commissioners was informed of the status of the Solid Waste Feasibility Study. The discussion focused on disposal options and the most socially acceptable environmentally safe and economically viable options of managing Chatham County's solid waste. The following options were discussed:

- MSW Composting Facility (County controlled & All County MSW)
- County Subtitle D Landfill
- Regional Subtitle D Landfill (Surrounding Counties)
- Regional Waste-To-Energy Facility
- Materials Recovery Facility (an enhancement option)
- Current Option (Out-of-County Disposal)

The Board of Commissioners was presented with a summary of the options and HDR's professional opinion in ranking of the options. The Solid Waste Advisory Committee developed a weighting factor to the Disposal Options as a tool that the Board may use in their decision making process.

Four major areas of concern, based on the County's Strategic plan, used in the weighing factor, were discussed as follows: Environmental, Social/Cultural, Land Use, and Financial.

By consensus, the Board decided not to investigate "The Waste-To-Energy" option due to both its high initial capital cost and the anticipated high cost per ton of waste disposal.

BOOKMOBILE

- Linda Clarke, Library Director, explained that in fiscal year 1998, Chatham County created reserve funds for the purpose of bookmobile replacement. She stated that this process helps provide staff with safe and efficient equipment and helps to reduce maintenance costs which improves the overall performance of the library services program; that the existing bookmobile was purchased in 1986; that a new bookmobile is scheduled to be purchased this year; that sufficient funds have been budgeted for the purchase; that options were investigated and a formal bid was conducted by the County's purchasing agent on December 17, 2001; that only one bid was received so a second bid process was conducted on January 8, 2002; that the adopted budget for the current year included funds to purchase a diesel-powered bookmobile at an estimated cost of \$140,000; that this item had no net impact on the General Fund due to the availability of funding in the capital reserve from previous year contributions for this replacement item.

- Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Chairman Phillips, to approve staff recommendation and award the purchase of a new bookmobile to Moroney Bookmobiles in the amount of \$97,680.00. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

PROCLAMATION HONORING JACK WILKIE

Proclamation Honoring Jack Wilkie: Consideration of a request to adopt Proclamation Honoring Jack Wilkie, Chairman of the Chatham County Board of Education

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to adopt **Proclamation #2002-04 Honoring Mr. Jack Wilkie, Chairman of the Chatham County Board of Education**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REGULATIONS

Bob Gunn, County Attorney, reviewed the regulations for the upcoming meeting for the Chatham County Zoning Board of Adjustment to hear an appeal from an action of the zoning enforcement officer and/or petition for an interpretation of the Zoning Ordinance.

CLOSED SESSION

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

REGULAR SESSION

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

RECESS

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, that the meeting be recessed to the regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners' meeting in the Superior Courtroom. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0), and the meeting was recessed at 6:59 PM.

Gary Phillips, Chairman

ATTEST:

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