

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 05, 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 April 05, 2004.

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, Renee Dickson; Finance Officer, Vicki McConnell; and Clerk to the Board, Sandra B. Sublett

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 9:04 AM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

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

AGENDA

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

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, 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 Manager asked that a typographical error, State Road #1526, be corrected to read State Road #1527 on Consent Agenda Item #12.

Commissioner Pollard asked that consideration of a **Resolution Supporting Russell Chapel Road in a Request to Lower the Speed Limit on State Road #1520**, be added to the Consent Agenda as Item #12A.

Chairman Emerson asked that consideration of a **Resolution Proclaiming April 2004 as Public Health Month**, be added to the Consent Agenda as Item #12B.

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

1. **Minutes:** Consideration of a request for approval of Board Minutes for regular meeting

held March 15, 2004 and work session held March 15, 2004

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

2. **Tax Releases:** Consideration of a request to approve tax releases, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

3. **Colposcopy Fees For Health Department:** Consideration of a request to approve colposcopy fees for the Chatham County Health Department

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

4. **Child Abuse Prevention Month:** Consideration of a request to adopt **Resolution #2004-09 Proclaiming April 2004 as Child Abuse Prevention Month**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

5. **Funds Acceptance for Family Planning:** Consideration of a request to accept funds in the amount of \$7,625 in additional Family Planning funds awarded to the Health Department from the NC Division of Public Health

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

6. **Resolution for Partial Road Abandonment to the North Carolina System of Secondary Roads – Clyde Clark Road:** Consideration of a request to approve a **Resolution #2004-10 to Approve the Abandonment of a Portion of Clyde Clark Road State Road #1358**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

7. **Resolution for Addition of Road to the North Carolina System of Secondary Roads – Woodcreek Court and Glen Eden Court:** Consideration of a request to approve **Resolution #2004-11 for the Addition of Streets or Roads to the North Carolina System of Secondary Roads – Woodcreek Court and Glen Eden Court**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

8. **Resolution for Addition of Road to the North Carolina System of Secondary Roads – Howard Gilliland Road Extension (SR #1123):** Consideration of a request to approve **Resolution #2004-12 for the Addition of Streets or Roads to the North Carolina System of Secondary Roads – Howard Gilliland Road Extension (SR #1123)**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

9. **Resolution for Addition of Road to the North Carolina System of Secondary Roads – Bartlett Drive in Weiland Woods Subdivision:** Consideration of a request to approve **Resolution #2004-13 for the Addition of Streets or Roads to the North Carolina**

System of Secondary Roads – Bartlett Drive in Weiland Woods Subdivision, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

10. **Pittsboro-Siler City CVB Advisory Board Appointment:** Consideration of a request to appoint Leon Tongret, 138 North Chatham Avenue, Siler City, NC, (NC Arts Incubator) replacing Dr. John Shillito (CVB Photographer – Representative of Arts Community) to the Pittsboro-Siler City CVB (formerly Chatham County Travel & Tourism) Advisory Board

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

11. **Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee Reappointments:** Consideration of a request to reappoint members (Joan Pellettier, PO Box 12276, Research Triangle Park, Raleigh, NC; John Tredinnick, 464 Beachmast, Pittsboro, NC; Tom Velivil, 40 Camp Street, Pittsboro, NC; and Lonnie West, PO Box 715, Pittsboro, NC) to the Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee

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

12. **Resolution Supporting North Chatham Volunteer Fire Department's Request to Lower the Speed Limit on State Road #1527:** Consideration of a request to adopt **Resolution #2004-14 Supporting North Chatham Volunteer Fire Department's Request to Lower the Speed Limit on State Road #1527**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

- 12A. **Resolution Supporting Russell Chapel Road in a Request to Lower the Speed Limit on State Road #1520:** Consideration of a request to adopt **Resolution #2004-15 Supporting Russell Chapel Road in a Request to Lower the Speed Limit on State Road #1520**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

- 12B. **Resolution Proclaiming April 2004 as Public Health Month:** Consideration of a request to adopt **Resolution #2004-16 Proclaiming April 2004 as Public Health Month**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Reverend Terry Dorsey, PO Box 1520, Pittsboro, NC, stated that Chatham is primarily a Christian county; that God asked Noah to fill the ark with animals; that the well-known image for the kingdom of God is the lion and the lamb; that two years of asking, writing and calling, some are now contacting him; that a "task force" consisting of neighbors and friends of the shelter director and consultants who have stated public opposition to any study has a negative effect; that other counties have feared a professional study of their shelter only to discover many hidden benefits and benefactors;

that leaders strengthen their authority when they assert it and when they honor previous decisions made by those in office; that a resolution was adopted in May 1992 which created an Animal Shelter Advisory Committee; that accountability and performance are measured in many ways but are not opinions; that the weak performance of the Chatham County Animal Control Department is reflected in their own statistics as well as in the complaints of citizens; that issues like animal abuse and neglect are serious; and that they are directly linked to violence against people and indicators of such. He asked where the Board stood on this issue.

Dr. Kathleen Dorsey, PO Box 1520, Pittsboro, NC, discussed animal control issues and the desire to reinstitute the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee that was originally created in May, 1992 by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners.

RURAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Public Hearing:

Public hearing to receive public comments on a the FY 2004-2005 Rural Operating Assistance Program

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

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to close the public hearing. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

FY 2004-2005 Rural Operating Assistance Program: Consideration of a request to approve the Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) sub-allocation recommendations as made by the Chatham Transit Network Board of Directors

Commissioner Pollard asked that Chatham Transit Network make a presentation before the Board of Commissioners at a future Work Session.

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to accept the Rural Operating Assistance Program sub-allocation recommendations as follows and approve the Certified Statement:

NCDOT/PTD has allocated \$32,890 in Rural General Public (RGP) funds to Chatham County for FY 2004-2005. RGP funds can only be allocated to the local Community Transportation System which in Chatham County is Chatham Transit Network (CTN). These funds require a local match which is provided to CTN by United Way of Chatham County.

In addition to our formula allocation, CTN is also requesting \$25,000 in Discretionary Rural General Public Funds (DRGP). These funds are used to support public transportation beyond that which can be supported with formula RGP funds. CTN uses the DRGP funds to operate the Chapel Hill route. This year NCDOT/PTD has placed a two-year limit on receiving these funds for a particular project. After the two-year period, the project must be funded either with the formula allocation or local funds. CTN in unison with other counties along the highway 64 corridor has appealed to NCDOT/PTD to bring this route into their intercity program.

Work First Transitional/Employment funds can only be allocated to the Community Transportation System (CTN) or Department of Social Services. Chatham Transit Network has always been the recipient of these funds. The total

amount allocated for Chatham County is \$5,952.

The EDTAP allocation for the County is \$48,629. The Board of Directors of Chatham Transit Network is recommending the following distribution of these funds:

Chatham County Council on Aging	\$35,546
Chatham County Group Homes, Inc.	2,128
Chatham Transit Network	10,955
Total	\$48,629

The allocation to Chatham Transit Network will be used in the following manner:

Chatham Trades	\$ 3,000
Central Carolina Community College	1,500
Early Intervention and Family Services	500
OPC Mental Health	3,000
Chatham County Together	1,740
Chatham County Group Homes	1,000
Chatham Transit Network	215
Total	\$10,955

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

The Certified Statement is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

FINANCE OFFICE

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 three (3) to two (2) with Commissioners Outz and Morgan opposing.

BOARD AND COMMITTEES

Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee Appointments: Consideration of a request to appoint two members to the Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee by Commissioner Outz (1) and Commissioner Atwater (1)

Commissioner Outz moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to appoint Hilda Glosson, 738 Mt. Olive Church Road, Pittsboro, NC, to the Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Atwater moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to reappoint Mary Schoonard, 1260 Log Barn Road, Pittsboro, NC, to the Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Human Relations Committee Appointments: Consideration of a request to appoint two members to the Human Relations Committee by Commissioner Outz (2)

Commissioner Outz moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to appoint Betsy Cockman, PO Box 691, Pittsboro, NC, to the Human Relations Committee. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Solid Waste Advisory Board Appointments: Consideration of a request to appoint two members to the Solid Waste Advisory Board by Commissioner Morgan (1) and Full Board (1 – Representative from Goldston)

These appointments were deferred until a later date.

Piedmont Conservation Council: Consideration of a request to appoint a member to the Piedmont Conservation Council by Full Board (1)

This appointment was deferred until a later date.

Child Fatality Prevention Team: Consideration of a request to appoint members to the Child Fatality Prevention Team by Chairman Emerson (1), Commissioner Morgan (1), Commissioner Atwater (1), and Full Board (1)

These appointments were deferred until a later date.

MANAGER' S REPORTS

The County Manager had no reports.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Gasoline:

Commissioner Outz voiced concern with regard to escalating gasoline prices. He asked that letters be sent to each department leader asking that they voluntarily reduce driving County vehicles by 5-10%. He also asked that routine tire rotation be preformed to maximize gasoline performance.

Elmer Keck Road:

Commissioner Outz stated that there were thirteen residents living on Elmer Keck Road; that they would like help in expediting the paving of their road; and asked that a letter be sent to the North Carolina Department of Transportation requesting that this road be moved up on the priority paving list.

County Parking:

Commissioner Outz asked about designated parking for citizens coming to County offices to attend to business.

The County Manager stated that the signs have been ordered for the designated spaces.

Annexation of Chatham County Land:

Commissioner Outz asked that a letter be sent to Representatives Joe Hackney, Ellie Kinnaird, and Arlie Culp requesting their consideration and help in introducing a bill asking that Chatham County land cannot be annexed without approval by Chatham County.

Meeting with Town of Pittsboro:

Commissioner Outz asked that a meeting with the Town of Pittsboro be held regarding water.

The County Manager was asked to contact the Pittsboro Town Manager for dates.

Southern Railroad Repair:

Chairman Emerson stated that there was a portion of Southern Railroad, located in Bear Creek at Chatham Central High School, which needs repair. He asked that the County Manager contact the proper officials regarding this matter.

Jordan Lake Roadsides:

Paul McCoy stated that approximately two hundred twenty families gave up their homes and land for Jordan Lake to be built. He stated that he was very concerned that the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Highway Division, did not keep the bushes trimmed and the roadside mowed. He stated that this was the first impression that most people had when coming into Chatham County; that he was afraid that it would give economic development a bad name with regard to recruiting new businesses in the County; that he believed that the Board of Commissioners could make it happen by contacting Mr. Tippet with the NCDOT; that the lake is a beautiful asset; and that there needs to be a coordination of continued efforts to make the lake and surrounding roadsides once again presentable.

RECESS

Commissioner Morgan moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting for the scheduled Work Session. Commissioner Outz seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0), and the meeting was recessed at 10:00 AM.

Thomas J. Emerson, Chairman

ATTEST:

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