

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET WORK SESSION
MAY 30, 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 9:00 AM on May 30, 2003.

Present: Chair Tommy Emerson; Vice Chair Carl Outz, Commissioners Margaret Pollard, Bob Atwater, and Bunkey Morgan; County Manager, Charlie Horne; Assistant County Manager, Paul Spruill; and Finance Officer, Vicki McConnell

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

Agenda

Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Recommended Budget

- Chatham County Schools
- Commissioner Expenses
- Fire Districts

CHATHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Atwater, to appropriate \$150,000 to the Chatham County School plus \$67,000 for teacher supplements. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

By consensus, the Board agreed to review appropriations after the General Assembly Session to see if schools faired better than is now expected.

PAY FOR PERFORMANCE

After considerable discussion, Chairman Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to fund the Pay-for-Performance budget as proposed and to cap the maximum attainable amount at 6% for the forthcoming year. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

By consensus, the Board agreed to give the County Manager the authority to transfer positions/salaries to make efficient use of personnel and that for the coming year to increase the salary line by only 5% (cut \$220,000 from proposed salaries).

Commissioner Pollard asked for "living wage" information for Chatham County.

CHATHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Atwater, to take \$140,000 for schools mobile classroom needs from impact fees. This motion came after hearing the opinion of the County Attorney with regard to the legalities of doing this and replaces the earlier motion by the Board of Commissioners to appropriate \$150,000 from Fund Balance for schools. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

GENERAL FUND BALANCE

- Commissioner Atwater moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve the General Fund budget as amended. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

The Sheriff's vehicle request will be revisited at a later date.

COMMISSIONER EXPENSES

- Chairman Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to set Board of Commissioners' expenses as a flat \$100.00 per month. The motion carried four (4) to one (1) with Commissioner Atwater dissenting.

The Board will review "wireless", as well as imagining projects at a later date.

FIRE DISTRICTS

- Commissioner Atwater moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve Fire District recommendations, send a letter reminding Fire Departments of Open Meetings Law, and to follow those laws. The motion carried four (4) to one (1) with Commissioner Outz dissenting.

LUNCH RECESS

The Chairman called for a one-hour lunch break.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Emerson adjourned the meeting at 3:05 PM.

Thomas J. Emerson, Chairman

ATTEST:

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