

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 03, 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 May 03, 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 9:09 AM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

- Chairman Emerson welcomed everyone in attendance, especially representatives with the NC Department of Transportation, and invited everyone present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Outz delivered the invocation.

AGENDA

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

Chairman Emerson asked that consideration of a letter of support to the Triangle Land Conservancy in support of their grant proposal for conservation of the Lower Deep River be discussed during the Commissioners’ Reports.

Chairman Emerson asked that a Closed Session be added to the end of the meeting for the purpose of discussing possible land acquisition.

Commissioner Pollard asked that a discussion of a library staff position be added to the Agenda during Commissioners’ Reports.

The County Manager asked that consideration of three resolutions on the bond referendum on the three water districts be added under the Manager’s Reports.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

1. **Minutes:** Consideration of a request for approval of Board Minutes for regular meeting held April 19, 2004 and work session held April 19, 2004

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

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

1. **Wills Lane**
2. **Beech Hill**
3. **Seaforth Beach Road**
4. **Ebenezer Road**
5. **Parkers Creek Beach Road**
6. **Crosswinds Campground**
7. **Cargill Lane**

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

3. **Resolution Proclaiming May as "Active Chatham Month":** Consideration of a request to adopt a **Resolution #2004-23 Proclaiming May 2004 as "Active Chatham 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

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

TAX DEPARTMENT

Public Hearing:

Revaluation Schedules of Values Public Hearing: Public hearing to receive public comments on the 2005 Revaluation Schedules of Values

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

SECONDARY ROADS PRESENTATION

Secondary Roads Program: Presentation of the 2004-05 Secondary Roads Program for Chatham County by Jeff Picklesimer, District Engineer

Jeff Picklesimer, District Engineer for the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, introduced G. R. Kindley, Board Member for Division 8, Richard Hancock, Division Maintenance Engineer, Benny Sloan, Chatham County Maintenance Engineer, Tim Johnson, Division Engineer, and Wayne Whorton, Assistant in his office, and presented the Secondary Roads

Improvement-Highway Funds Program for Chatham County. He reviewed the 2004-2005 proposed allocations for unallocated highway funds and unallocated trust funds, a copy attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Mr. Picklesimer answered questions from the Board.

Chairman Emerson stated that he felt that there was a great crew in the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Chatham County Division; that they were a well-run, productive, and responsive division; and that he applauded their good work efforts for Chatham County.

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to adopt **Resolution #2004-24 for Secondary Roads for the Chatham County Secondary Road Improvement Program**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

FINANCE OFFICE

Budget Amendments: Consideration of a request for approval of Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Budget Amendments

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Budget Amendments to include approximately \$1,200 in Appropriated Fund Balance Funds for a check signing machine for the Finance Office, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

HUMAN RESOURCES

Amendment to Chatham County Personnel Policy and Appointment of Members to the Personnel Advisory Committee: Consideration of a request to amend the Chatham County Personnel Policy, Article IX, Section 5(A); and Consideration of a request to appoint members to the Personnel Advisory Committee

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to approve **Resolution #2004-25 Amending the Chatham County Personnel Policy: Personnel Advisory Committee**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to appoint the following employees to the Chatham County Personnel Advisory Committee:

Roscoe Milton
Lynda Hall
Elizabeth Espinoza
Linda Clarke

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

BOARD AND COMMITTEES

Human Relations Committee Appointment: Consideration of a request to appoint a member to the Human Relations Committee by Commissioner Outz (1)

Commissioner Outz deferred his appointment until a later date.

Adult Care Home Committee Appointment: Consideration of a request to appoint two members to the Adult Care Home Committee by Commissioner Pollard (1) and Full Board (1)

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Atwater, to appoint Imogene Weston Baldwin, 976 Russell Chapel Church Road, Pittsboro, NC, to the Adult Care Home Committee. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

The Full Board appointment was deferred until a later date.

Solid Waste Advisory Board Appointment: Consideration of a request to appoint a member to the Solid Waste Advisory Board by Full Board (1 – Representative from Goldston)

The Full Board appointment was 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 Full Board appointment was deferred until a later date.

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

These appointments were deferred until a later date.

MANAGER' S REPORTS

Water Bond Resolutions:

The County Attorney explained that as part of the application to the Local Government Commission for approval of bonds, resolutions, which make certain bindings, need to be adopted.

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to adopt **Resolution #2004-26 of the Board of Commissioners Concerning the Intended Issuance of General Obligation Bonds for Northwest Chatham Water District**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to adopt **Resolution #2004-27 of the Board of Commissioners Concerning the Intended Issuance of General Obligation Bonds for Southwest Chatham Water District**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Atwater moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to adopt **Resolution #2004-28 of the Board of Commissioners Concerning the Intended Issuance of General Obligation Bonds for Southeast Chatham Water District**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Water District Meeting Reminder:

The County Manager reminded everyone of the last of the water district meetings to be held at Silk Hope School, Tuesday, May 4, 2004, 7:00 PM.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**Triangle Land Conservancy Support Letter:**

Chairman Emerson stated that he had been contacted by the Triangle Land Conservancy requesting the Board's support for their application for a grant for the Lockville Area.

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Atwater, to send a letter of support to the Triangle Land Conservancy for the grant for the Lockville Area. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0). A copy of the letter is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Library Request:

Commissioner Pollard reiterated the serious staff situation in which the Pittsboro Library finds itself. She stated that the library was without a children's librarian and asked that the Board consider funding the (36 hours) position and that the remaining four hours of the position be used for overburdened additional staff relief.

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Atwater, to fund \$31,000 for a children's librarian for salary and benefits and \$3,000 for the other four hours for short staff relief.

Commissioner Outz expressed concern that the request was not being addressed at the proper budget cycle.

After further discussion, Commissioner Pollard amended the motion to read that the additional staff position be utilized at the discretion of management and Library Board.

After continued discussion, Commissioner Pollard restated the motion to include a caps limitation on the monetary stipulation (\$34,000.00) as previously stated that a new position be funded and the frozen position be unfrozen and upgraded to a full-time equivalent position, effective the new budget year July 1, 2004. Commissioner Atwater re-seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Joint Meeting with Town of Pittsboro:

Commissioner Outz stated that the Pittsboro Town Council would like to have a joint meeting with the Board of Commissioners regarding water.

The County Manager stated that they have already been contacted and are to return with tentative dates.

New Employees:

Commissioner Outz stated that he would like to have a list of new County employees and the departments to which they have been added during the year before the budget cycle begins.

County Vehicles:

Commissioner Outz stated that he would like to have a list of County employees who drive County vehicles to private residences each night.

Town of Pittsboro Meeting:

Commissioner Atwater asked that the County Manager let the Board know what the Pittsboro Town Council wishes to address during the joint meeting.

The County Manager stated that they had spoken only of addressing water in the Pittsboro ETJ.

Highway Concerns:

Paul McKoy, Chatham County Citizen, stated that he hoped that the Moncure-Pittsboro Road improvements issue was addressed during the North Carolina Department of Highways presentation. He stated that the residents have been promised that it is going to happen; that he hasn't seen anything happening on it yet; that the Board needs to follow-up on the commitment to improve the road; that it is critical to industry and the welfare of the people who live there; that it should be a priority; and that he had formerly addressed the issue of cutting the vegetation along the highways for a more beautiful road to drive into the County regarding Economic Development prospects.

The Chairman stated that a letter addressing the vegetation issue had already been sent and that he will follow-up on the Moncure-Pittsboro Road improvements.

Water Lines

Commissioner Pollard stated that she would like to know where the water lines are run under Highway #15-501 and their implications.

RECESS

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

CLOSED SESSION

- Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to go out of Regular Session and convene in Closed Session for the purpose of discussing potential property acquisition. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

REGULAR SESSION

- Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to adjourn the Closed Session and reconvene in Regular Session. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

RECESS

Commissioner Morgan moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting for the scheduled Work Session. Commissioner Pollard seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0), and the meeting was recessed at 10:20 AM.

Thomas J. Emerson, Chairman

ATTEST:

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