

**MINUTES**  
**CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**COMPACT COMMUNITIES WORK SESSION**  
**APRIL 07, 2003**

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The Board of Commissioners (“the Board”) of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met in the Pittsboro Library, located in Pittsboro, North Carolina, at 1:00 PM on April 07, 2003.

Present: Chairman Tommy Emerson; Vice Chair Carl Outz; Commissioners Margaret Pollard, Bob Atwater, and Bunkey Morgan; 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 work session to order at 1:23 PM.

*Work Session Agenda*

1.) **Compact Communities**

**STATE MENTAL HOSPITAL**

Commissioner Pollard introduced a resolution for Board consideration to be forwarded to the NC General Assembly, the Chatham County Legislative Delegation, and counties within the region who would be served by the facility requesting their support in locating the North Carolina Mental Health Hospital in Siler City.

After discussion, Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Atwater, to adopt **Resolution #2003-10 to Request the NC General Assembly to Site the Mental Health Hospital Near Siler City, Chatham County, North Carolina.** The motion carried five (5) to zero (0). The resolution is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

**COMPACT COMMUNITIES**

The Board discussed potential legal issues and County resource issues related to Compact Communities. A summary of the Board's directives is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

**BREAK**

The Chairman called for a five-minute break.

Commissioner Morgan left the meeting at 3:15 PM.

**FUTURE WORK SESSION**

- By consensus, the Board agreed to continue their work session on Tuesday, April 8, 2003 in the Henry Dunlap Classroom at 9:00 AM.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Atwater, to go out of Regular Session and into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing possible litigation. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

**REGULAR SESSION**

- Commissioner Atwater moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to go out of Closed Session and reconvene in Regular Session. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

**RECESS**

Commissioner Outz moved, seconded by Commissioner Atwater, to recess the meeting until the following day at 9:00 AM at which time a continuation of the Compact Communities meeting will be held in the Henry H. Dunlap Classroom. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0), and the meeting was recessed at 3:29 PM.

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Thomas J. Emerson, Chairman

ATTEST:

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