

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 02, 2004

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 February 02, 2004.

Present: Chairman Tommy Emerson; Commissioners Margaret Pollard, Bob Atwater, Bunkey Morgan, and Carl Outz; 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 9:02 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 Consent Agenda.

The County Attorney stated that the January 20, 2004 Board of Commissioners’ meeting minutes (Public Input Session) reflect that Jeffrey Starkweather made a request for certain public records when they should have stated that Mr. Starkweather said that he planned to submit a request for public records in the future and asked that a notation on those minutes be made accordingly.

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to approve the Consent Agenda with the noted request as follows:

1. **Minutes:** Consideration of a request for approval of Board Minutes for regular meeting held January 20, 2004 and work session held January 20, 2004

The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

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

1. **Oakley Farm Road**

The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

3. **Tax Lien Advertisement:** Consideration of a request to approve advertisement of tax liens

The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Atwater asked that he be allowed to make some personal comments for the record after the Public Input Session.

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

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

FEBRUARY 02, 2004 MINUTES APPROVAL

Commissioner Atwater moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to approve the February 02, 2004 regular minutes with the exception of those portions of the minutes dealing with Commissioner Atwater's comments discussing compact communities. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

***Commissioner Atwater's verbatim comments have been removed from the February 02, 2004 Board of Commissioners' meeting for approval at the March 1, 2004 Board of Commissioners' meeting.**

NOTE: Please see above minutes approved at the May 10, 2004 Work Session.

RECESS

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to call for a ten-minute recess. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

RECONVENE

Chairman Emerson asked if any of the other Commissioners had any comments regarding Commissioner Atwater's comments.

There were none.

RESOLUTION HONORING RAY GREENLAW

Chairman Emerson asked that Mr. Ray Greenlaw stand at which time he read and presented a resolution honoring the service of Ray Greenlaw.

Commissioner Atwater moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to adopt **Resolution #2004-04 Honoring the Service of Ray Greenlaw**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

RESOLUTION HONORING DR. A. F. MCCLEAVE

Resolution #2004-05 Honoring Dr. A. F. McCleave, adopted January 20, 2004 at the Chatham County Board of Commissioners' work session is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

FINANCE OFFICE

Fiscal Year 2003-04 Budget Amendments: Consideration of a request to approve Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Budget Amendments

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve Fiscal Year 2003-2004 budget amendments, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Comprehensive Financial Report: Presentation of the Comprehensive Financial Report

Vicki McConnell, Finance Officer, reviewed the report on the 2003 Chatham County Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Bob Nelson, answered questions on the compliance section and on how the audit was conducted.

Commissioner Pollard asked if the Board should ask Representative Joe Hackney and the Governor (by letter) to again review how sales tax disbursements are distributed back to the counties.

Commissioner Atwater asked Mr. Nelson, if when he speaks to the state agencies, were they moderately, greatly, or not concerned about the CDBG project.

Mr. Nelson stated that he would need to speak with his manager who worked on the project to get an accurate answer after which he would report back to the Board.

Commissioner Morgan asked for an update on the CDBG after Mr. King comes on Thursday.

BOARD AND COMMITTEES

Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee Appointment: Consideration of a request to appoint a member to the Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee by Commissioner Outz

This appointment was deferred until a later date.

Human Relations Committee Appointment: Consideration of a request to appoint a member to the Human Relations Committee by Commissioner Morgan

This appointment was deferred until a later date.

Adult Care Home Committee Appointment: Consideration of a request to appoint a member to the Adult Care Home Committee by Commissioner Outz

This appointment was deferred until a later date.

Solid Waste Advisory Committee: Consideration of a request to appoint a member to the Solid

Waste Advisory Committee by Commissioner Outz

Commissioner Outz moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to reappoint Bruce Alexander to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

MANAGER' S REPORTS

The County Manager reported on the following:

US #64 Corridor Study:

Information on the US #64/NC 49 Corridor Study is now on the website. There will be a presentation by David Wasserman at the March 15, 2004 Board of Commissioners' meeting.

Cooperative Extension Luncheon:

Representative Joe Hackney will be in attendance at the Cooperative Extension Luncheon.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Audio Concerns:

Commissioner Pollard stated that almost every time the Board meets, someone expresses concern that they cannot hear what is being said. She asked if something could be done to improve the situation. A suggestion was made to look into purchasing stands for the microphones to help alleviate the problem.

County Parking:

Commissioner Outz stated that he thought that the first row of parking spaces next to the Courthouse Annex should be designated as thirty-minute parking limit.

The County Manager stated that he would check into the enforcement process of the limited parking.

Expenditure Reducing Work Session:

Commissioner Outz stated that he would like to have a work session dedicated to reducing County expenditures.

Livestock Sewer System:

Commissioner Outz stated that he would like to check to see if there was a possibility in allowing the livestock market to hook into sewer system crossing their property.

Chairman Emerson asked if a letter could be sent asking for an exception to the policy.

Stephen Talbert, Public Works Director, stated that he thought that there was an issue with regard to Siler City about the hook-up.

Chairman Emerson stated that he would speak with the Siler City Town Manager, Joel Brower, with regard to the hook-up stating that he thought that the issue was with the state not Siler City.

The County Manager stated that there were definite boundaries within the project.

The County Attorney stated that he negotiated the easement with Mr. Horney for just compensation; and that he told him that he had looked at the property where the easement was going and was not interested in taping on to it at that location.

By consensus, the Board agreed that this was no longer an issue.

Mobile Home Located at Waste Management:

Commissioner Outz stated that he had received a telephone call with regard to the mobile home located at the Waste Management Center stating that they were interested in using it as a ham radio station.

The County Manager replied that there was a spare mobile home that was acquired after Hurricane Fran and that FEMA was deciding whether it belonged to them or to the County.

RECESS

Commissioner Outz moved to recess the Regular Meeting to the Henry H. Dunlap, Jr. Classroom for the scheduled Work Session. Commissioner Pollard seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0), and the meeting was recessed at 11:15 AM.

Thomas J. Emerson, Chairman

ATTEST:

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