

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 02, 2003

The Board of Commissioners ("the Board") of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met in the Agricultural Auditorium Building, 45 South Street, located in Pittsboro, North Carolina, at 9:00 AM on September 02, 2003.

Present: Chairman Tommy Emerson; 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

Absent: Commissioner Carl Outz

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 9:00 AM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

- Chairman Emerson invited everyone present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance after which he delivered the invocation.

AGENDA

- The Chairman asked if there were additions, deletions, or corrections to the Agenda.

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve the Agenda. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

CONSENT AGENDA

The Chairman asked if there were additions, deletions, or corrections to the Agendas.

Commissioner Morgan asked that Item #7 Consideration of a request to adopt a Resolution of Intent to Form Service Districts for the Provision of Water and Item #8 Consideration of a request to set September 15, 2003 as the date on which to hold a public hearing to receive public comments on establishing Chatham County Water Districts be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda for discussion.

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to approve the Consent Agenda with the noted request.

1. **Minutes:** Consideration of a request for approval of Board Minutes for Regular Meeting and Work Session held August 18, 2003

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

2. **Road Name:** Consideration of a request from citizens for the naming of a private road in Chatham County as follows:

1. **Williams Park Road**

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

3. **Department of Social Services Contracts:** Consideration of a request to approve three contracts for the Fiscal Year July 01, 2003 – June 30, 2004 for the Department of Social Services as follows:

1. Chatham Transit Network 2. Chatham Trades 3. JOCCA

The contracts are attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

4. **Charging Off 1993 Property Taxes:** Consideration of a request to approve the charging off of 1993 property taxes, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

5. **Conveyance of Property for Basic Law Enforcement Program:** Consideration of a request to convey property to Central Carolina Community College for use in the Basic Law Enforcement Program and adoption of **Resolution #2003-29 Declaring Property Surplus**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

6. **Fire Prevention and Protection Ordinance Public Hearing:** Consideration of a request to set September 15, 2003 as the date on which to hold a public hearing to receive public comments on a request to amend the Fire Prevention and Protection Ordinance

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

- ~~7. **Resolution of Intent to Form Service Districts for the Provision of Water:** Consideration of a request to adopt **Resolution of Intent to Form Service Districts for the Provision of Water**~~

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda for discussion.

- ~~8. **Water Districts Public Hearing:** Consideration of a request to set September 15, 2003 as the date on which to hold a public hearing to receive public comments on establishing Chatham County Water Districts~~

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda for discussion.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

James Dixon, 94 Chatham Drive, Chapel Hill, NC, expressed concern with regard to his property that is split into two plats. He stated that the entrance to the property is in a dangerous location; that he pursued an entrance to his property off Persimmon Hill Road; that everything had been approved by Chatham County; that the Persimmon Hill Homeowners Association began to protest his using Persimmon Hill Road as an access to his property; and that the association has put up a wood barrier with cement posts to prohibit him from putting his driveway in at the previously specified location. He asked what steps he needs to take to rectify this situation.

Chairman Emerson suggested that Charlie Horne, Keith Megginson, Bob Gunn and George Lucier meet and offer a recommendation regarding this issue.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONER MATTERS

Water Districts Public Hearing: Consideration of a request to set a date on which to hold a public hearing to receive public comments on establishing Chatham County Water Districts

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to set October 20, 2003 at 6:00 PM as the date and time on which to hold a public hearing to receive public comments on establishing Chatham County Water Districts. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

Resolutions of Intent to Form Service Districts for the Provision of Water: Consideration of a request to adopt resolutions as follows:

After considerable discussion, Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to adopt **Resolution #2003-30 Of Intent to Form a Southwest Chatham Water District (Bear Creek and Gulf) for the Provision of Water**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to adopt **Resolution #2003-31 of Intent to Form a Southeast Chatham Water District (Oakland, Haw River and Cape Fear) for the Provision of Water**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to adopt **Resolution #2003-32 of Intent to Form a Northwest Chatham Water District (Albright, Hadley and Hickory Mountain) for the Provision of Water**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Hearing:

Stockyard Road Project: Public hearing to receive public comments on the Stockyard Road Project

Floyd Adams, Adams Company Administrator, stated that his company had been charged with the administration of the Stockyard Road Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project; that it is a 2000 year grant; that they are ready to go out for bids, however, the time with the State program is near

expiration so there is insufficient time to carry out the construction for the project; that in conversations with the State, they were advised to request that the State de-obligate the 2000 grant at which time they would re-obligate a 2003 grant; that they would complete the same 8800 linear feet of eight inch gravity sewer and 3200 linear feet of force main to tie in the same number of residents. He further stated that it would be the same amount of money; that the public hearing formally closes out the old program; that the engineering design, plans and specifications, and the right-of-way specifications have been completed; that \$62,500 has already been spent; that the balance of the CDBG funds will be de-obligated and the State will in turn re-obligate the remaining balance at which time a new grant period will be funded.

The public hearing was opened for public comments.

There was no one present who wished to make public comments.

Commissioner Morgan, seconded by Commissioner Atwater, moved to close out the FY 2000 Stockyard Road Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) so that it may be re-obligated in a FY 2003 Stockyard Road Community Development Block Grant. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

FINANCE OFFICE

Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Budget Amendments: Consideration of a request to approve Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Budget Amendments

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Atwater, to approve Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Budget Amendments, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

APPOINTMENTS

Human Relations Board Appointment: Consideration of a request to appoint/reappoint a member to the Human Relations Board by Commissioner Pollard

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to reappoint Hazelene Scott, 745 Effie Welch Road, Bear Creek, NC, to the Human Relations Board. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

Housing Authority Board Appointments: Consideration of a request to appoint two members to the Housing Authority Board by Commissioner Pollard (1) and Commissioner Outz (1)

This item was deferred until a later date.

OPC Board Appointments: Consideration of a request to appoint a member to the OPC Board by Commissioner Pollard (1) and Commissioner Atwater (1)

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Atwater, to appoint Johnny Whitfield, 26 North Hillcrest Road, Siler City, NC, to fill the un-expired term of Ms. Joyce Kachergis, to the OPC Board. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

Commissioner Atwater deferred his appointment until a later date.

Mid Carolina Workforce Development Board Appointment: Consideration of a request to appoint a member to the Mid Carolina Workforce Development Board by the full Board

Commissioner Atwater moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to reappoint Lenore Guidoni, 548 Smith Level Road, Carrboro, NC, to the Mid Carolina Workforce Development Board. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

Home and Community Block Grant Committee: Consideration of a request to appoint/reappoint ten members to the Home and Community Block Grant Committee (one each per Commissioner and five by profession)

Commissioner Morgan suggested that the members now serving on this committee be contacted to see if they wish to be reappointed.

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to table the Home and Community Block Grant Committee appointments until the next Board of Commissioners' meeting.

MANAGER' S REPORTS

The County Manager reported on the following:

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting:

Vicki McConnell, Chatham County Finance Officer, has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Western Wake Regional Wastewater Treatment:

Commissioner Morgan stated that it was his understanding that on September 11, 2003, there would be another meeting on the Western Wake Regional Wastewater Treatment. Details to be forthcoming.

Zion Church Road Debris:

Commissioner Pollard stated that it was her understanding that Waste Management has been doing home pickups on Zion Church Road; that they have a private hauler; that Marjorie York was concerned that they will no longer be served by the private hauler; and she would like the Director of Solid Waste to contact them for information and resources.

Chairman Emerson stated that it was his understanding that while they are not going to extend their pickup area, they will continue to pickup Ms. York's garbage and maintain the area that they are now serving.

Sewage Issues:

Commissioner Morgan stated that he spoke with David Hughes, Pittsboro Town Manager about the possibility of the County and municipalities joining together for a mutual venture on sewage; that it could be discharged into the Haw River; that Mr. Hughes' feeling is that the regional effort may take years to complete; that the County might do something at a much quicker rate as a joint project with the Town of Pittsboro; that the County might be able to secure funds for future projects and them not have to deal with it; and that the

County needs to look at continuous opportunities to cooperate with regard to cost effectiveness with municipalities.

Honeywell Water Issues:

Commissioner Pollard stated that she had met with Honeywell Community Advisory Group on Friday and that they are interested in continuing the work with the County on water issues.

RECESS

- Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, that there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting be recessed to the regularly scheduled Work Session in the Henry H. Dunlap, Jr. Classroom. The motion carried four (4) to zero, and the meeting was recessed for ten minutes at 10:15 AM.

Thomas J. Emerson, Chairman

ATTEST:

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