

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
AUGUST 19, 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 5:30 PM on August 19, 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 5:31 PM.

Work Session Agenda

1. **Governor’s Club Water Line**
2. **Grant Application Fee**

GOVERNORS CLUB WATER LINE

Ron Singleton, Chatham County Public Works Director, gave an overview of the failure of the water line at the dam on Morehead Drive in Governors Club. He stated that the break occurred sometime between Thursday night and Friday morning; that the break was isolated by 3:00 AM; that water was rerouted to the booster pump station such that only four customers were out of water; that final repairs were completed and water service was restored at approximately 6:00 PM on Saturday; that it appeared that the break was caused by slope failure of the dam; and that future breaks, for the same reason, were imminent.

Mr. Singleton suggested that the Board consider abandoning the problematic line, replacing it, and relocating the booster pump station to avoid future problems with the line.

By consensus, the Board agreed, in concept, to abandon the section of line between Hoey and Umpstead Drives and run new smaller diameter lines to the existing customers in that area and to relocate the booster pump station at the back gate of Governors Club. Staff is to return to the Board a more detailed cost estimate, a timetable, and financing options.

A discussion ensued with regard to the installation of the PVC line as opposed to that of ductile iron. The Public Works Director explained that no matter which material was used, it would have eventually failed unless it was located in a different place other than the current trench.

Commissioner Pollard asked who was responsible for oversight of the project.

Ray Greenlaw, Water Board Advisory Committee Chairman, added that several years ago, the Board had allocated several thousand dollars to have the inspection which was never done; that the County accepted it as it was; that a mechanism was in place for inspecting it; that it just wasn't done; and that it was a "never-ending" problem.

Commissioner Atwater asked that the Public Works Director convey the Board's appreciation for their work to the crew who worked to restore water service.

- **Emergency Water Use:**

- The Public Works Director briefed the Board on water usage showing graphs from the County system over the past three months, June, July, August, with decreases in usage as the County enacted conservation measures.

Commissioner Outz asked if there was any money left in the Clean Water Management Trust Fund.

The County Manager responded that there were funds, but that they had either been frozen or taken by the Governor.

Commissioner Givens asked if the State or National Guard had water trucks or water buffaloes available.

The County Manager responded that they were not available for what the County would need them for.

RECESS

Commissioner Atwater moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, that the meeting be recessed to the regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners' meeting in the District Courtroom. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0), and the meeting was recessed at 6:36 PM.

Gary Phillips, Chairman

ATTEST:

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