

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
JULY 21, 2003

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 3:00 PM on July 21, 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; Finance Officer, Vicki McConnell; and Clerk to the Board, Sandra B. Sublett

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 3:00 PM.

Work Session

1. Western Wake County Wastewater Treatment Update
2. Fire Inspections Discussion
3. Pay-for-Performance Discussion
4. Hobbs & Upchurch Contracts for Water Expansion

WESTERN WAKE COUNTY WASTEWATER TREATMENT UPDATE

- Tommy Esqueda, with CDM Hazen and Sawyer Environmental Engineers & Scientists, gave a status report on the Western Wake County Wastewater Treatment including completed activities, service area boundaries, wastewater flow projections, treatment facility and discharge options, and seven options selected for detailed evaluation. A copy of the project status report is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

FIRE INSPECTIONS DISCUSSION

- Tom Bender, Chatham County Fire Marshall, explained the specifics of the North Carolina State Building Code related to Chatham County, inspection schedules, personnel inspection and re-inspection hours. He informed the Board of the growing demands on his department and the need for an additional fire inspector. He stated that the number of inspections the department is handling continues to grow every year; that it is becoming overwhelming; that the department has taken on sixty new inspections this year; that his department is mandated by the State to conduct inspections which include businesses and schools (which are inspected twice annually); and that while his department will continue to do the best that it can without additional manpower, the level of service will likely decline. He reviewed newspaper articles relevant to fire prevention errors, litigation, wrongful death lawsuits, negligence, and other issues which could add additional responsibilities to the Fire Marshall's Office.

The Fire Marshall reviewed maps of fire districts drawn by the Chatham County Mapping Department and answered questions with regard to the Fire Prevention and Protection Ordinance.

The Board asked that management return with a proposal and/or recommendations for Board consideration at a future Board of Commissioners' meeting.

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CONTRACTS FOR WATER EXPANSION

Tim Carpenter, with Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates, gave an update on County water expansion projects including the Group B Hydraulic improvements and the 3-pronged westward distribution extension.

A question and answer period ensued.

PAY FOR PERFORMANCE

The Board reviewed specifics of and discussed Pay-for-Performance.

A final decision on the matter was postponed until an efficiency study can be performed.

Commissioner Atwater moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to pursue a serious study of a performance audit of Chatham County. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Staff met during the prior week with officials of the Department of Transportation (DOT) regarding the economic development grant which DOT offers; that during a previous presentation that Mr. Kindley indicated that the State had funds up to \$400,000 to help with economic development in the County; that they had some concerns with what has been outlined due to it not meeting State standards; and that staff has asked for further review from engineering.

RECESS

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, that the meeting be recessed for 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 5:38 PM.

Thomas J. Emerson, Chairman

ATTEST:

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