

**MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
JUNE 20, 2005**

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 2:00 PM on June 20, 2005.

Present: Chairman Bunkey Morgan; Vice Chair Tommy Emerson; Commissioners Patrick Barnes, Mike Cross, and Carl Outz; County Manager, Charlie Horne; Assistant County Manager, Renee Dickson; Finance Officer, Vicki McConnell; and Clerk to the Board, Sandra B. Sublett

Absent: Attorney Robert L. Gunn

The Chairman called the work session to order at 2:00 PM.

Work Session Agenda

1. **Budget**
2. **Water**

BUDGET

- Renee Dickson, Assistant County Manager, presented information on the revenue neutral rate. She shared that the biggest unknown factor in determining the revenue neutral rate are the losses in property values resulting from appeals. She stated that the appeals process is almost over and staff estimates are within 0.0145 percent of actual losses.

Sedimentation and Erosion Control Fees:

The Board discussed removing the cap on sedimentation and erosion control fees.

By consensus, the Board agreed to remove the cap on sedimentation and erosion control fees.

RESOLUTION REGARDING INCREASING THE STATE CIGARETTE TAX TO SUPPORT COUNTY MEDICAID RELIEF

- After considerable discussion regarding the adoption of a resolution to enact a significant cigarette tax increase with a substantial portion of that tax to be used to begin a phase-out of required County contributions to fund Medicaid costs, the Board decided not to pursue the issue.

WATER UPDATE

Tim Carpenter explained that the Pea Ridge Road bid opening was to be held on June 21, 2005, north Chatham on Thursday, June 23, 2005. He also stated that they are now awaiting final determination from the Department of Transportation regarding attaching the water main to the existing bridge to carry water over Rocky River and along US Highway #64 for the Silk Hope School water line.

Mr. Carpenter briefed the Board on the capacity to serve Chatham County's current and potential known customers stating that daily customer usage including residential, commercial, and industrial/production total 4,858 customers and that this would be equivalent to 310 gallons per day per customer based upon actual volume purchased. A detailed report can be obtained from Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates, P. A. A copy of the water usage projections and estimates is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Fred Hobbs explained the hydrology and vegetative buffers in the Chatham County Business Park.

A discussion ensued with regard to placement of the businesses that are already committed to locating in the park. The Board asked that the Economic Development Commission be included in working out workable boundaries within the park.

BREAK

The Chairman called for a five-minute break.

Fire Districts' Tax Rates:

The Board discussed fire tax rates and agreed that the Board should discuss fire departments' budgets early in the process so that any feedback can be shared with departments upfront.

Superior Courthouse Roof:

The Board asked the Manager to check on painting the roof on the old Superior Courthouse.

Chatham County Minority Executive Committee:

This item is to be discussed in a work session in the near future.

Economic Development Corporation:

Commissioner Outz asked if the Board could consider appointing a minority member to the Economic Development Corporation.

Staff was asked to check with the Economic Development Corporation regarding Board appointments and by-laws.

Commissioner Outz asked if the Economic Development Corporation could be invited to the August 15, 2005 Board of Commissioners' meeting when Jackie McLamb is scheduled to speak to Commissioners about possible Rural Development grants through the US Department of Agriculture.

JOCCA:

The Board discussed the County Manager's recommendation for JOCCA. The Manager explained that JOCCA's financial condition has been monitored for years; that the County has taken numerous steps to work with JOCCA; and that not funding the agency was the last step in this process.

CLEAN WATER REVOLVING LOAN AND GRANT ACT RESOLUTION

Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to adopt **Resolution #2005-35 for State Revolving Loan**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Central Carolina Advisory Committee Appointment: Consideration of a request to appoint a Commissioner to the Central Carolina Advisory Committee

Chairman Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Emerson, to appoint Commissioner Patrick Barnes to the Central Carolina Advisory Committee to replace former Commissioner Margaret Pollard. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

JOCCA Appointment: Consideration of a request to appoint a member to the JOCCA Board

Commissioner Barnes moved, seconded by Commissioner Emerson, to appoint Sharon Wellman, 1998 Goldston-Glendon Road, Goldston, NC, to the JOCCA Board. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Jury Commission Appointment: Consideration of a request to appoint a member to the Jury Commission

Commissioner Cross moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to reappoint Claristine Bryant, 1669 Gade Bryant Road, Moncure, NC, to the Jury Commission. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

RESOLUTION HONORING THE SERVICE OF DR. LARRY MABE

Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to adopt **Resolution #2005-36 Honoring the Service of Chatham County Schools Superintendent Dr. Larry G. Mabe**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

FINANCE OFFICE

Project Ordinances and Year End Budget Amendments: Consideration of a request to approve budget amendments

Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to approve the Project Ordinances and Year End Budget Amendments, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

RECESS

Commissioner Cross moved, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, that the meeting be recessed to the regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners' meeting in the District Courtroom. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0), and the meeting was recessed at 5:05 PM.

Bunkey Morgan, Chairman

ATTEST:

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