

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET WORK SESSION
JUNE 01, 2004

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 1:00 PM on June 01, 2004.

Present: Chairman Tommy Emerson; Commissioners Margaret Pollard, Bunkey Morgan, Bob Atwater, and Carl Outz; 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

Commissioner Atwater entered the meeting at 1:23 PM.

The Chairman called the Work Session to order at 1:00 PM.

Work Session Agenda

Budget

SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Commissioner Pollard expressed interest in developing a proposal, including the establishment of a billing system, for charging of second and subsequent false alarm calls received by the Sheriff’s Office.

A discussion ensued, and the County Manager is to research the matter and report back to the Board.

After considerable discussion, Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Atwater, to increase the Manager’s Recommended Budget for the Sheriff’s Office by \$234,000.00. (This is to include \$50,000 to fund the capital auto purchase and \$184,000 to fund personnel and related equipment needs to be determined at the Sheriff’s discretion). The motion carried three (3) to two (2) with Commissioners Outz and Morgan opposing.

BREAK

The Chairman called for a five-minute break.

SEDIMENTATION & EROSION CONTROL

The Sedimentation and Erosion Control position was discussed.

Rich Hayes, Soil Scientist, stated that Sedimentation and Erosion Control position specifically states that agriculture is exempt; that the fact that the Soil and Water Conservation District is asking for the position says that they are not afraid of this being used against farmers; that this is something that can actually benefit the farmers in the County because if there is not proper erosion control on construction sites, the rivers turn red; that when this happens, the finger always points to the farmer; that the farmers get blamed for the sediment going into the creeks; that this position will be asking the developers to do their fair share; that the farmers are already doing their fair share; that farmers, with the cooperation of the Soil and Water Conservation Districts have been spending a lot of money to put best management practices on their farms; that the State now has only one person who spends one quarter of their time in Chatham County; that that is not adequate to properly review the construction going on in the County; that this is a huge County; and that he is not certain that one person can adequately cover the whole County and wonders how one person centered in Raleigh spend only a quarter of their time here; that he feels this is an opportunity to show the people in Chatham County that the Board is concerned for the water quality in Chatham County; that there have been complaints, particularly with regard to one development by the lake; that studies have shown that the amount of sediment entering the waters is directly proportionate to the amount of people policing the site; that the quicker the problem can be identified, the quicker it can be solved; and that he feels that it is very important for Chatham County to have their Sedimentation and Erosion Control position.

By consensus, the Board delayed action on this item until a later date.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Atwater, to approve the positions requested in the FY04-05 budget requested by the Social Services Director as follows:

<u>Position Needed</u>	<u>Total Cost (Salary & Fringes)</u>	<u>State & Federal Share</u>	<u>County Share</u>
Convert Part-time Energy Worker to Full-time Energy & Food Stamps Worker	\$28,782	\$14,391	\$1,391 (\$13,000 of County funds are already budgeted for this position)
Economic Services Interpreter	\$26,004	\$13,002	\$13,002
Foster Care Social Worker	\$46,333	\$31,471	\$14,862

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

BREAK

The Chairman called for a five-minute break.

CHATHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS

After considerable discussion, Commissioner Outz moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to fund mobile classrooms, wastewater improvements related to addition capacity due to growth, covered bus loading area, furniture for mobile classrooms, and door and sidewalk to mobile units from

Impact Fees in the amount of \$347,465.00; to fund the continuation current expense and supplement in the amount of \$16,434,116.00; to fund regular capital outlay in the amount of \$496,491.00; to fund a special one-time capital allocation of \$438,544.00; and to fund the expansion budget in the amount of \$281,007.00. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

RECESS

Commissioner Atwater moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to recess the meeting. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0), and the meeting was recessed at 3:50 PM.

Thomas J. Emerson, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra B. Sublett, CMC, Clerk to the Board
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