

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMPACT COMMUNITIES WORK SESSION
APRIL 08, 2003

The Board of Commissioners ("the Board") of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met in the Henry H. Dunlap Building Classroom, located in Pittsboro, North Carolina, at 9:00 AM on April 08, 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

Commissioner Morgan was present for the afternoon portion of the Work Session.

The Chairman called the Work Session to order at 9:07 AM.

Work Session Agenda

- 1.) Compact Communities
- 2.) Noise Ordinance
- 3.) Moncure Sign

NOISE ORDINANCE

A discussion ensued with regard to the continued noise problem at the North Carolina Sports Arena.

When the question of a curfew was raised, the County Attorney explained that the original Noise Ordinance tried to address the problem by saying that after a certain time, the noise levels could not exceed a certain level; that it would be better to do that than to ask a business owner to close his business at a certain time; that several years ago, a "Blue Law" was stricken down which required businesses to close at a certain time; and that he feels the same thing might happen if someone was asked to close rather than limit the noise level.

After further discussion, Commissioner Outz moved, seconded by Commissioner Atwater, to approve the Noise Ordinance as amended. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0). A copy of the ordinance is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Atwater, that the Noise Ordinance become effective May 1, 2003. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

MONCURE SIGN "WELCOME TO MONCURE – COMMUNITY OF ARTISTS"

Commissioner Pollard explained that a local artist, Lyle Estill, along with the south east community have done a lot to improve the quality of life in southeast Chatham County in the Moncure area; that it has been requested that the Department of Transportation erect a number of signs saying, "Welcome to Moncure – Community of Artists"; that a resolution is needed from the Chatham County Board of Commissioners and the southeast community requesting and agreeing to the sign and slogan; and that the signs need to be erected on the new US #1 Highway exits so that it will direct traffic to the Moncure area.

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Atwater, to approve **Resolution #2003-11 Supporting the Erection of the "Welcome to Moncure – Community of Artists" Signs**. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0). A copy of the proposed sign is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

LOST CORNERS

- The County Manager explained that a letter has been received from another "Lost Corners" resident who stated that the sentiments expressed by the first citizens who spoke to the Board were not those of a unified voice. He asked for the Board's direction on this matter.

- The Planning Director explained that his office had received a draft from Cary offering seven alternatives with regard to policies for Board approval. He stated that he asked the County Manager to present it to the Board to see if the Board was interested in further pursuing the matter.

- Commissioner Atwater asked that the County Manager send a tactful letter to each of the constituencies for which he has addresses in the area indicating that the Board learned that there was no unified position on the Lost Corners and that unless more unified action is achieved on their part, the Board will not be pursuing it further.

Chairman Emerson asked that Ms. Betsy Phillips, speaking at the February 3, 2003 Board of Commissioners' meeting, be informed that no action on a rural buffer agreement will be taken at this time.

By consensus, the Board agreed.

COMPACT COMMUNITIES

- Commissioner Atwater read comments from various letters and e-mails he had received from citizens with regard to the Land Use Plan pointing out conflicting issues, citizen concerns, economic concerns, and viability with regard to public concerns.

The Board continued their discussion on 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.

LUNCH

The Chairman recessed the meeting for a one-hour lunch break.

COMPACT COMMUNITIES

The Work Session on specifics of Compact Communities continued.

WORK SESSION

By consensus, the Board agreed to begin their Work Session, prior to their regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners' meeting on April 21, 2003, at 2:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, 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 4:07 PM.

Thomas J. Emerson, Chairman

ATTEST:

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