

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 06, 2004

The Board of Commissioners (“the Board”) of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met in the District Courtroom, located in Pittsboro, North Carolina, at 6:00 PM on December 06, 2004.

Present: Commissioners Tommy Emerson; Carl Outz; Bunkey Morgan, Mike Cross, and Patrick Barnes; 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 Commissioner Emerson at 6:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Commissioner Emerson welcomed everyone in attendance and invited those present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance after which he delivered the invocation.

ATWATER COMMENTS

Salaries:

Commissioner Atwater stated that owing to the late hour of adjournment at the last Board of Commissioners’ meeting, he had asked for the opportunity to postpone a few items of business until the December 6, 2004 Board of Commissioners’ meeting.

Commissioner and NC Senator-elect Atwater moved to increase Board member salaries and travel as follows from the floor:

Chairman	\$15,000.00
Vice Chairman	14,000.00
Commissioners	13,500.00
Travel	2,000.00

After considerable discussion, Commissioner Outz stated that he felt that the Board should study the matter further before voting on it.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Administrative Building Maintenance:

Commissioner Atwater stated that he felt that the Administrative Building should receive a general maintenance check, both inside and outside the building including pressure washing on the

outside, and that more professional directional signage should be placed on the inside of the building.

- Commissioner Atwater asked that written comments presented to the Clerk to the Board be placed in the official Board of Commissioners' minutes. The comments are attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Judge Joseph M. Buckner administered the oaths of office to Mike Cross and Patrick Barnes as Chatham County Commissioners. Judge Buckner congratulated the new Board members and thanked them for their service to Chatham County. The oaths are attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Chairman:

County Attorney, Robert Gunn, presided over the organization of the Board. He opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners.

- Commissioner Emerson nominated Commissioner Bunkey Morgan for Chairman of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Outz seconded the motion.

Hearing no other nominations, the presiding officer called for a vote for Commissioner Morgan as Chairman of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

The Chairman stated that it was an honor to serve with the Board and that the Board appreciated the wonderful job done by former Chairman Emerson.

Vice Chairman:

Chairman Morgan opened the floor for nominations for the Vice Chairman of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners.

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Chairman Morgan nominated Commissioner Emerson for the office of Vice Chairman. Commissioner Outz seconded the motion.

Hearing no other nominations, the Chairman called for a vote for Commissioner Emerson as Vice Chairman of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK TO THE BOARD

- Commissioner Outz moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to reappoint Sandra B. Sublett as Clerk to the Chatham County Board of Commissioners. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY

- Commissioner Outz moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to reappoint Robert L. Gunn as

the County Attorney. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

AGENDA

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

Commissioner Emerson asked that a Closed Session be added to the end of the Agenda for the purpose of discussing potential real estate transactions involving the County of Chatham.

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

1. **Minutes:** Consideration of a request for approval of Board Minutes for Regular meeting held November 15, 2004 and Work Session held November 15, 2004

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

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

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

3. **Department of Social Services:** Consideration of a request by the Department of Social Services to approve contract with Jane Malpass for the Adoption/Foster Care Unit services, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

4. **Department of Social Services:** Consideration of a request by the Department of Social Services to approve contract with Carol J. Holcomb for legal services, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

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

- A. **Martin-White Road**
- B. **Buttercup Drive**
- C. **Joe Fox Road**
- D. **Tarheel Lane**

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

6. **Resolution for Addition of Road to the North Carolina System of Secondary Roads – Canopy and Fox Glove Roads in the Monterrane Subdivision-Phase 1:** Consideration of a request to approve **Resolution #2004-56 for the Addition of Streets or Roads to the North Carolina System of Secondary Roads – Canopy and Fox Glove Roads in the Monterrane Subdivision –Phase 1**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

7. **Funds Acceptance from Division of Public Health (DPH):** Consideration of a request to accept funds in the amount of \$500 from the Division of Public Health (DPH) awarded to the Chatham County Health Department

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

8. **Funds Acceptance for Health Department:** Consideration of a request to accept funds in the amount of \$1,300 from the Division of Public Health (DPH) awarded to the Health Department

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

9. **Funds Acceptance for Health Department:** Consideration of a request to accept funds in the amount of \$15,000 in additional Family Planning Funds awarded to the Health Department from the Division of Public Health

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

10. **Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee Appointment:** Consideration of a request to appoint/reappoint the following persons to the Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee:

Ms. Joan Pellettier, PO Box 1227, Research Triangle Park, NC
Mr. John Tanner, PO Box 488, Pittsboro, NC
Mr. Dale Olbrich,
Mr. Jeffrey McKay, 40 Camp Street, Pittsboro, NC
Mr. Lonnie West, PO Box 715, Pittsboro, NC
Ms. Lucille Whitt, PO Box 130, Pittsboro, NC

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

11. **Human Relations Commission Reappointment:** Consideration of a request to reappoint Ivan Remnitz, 234 Greystone, Pittsboro, NC, to the Human Relations Commission

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

12. **Waste Management Advisory Board Appointment:** Consideration of a request to appoint Rusty Elkins, (Town of Goldston representative), PO Box 476, Goldston, NC, to the Waste Management Advisory Board

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

13. **Amendment to the Human Relations Commission Bylaws:** Consideration of a request to amend the Human Relations Commission Bylaws, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Rich Hayes, 612 Oak Island Drive, Chapel Hill, NC, congratulated the new Commissioners. He urged the Board to fill the position for Sedimentation and Erosion Control that was approved in last year's budget and to make certain that the funding is in place for the upcoming year stating that with the amount of growth occurring in Chatham County, that it is essential that a person is put in place and get the program up and running before ground is cleared in the critical areas.

The County Manager stated that the County has applied for the matching State grant funds for this position and that the application was sent in on Friday, December 3, 2004.

SCOUT TROOP #900

Chairman Morgan recognized Boy Scout Troop #900 that was in attendance at the night's meeting in order to complete one of the requirements for their "Citizenship in the Community" merit badge.

RESOLUTION HONORING JORDAN MATTHEWS SOCCER TEAM

Resolution Honoring the Jordan Matthews High School Soccer Team: Consideration of a request to approve **Resolution Honoring the Jordan Matthews High School Soccer Team as State Champions**

Chairman Morgan read the resolution in its entirety.

Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to adopt **Resolution #2004-57 Honoring the Jordan Matthews High School Soccer team as State Champions**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Coach Cuadros thanked the Board for the resolution. He stated that their program was started three seasons ago at Jordan Matthews High School; that they had a lot of success from the start of the program; that they did not expect to get as far as they did this year; and that they hope to defend their title next year. He introduced members of his team and praised their efforts.

APPOINTMENTS

Economic Development Commission Appointment: Consideration of a request to appoint a Commissioner to the Economic Development Commission

Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to appoint Commissioners Morgan and Barnes to the Economic Development Commission. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

NCACC Legislative Goals Conference Voting Delegate: Consideration of a request to appoint a Commissioner as voting delegate to the NCACC Legislative Goals Conference

Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to appoint Commissioner Cross as a voting delegate to the NCACC Legislative Goals Conference. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Triangle Area Rural Planning Organization Commissioner Appointment: Consideration of a request to appoint a County Commissioner to the Triangle Area Rural Planning Organization

Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to appoint Commissioner Cross to the Triangle Area Rural Planning Organization. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Grant: Discussion of the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Grant

After considerable discussion, Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to apply to the RPO for the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Grant. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

MANAGER' S REPORTS

The County Manager reported on the following:

Planning Issues:

Keith Megginson, Chatham County Planning Director, asked that the Board consider holding an additional December meeting to consider planning issues prior to year's end.

Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to set December 13, 2004, 9:00 AM, as the date on which to hold an additional Board of Commissioners' meeting to consider planning issues. The location is to be announced.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Consent Agenda Rules:

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to change the rules for the Consent Agenda.

After considerable discussion, Commissioner Outz withdrew his second to the motion.

Chairman Emerson moved to table the motion. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Hunting Permit:

Commissioner Outz asked if a person had to have a written permit to hunt and/or ride four-wheelers on another person's land.

The County Attorney explained that one would have to have a permit while carrying a firearm and they might be trespassing if they were riding without permission.

Sports Arena:

Commissioner Outz stated that he was still receiving calls with regard to noise at the sports arena and that the ordinance needs to be revised. He asked what they could do to correct the situation.

The Sheriff stated that they were taking readings every thirty minutes and that if they received calls in between those times, they would take another reading.

Keiser Roth Building:

Commissioner Outz asked about the Keiser Roth Building.

Commissioner Morgan stated that they were trying to take care of the sewage issue and the matter is still being pursued.

Graves:

Commissioner Outz asked about removal of the old graves.

Chairman Morgan stated that there was no action taken at the last meeting; that there are approximately 260 known graves located there; that the statute reads that the graves can not be relocated without Commissioner approval.

School Bonds:

Commissioner Outz asked how much is owed on school bonds. A discussion ensued on the bond issue and the May municipal election.

Home and Community Block Grant Committee:

Commissioner Emerson moved to reappoint Ed Spence, 68 Pinewood Drive, Siler City, NC, to the Home and Community Block Grant Committee. Commissioner Outz seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Mid-Carolina Workforce Development Board:

Commissioner Emerson moved to appoint Morton Dark, 10318 US Highway #64, Siler City, NC, to the Mid Carolina Workforce Development Board. Commissioner Outz seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Chatham County Water Advisory Board:

Commissioner Emerson moved, to appoint Charles Eliason, 117 North Chatham Avenue, Siler City, NC, to the Chatham County Water Advisory Board. Commissioner Outz seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Cross Comments:

Commissioner Cross reported that the Christmas parades were going well and that they were having fun. He stated that it was nice to be here and thanked everyone for coming out.

Barnes Comments:

Commissioner Barnes stated that they tossed a lot of candy in the Christmas parade; that it was a privilege to be at the meeting; and that he is looking forward to hearing from everyone.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to go out of Regular Session and convene in Closed Session for the purpose of discussing a potential real estate transaction. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

REGULAR SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, that there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried five (5) to zero, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Bunkey Morgan, Chairman

ATTEST:

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