

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 04, 2002

The Board of Commissioners (“the Board”) of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met in the Agricultural Building Auditorium, 45 South Street, located in Pittsboro, North Carolina, at 11:42 AM on November 04, 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; and Clerk to the Board, Sandra B. Sublett

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:42 AM.

Work Session Agenda

- 1.) **Pittsboro Water Plant**
- 2.) **Recreation Foundation**

Commissioner Pollard stated that she had received a request from Ms. Judy Hogan requesting that the Board adopt a resolution regarding halting the shipment of nuclear waste across North Carolina and that she would like for a copy of it to be sent to Ken Harris with the Southeast Chatham Citizens Group for their consideration and comments.

Chairman Phillips asked that a copy of the letter to the Division of Air Quality also be included with the Southeast Chatham Citizens Group packet.

RECREATION

Mr. Don Lein presented a series of options to the Board of Commissioners to consider for some land from the Strowd Estate, earmarked for recreation activities as follows:

- 1) To procure only the 79.74 acres for use as a passive recreation facility, i. e. trails. The price of this land would be \$3,000 per acre without lumber being harvested and \$1,000 per acre with lumber harvested. The site would be subject to an easement requiring it to be used only for passive recreational uses. Access would be granted from Jones Ferry Road to the site.
- 2) To procure the above site and one parcel of approximately 10 acres adjoining Jones

Ferry Road. This parcel would be used for a driveway to the passive park, parking, rest room facilities, picnic tables, and perhaps, a couple of soccer fields. The cost of this parcel would be \$8,000 per acre with lumber unharvested and \$6,000 per acre with lumber harvested.

- 3) In addition to option 2, procure approximately 15 more acres from the lots on Jones Ferry Road, and develop more active recreational facilities, to include a baseball field (with lights), a general purpose field, tennis courts, basketball court and other facilities, as deemed appropriate by the County. There would be a buffer of approximately 100 feet between the recreational facilities and the subdivision. The cost of the land would be \$8,000 per acre with lumber unharvested and \$6,000 per acre with lumber harvested.

The Parks Foundation indicated a willingness to seek grants to procure whichever option the Board deems most appropriate, contingent upon the County's willingness to accept this property as a gift and to develop it pursuant to the purpose for which the land was procured. The Strowd estate has indicated that this offer will remain open for three years, with a six percent interest charged per year after the first year.

PITTSBORO WATER PLANT

The County Manager followed up on the October 21, 2002 Board of Commissioners' meeting discussion regarding the water plant stating that at that time, the Board discussed whether to grant the County's water allocation of the Pittsboro Water Plant back to the Town or to do some type of depreciation schedule, selling the water back to the Town.

After considerable discussion, the Board decided to try to hold a joint meeting with the Pittsboro Town Board regarding the matter.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Givens moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, 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 12:25 PM.

Margaret B. Pollard, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

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