

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 16, 2001

The Board of Commissioners (“the Board”) of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met in the District Courtroom, located in Pittsboro, North Carolina, at 7:00 PM on April 16, 2001.

Present: Chairman Gary Phillips; Vice Chair Margaret Pollard; Commissioners Bob Atwater and Carl Outz; County Manager, Charlie Horne; County Attorney, Robert L. Gunn; Assistant County Manager, Paul Spruill; Finance Officer, Vicki McConnell; and Clerk to the Board, Sandra B. Lee

Absent: Commissioner Rick Givens

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:02 PM.

Due to the large crowd in attendance, the Chairman called for a vote to move the meeting to the larger Superior Courtroom. It was decided to hold the meeting in the District Courtroom as originally planned.

AGENDA

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

The Chairman asked that the Public Input Session be extended for an additional fifteen minutes to accommodate the large number of citizens in attendance who wish to speak regarding taxes.

The County Manager asked that Item #7, Consideration of a proposal to amend the Chatham County Subdivision Regulations to increase the size for newly created lots dependent on individual wells and individual sewerage disposal systems from 40,000 square feet to 80,000 square feet and Item #10, “Get The 2-1-1” Presentation, be postponed until a later date.

Commissioner Atwater moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to approve the Agenda with the noted requests. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Chairman Phillips stated that he had been asked by a concerned citizen that Item #3, Resolution Requesting Governor Easley to Remit Obligated Funds to Cities and Counties and the North Carolina General Assembly to Enact Legislation Authorizing a Menu of Revenue Sources for Local Governments, Including But Not Limited to a Local Sales Tax of Up to One Percent (1%), be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda for discussion.

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to approve the Consent Agenda with

the noted request. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

1. **Minutes:** Consideration of a request for approval of Board Minutes for meetings held April 02, 2001 and Work Session held April 02, 2001

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

2. **Resolution to Recognize Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month:** Consideration of a request to approve a **Resolution #2001-14 to Recognize May 2001 as Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month in Chatham County**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

3. ~~**Resolution Requesting Governor Easley to Remit Obligated Funds:** Consideration of a request to approve a **Resolution Requesting Governor Michael F. Easley to Remit Obligated Funds to Cities and Counties and the North Carolina General Assembly to Enact Legislation Authorizing a Menu of Revenue Sources for Local Governments, Including But Not Limited to a Local Sales Tax of Up To One Percent (1%)**~~

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda for discussion.

4. **Funds Acceptance for the Health Department's Intensive Home Visiting Program:** Consideration of a request to accept additional funds totaling \$21,743 from the NC Department of Health and Human Services for the Health Department's Intensive Home Visiting Program

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Don Lein, President of the Chatham Parks Foundation, 13 Crosswinds Estates, Pittsboro, NC, stated that sometime ago, a master plan was set in place for parks; that a group of independent citizens got together and formed the Chatham Parks Foundation to find ways to raise park funds as an alternate to increasing taxes; that the real question is not parks versus schools, water, or meals-on-wheels; that the needs are there and are not going to change; and that the foundation saw a problem and decided that it was going to solve it. He encouraged the people in attendance to take the same attitude, to present solutions not problems.

Joe Burke, 125 Mt. Gilead Church Road, Pittsboro, NC, Financial Accountability for Chatham Taxpayers (FACT) Chairman, thanked the Board for allowing him to speak. He stated that he concurred with the Chairman when he stated that this was a meeting in which respect must flow both ways; that a month ago he met with a group of concerned citizens that formed FACT; that all they have been doing is trying to represent the citizens of the County and their concerns; that the first concern is that the new revaluation of property taxes was too high; that they had thousands of people let them know they were too high; and that he just left a meeting in which they were told that the average for the County was 70%. He further stated that they are concerned that many of the citizens will not be able to pay their taxes if the tax rate isn't brought down to a reasonable level; that as

adjoining counties are examined, they have revalued recently and their rates have come down and have been fair; and that he didn't come to agree with everyone there but that the organization he represents have concerns. He stated in addition, that spending should be well thought out and that needs should come first, and education should take priority; that the organization is trying to help themselves and the people of Chatham County; and that they do not want the tax base broadened on the shoulders of the people that are already bearing the burden. He asked the Board to do the best job they can in setting the tax rate; that a tax rate of \$0.50 to \$0.55 would not only generate the same revenue level as last year, but would also have a 9%-10% increase to spend. He further thanked the Board for their time in listening to him and the many people in attendance and not in attendance that he represents.

CHANGE IN LOCATIONS

- Due to citizen request, the meeting was moved to the larger Superior Courtroom, 1 Courthouse Circle, located in Pittsboro, North Carolina. An intermission of approximately thirty minutes was held to accommodate the move.

Martie Hipple, 170 T.C. Justice Rd, Pittsboro, NC stated that it took her some time to find the good in the new Chatham property valuation; that it caused her to ask questions; that she found out that she had been paying the taxes on her neighbors property for several years; that the new valuation awakened a sleeping giant; that citizens will be more vigilant on how leaders spend their tax money; and that a grassroots non-partisan group got together and formed FACT (Financial Accountability for Chatham Taxpayers). She presented petitions to the Clerk to the Board, on behalf of FACT, calling for more responsible spending and hiring and asking for financial accountability from all appointed and elected County officials.

Jay Hilliard, Pittsboro, NC, stated that he was born and raised in Chatham County; that increasing taxes is a concern; that for the past five years, some friends of his stated that if taxes continue to rise, the Chatham County natives will not be able to live in the County; that eighty percent of the people need to go outside of the County to work; that citizens are in between a rock and a hard place; and that his tax value went up seventy-two percent.

Luanne Bannan, 307 Forest Lane, Pittsboro, NC, addressed Bell's Landing on Jordan Lake. She urged the Board, as a concerned citizen of Chatham County, that an environmental impact study be completed before any further planning is done. She stated that much of the area floods with heavy rainfall; that it would be unwise and costly to locate facilities where they would be routinely under water and in need of repair; that the proposed plan is very ambitious and expensive; that she believes local tax dollars will be needed to help support the current plan; that as a taxpayer, she would like to see fewer buildings, parking areas, and rest rooms, unpaved roads and trails, the entrance located on or near Highway #64, and no admission fee; that she would like to see additional efforts made to inform all the citizens of Chatham County; that she supports the development of community parks, a community center and improving recreation facilities at schools; and that she would like these recreational opportunities to be given priority over a "special use" park.

Roy Coltrane, 672 Poe Road, Siler City, NC, stated that he is a World War II veteran; that he can not afford new taxes; that he lives very close to chicken houses; that his land would not sell for its appraised value; and that if the Board thinks that it would sell for its appraised value, they can buy it from him.

Bill Wilson, 415 West 10th Street, Siler City, NC, stated that people cannot stand more taxes. He stated that when it comes to money, there just isn't any more.

Sam White, 45 Maverick Ranch Road, Pittsboro, NC, stated that Wayne Sherman is gone and that Charlie Horne should go as well; that it's not just the amount of taxes, but the way the money is being thrown away; that the Asbury Community was begging for water; that they did it again this past fall; that Horne said "no" to cooperating with the Town of Pittsboro; that farmers and poor folks are being drowned; that money is being thrown away on projects that don't work; and that the Board of Commissioners have spent almost \$100,000 on legal fees to fight pig farmers in Chatham County. He asked what happened to the \$418,000 that disappeared from JOCCA and the \$112,000 from Head Start. He stated that another \$36,000 was thrown away for a pay scale study for Chatham County employees; and that the solution is to fire Charlie Horne as well.

John Strickland, 1092 Dewitt Smith Road, Pittsboro, NC, stated that he was a Vietnam Veteran; that the Board is trying to take what he's got away; that property value has gone up three hundred percent; that his property should be valued at no more than \$50,000; that the revaluation is outrageous; that the whole thing should be thrown out; that there is no water in Goldston; that he has to pay higher fire insurance even though the County states that he lives within the fire district; that there is no police protection; that when he calls 911, he has to sit and wait forty-five minutes to two hours for a response (even on the telephone); that deputies want to sit around and do nothing and expect to get paid for it; that an investigation ensued by the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI), but that an investigation will not be called for by the SBI with regard to JOCCA; that the citizens do not need a park at Jordan Lake; that someone else can build it if it's to be built; that the County's budget needs to be reduced; that twenty-five cents is not unreasonable; that having a tourism department is ridiculous; that County hiring should be frozen; that County salaries are outrageous; that no County Commissioner should accept a salary; that this County is already over thirty-five million dollars in debt; that the spending rate of the Board has got to stop; that the buck stops here; that the Board cannot keep spending the way they are spending; that they will bankrupt the County; that he is a disabled veteran; that he draws only \$500 per month; that he won't save much with Homestead Exemption; that he is getting tired of making payments; that there is only one County Commissioner who is trying to help the citizens of the County; that the rest have their heads in their rears and that their brains go numb when making decisions.

David Clement, 2808 Seaforth Road, Pittsboro, NC, stated that he has lived in the County for eight years; that he lives in a one hundred year old house that is falling down; that his revaluation was twice the old value plus \$6,000; that he sees a lot of white hair in the room; that a lot needs to be done to prevent it from being ruined for those folks that were born here and plan to die here; that he signed a petition against raising taxes; that every new toy does not need to be bought for the County; and that the Board needs to keep Chatham County historic.

Tommy Glosson, 738 Mt. Olive Church Road, Pittsboro, NC, stated that he is interested in his taxes; that classroom sizes have dropped, but that they need to drop lower; that the County does not need a recreational park; that the people who did the appraisals are not licensed appraisers; that the appraisals are grossly wrong; that his property tax value went up a half million dollars; and that the County is not preserving its rural atmosphere. He asked the Board to please look at the tax rate carefully; that Alamance County's rate is set at forty-eight cents; that land use went up over \$100,000; that Chatham has more ordinances than other counties; and that the Land Use Plan is not effective if it takes five people to implement it.

Charles Lutterloh, 323 L & W Lane, Pittsboro, NC, stated that he is a farmer and small

business owner and that his family has been in Chatham County for two hundred years; that the Tax Office personnel have been helpful and courteous; that the last revaluation had many mistakes; that he feels the revaluation should have been done out of the County; that much of his land does not perk; that many older people are on fixed incomes and are scared to death; that the County should stick to the basics such as education; that citizens need water in many areas; that the County needs to attract more industry; that parks and recreation is not a basic need; that the economy is not great; and that the basic needs of Chatham County should be considered.

Richard Manning, 85 Noah Street, Pittsboro, NC, stated that those in the Town of Pittsboro need to pay the County twice; that the County could raise water at Jordan Lake and get more water; that the County seat should have as much as everyone else; that citizens do not get as much out of schools as they are given; that taxes need to be at a level where people do not have to go out of the County to work and pay for it; that people are concerned about that; that citizens cannot keep paying through the nose for everything; that they need to talk facts to the people; that the country was founded on tax rebellion; and that he is thankful for people in Chatham County.

Paul McCoy, 3557 Pea Ridge Road, New Hill, NC, stated that tobacco farms have never been taxed before, and now everyone has gone to taxing tobacco property; that the farm folks are doing \$140 million worth of business; that people will not be able to afford to live in Chatham County if the taxes keep going up; that the farming community is important; that the County needs to cut the staff; and that the tax appraisers need something to do.

An unidentified man stated that he is originally from Long Island; that this is what happened there; that there are now no more farmers and cowboys; and that it started out as the same situation.

BREAK

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The Chairman called for a five-minute break.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Public Hearing:

Chatham County / 3M CDBG Economic Development Project: Public hearing to receive public comments on the Chatham County / 3M CDBG Economic Development Project

Charlie Horne, County Manager, explained the program amendment reallocating CDBG funds to provide the wastewater reuse system to serve the 3M facility. He stated that based on the reduced total project costs as noted in the North Carolina Rural Center grant application, a summary of funds committed to the wastewater reuse project is provided as follows:

CDBG-ED	\$600,000
County	500,000
Rural Center	400,000
CWMTF/Other	600,000

He stated that Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates have been notified to proceed with the program amendment, however, that they were advised that the CDBG funds will be conditioned for administrative draws only until the other funds (Rural Center and CWMTF) for the wastewater reuse project are awarded or the County indicates in writing that they will fund the additional \$1,000,000 if

the grant requests are denied; that the County has committed \$1,250,000 toward both projects (water system improvements and wastewater reuse system); that this is in addition to the \$1,000,000 if the County does not receive funding of its Rural Center and Clean Water Management Trust Fund grant application; that if the Clean Water Management Trust Fund application is funded for more than \$600,000 or if the potential EPA funding is obtained, the County's level of financial commitment may be reduced; that in order to move forward, commitment of other funds to the Department of Commerce through the Industrial Development Fund must be acknowledged and the twenty-five additional job creations from 3M and the residual business must be finalized.

Ray Greenlaw, 2 Jordan Woods, Pittsboro, NC, stated that the most important element of furnishing water to the 3M plant is the use of untreated water; that since this particular request pertains to the untreated water requirement for use by 3M, it is especially important to approve this request; that the source of the untreated source will be Pittsboro wastewater treatment plant. He asked that the Board start a dialogue with the Town of Pittsboro, not at staff level between individuals, but between the entire elected boards.

Commissioner Atwater suggested that a letter be sent to the State Delegation making them aware of this application.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Public Hearing:

2001-2002 Communication Tower Plan: Public hearing to receive public comments on the 2001-2002 Communication Tower Plan for Chatham County. (The plan shows the location of proposed ½ mile search areas for communication towers along US #64 and Hwy. #751 in Hickory Mountain, New Hope, and Williams Townships.)

Tom Johnson, 1702-D East Arlington Boulevard, Greenville, NC, explained specifics of the proposed one-half mile search area for communication towers along US Highways #64 and #751 in Hickory Mountain, New Hope, and Williams Townships, reviewed a map showing the coverage areas, and answered questions from the Board.

Brian Sasser, 2113 Cameron Street, Suite 237, Raleigh, NC, SBA Corporation representative, stated that they have two towers along Highway #751; that the towers do not have any light on them of any kind; that one of the towers is located in the northeast corner of Highway #751 and Lewter Road and the other on Clyde Farrell Road and Highway #751; and that both lots are great locations on which to place monopoles. He stated that they would be site specific in a couple of weeks, and opened the floor for questions.

Thad Jennings, 205 East Deer Run, Apex, NC, stated that he lives in the Deer Run Subdivision one thousand feet from one of the oldest and ugliest towers in the County; that it is the center of the search areas; and that locating a second tower is too much of a burden. He asked that 1) the tower ordinance be followed; 2) consideration be given to moving the search area; 3) the tower be kept as far away as possible; and 4) preference be given to a smaller tower and that the existing tower not be made larger.

David LeGrys, member of the Planning Board, explained a tower applications summary that he had prepared for the Board.

Zoning and Ordinance Amendments:

~~**Proposed Amendment to Chatham County Subdivision Regulations:** Consideration of a proposal to amend the Chatham County Subdivision Regulations Section 6.4, C. (1) to increase the size for newly created lots dependent on individual wells and individual sewerage disposal systems from 40,000 square feet (approximately one acre) to 80,000 square feet (approximately two acres)~~

This item was deferred until a later date.

Amendment to the Chatham County Watershed Ordinance: Consideration of a request by Patrick H. Barnes, III on behalf of Andrew S. Barnes, for an amendment to the Chatham County Watershed Ordinance, Section 302 (D) (d) to allow the addition of a high-tech precision computerized machine shop to be added to Attachment A. permitted uses

Ed Holmes, Attorney for Mr. Barnes, stated that the applicant currently operates a smaller machine shop on adjacent property owned by his father; that this is a nonconforming use which was started by his father prior to the zoning ordinance or watershed ordinance being adopted in New Hope Township; that the applicant's request is to amend the ordinance text so that he may apply to build a larger, more modern building to accommodate his increased business as he is presently operating in very cramped quarters; and that the new structure will be located approximately 6,500 feet (one mile = 5,280 feet) north and up stream from the Jordan Lake intake point.

Commissioner Atwater stated that he was impressed with Mr. Barnes' presentation. He moved to include a high-tech position machine shop as specked out as put forth to the Planning Board.

After further discussion, Bob Gunn, County Attorney, explained that "high-tech" needed to be defined.

Commissioner Outz moved, seconded by Commissioner Atwater, to accept the Planning Board recommendation and approve the request with the following conditions:

1. The amendment shall be applicable to the Jordan Lake Critical Area only.
2. To keep the area of land used for this use at a minimum, the property shall be no larger than 5 acres in size or the percentage of area devoted to said use shall be reduced such that it does not exceed that used for a five acre tract.
3. Liquids used in the operational processes of the industry shall be stored under cover with spill containment equal to at least one half the volume of the liquid stored.

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

Light Industrial Conditional Use District with a Conditional Use Permit: Consideration of a request by Patrick H. Barnes, III, on behalf of Andrew S. Barnes, for a Light Industrial Conditional Use District with a Conditional Use Permit for a high-tech precision computerized machine shop, on approximately four acres, off SR #1746 [McCoy Road], in New Hope Township

Commissioner Atwater moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to accept the Planning Board recommendation that the five findings be met with the following conditions:

1. Conditional Use Light Industrial District and Conditional Use Permit not be valid until and unless the permit for the wastewater drip irrigation treatment and disposal system is received from the Division of Water Quality. If the wastewater permit has not been received from the Division of Water Quality within twelve (12) months from approval date of the Conditional Use District and Permit, these approvals shall not be valid.
2. A site plan review shall be required by the Chatham County Appearance Commission prior to issuance of the building permit. Recommendations of the Appearance Committee (i.e. additional buffering, lighting) shall be incorporated into the site plan requirement.
3. The erosion control permit or a letter from the Department of Natural Resources stating no permit is required is to be obtained prior to issuance of the building permit.
4. The commercial driveway permit is to be obtained from the Department of Transportation prior to issuance of the building permit.
5. Storm water retention catch basins to be constructed by applicant and approved by staff prior to the certificate of occupancy being issued by the Building Inspection Department.
6. Construction of the building shall commence within six (6) months of receipt of the wastewater permit from the Division of Natural Resources or the Conditional Use Permit shall be void.
7. The site is required to hook up to the County water system.
The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

PRESENTATION "GET THE 2-1-1"

~~"Get The 2-1-1" Presentation: Presentation of "Get the 2-1-1" by United Way~~

This presentation was deferred until the May 7, 2001 Board of Commissioners' meeting.

TIME WARNER CABLE

Time Warner Cable: Consideration of the first reading of the Time Warner Franchise Agreement

Dave Permar, Attorney for Triangle J Council of Governments, stated that the model cable franchise, developed by the Triangle J Cable Consortium, and negotiated over the last four years; that this franchise has a ten-year term; that it provides for 5% franchise fee, the maximum allowed under federal law; that it includes internet access revenues; that covers service in all areas of the County; that it is subject to a thirty homes per mile density provision; that there are very detailed customer service standards; that they are more stringent than the FCC requirements; that it provides for up to six public education and governmental access channels to be phased in between now and January 1, 2003; that this would be at the Board's option at some subsequent date after the franchise agreement is in place; that it has a provision for a charge of an additional eighteen cents per subscriber per month that could be increased to twenty-one cents per subscriber per month in the fifth and tenth years; that that, too, is a Board option after the franchise is in place; that it has provisions for an institutional

network, using either the existing facility or, at the Board's request, having Time Warner build one at a reduced cost; that this model franchise is subsequently identical to the one adopted by the City of Raleigh one and a half years ago and to thirteen other Triangle communities; that there was a lot of give and take by both entities in coming to terms on the franchise; and that he recommends it without qualification.

Commissioner Atwater moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to adopt the first reading of the Time Warner Franchise Agreement. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

Resolution Requesting Governor Easley to Remit Obligated Funds: Consideration of a request to approve a **Resolution Requesting Governor Michael F. Easley to Remit Obligated Funds to Cities and Counties and the North Carolina General Assembly to Enact Legislation Authorizing a Menu of Revenue Sources for Local Governments, Including But Not Limited to a Local Sales Tax of Up To One Percent (1%)**

Jim Pridgen, 1108 Indian Creek Estates, Goldston, NC, asked that the part of the resolution requesting the North Carolina General Assembly act immediately to give local governments in North Carolina the authority to enact revenue sources, including but not limited to, a local sales tax of one percent be denied. He stated that the citizens are burdened with enough taxes now; and that they do not need another tax.

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Atwater, to approve **Resolution #2001-15 Requesting Governor Michael F. Easley to Remit Obligated Funds to Cities and Counties and the North Carolina General Assembly to Enact Legislation Authorizing a Menu of Revenue Sources for Local Governments, Including But Not Limited to a Local Sales Tax of Up To One Percent (1%)**. The motion carried three (3) to one (1), with Commissioner Outz opposing.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mixed Paper Baler Award: Consideration of a request to award bid for Mixed Paper Baler

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to award the bid for the mixed paper baler and installation to Marathon Equipment Company in the amount of \$44,843.00. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste: Consideration of a request to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste

Commissioner Atwater moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Disposal of Household hazardous Waste, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Piedmont Conservation Council Appointment: Consideration of a request to appoint a member to the Piedmont Conservation Council

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Atwater, to appoint Barbara Sheppard, 2194 Siler City-Glendon Road, Siler City, NC, to the Piedmont Conservation Council. The

motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

Human Relations Committee Appointment: Consideration of a request to appoint two members to the Human Relations Committee by Commissioner Outz

Commissioner Outz moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to appoint Hilda Glosson, 738 Mt. Olive Church Road, Pittsboro, NC, to the Human Relations Commission. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee Appointments: Consideration of a request to appoint members to serve on the Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee

Commissioner Atwater moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to appoint members to the Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee as follows:

Robert Hall
PO Box 489
Pittsboro, NC 27312

David Moser
Triangle J Area Agency on Aging
PO Box 12276
RTP, NC 27709

Margaret Pollard
1817 Gade Bryant Road
Moncure, NC 27559

Mary Schoonard
1260 Log Barn Road
Pittsboro, NC 27312

Jack Traywick
81 Fearington Post
Pittsboro, NC 27312
Thelma Turner
Box 10
Goldston, NC 27252

Tom Velivil
40 Camp Drive
Pittsboro, NC 27312

Lonnie West
PO Box 715
Pittsboro, NC 27312

Betty Wilson
268 Log Barn Road
Pittsboro, NC 27312

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

Central Carolina Community College Board of Trustees Appointment: Consideration of a request to reappoint members to serve on the Central Carolina Community College Board of Trustees

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Atwater, to reappoint Tommy Edwards, 306 S. Dogwood, Siler City, NC and Bill Dudenhausen, 363 Linden Close, Pittsboro, NC to the Central Carolina Community College Board of Trustees. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

MANAGER' S REPORTS

Community Development Block Grant – Economic Development:

The Clean Water Trust Board will review Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications on May 14-15, 2001 and the supplemental grant from the Rural Center is expected to be reported sometime in July.

County Administration Course Graduate and Edwin M. Gill Award Recognition:

Carolyn Chandre, Chatham County Human Resources Director, completed the County Administration Course given through The Institute of Government of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She received the prestigious Edwin M. Gill Award, selected by the staff and fellow students, at the Thirty-Seventh Annual Graduation Exercise for the student with the most distinguished record. She received a \$150 cash award and a plaque will be presented in ceremonies at the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Annual Convention in August, 2001.

James Roberson, 565 Pete Roberson Road, Pittsboro, NC, asked if the Board allocated funds for the Sheriff's Department. He stated that he had had an incident of two teenagers (ages 15 and 17) drinking on his road; that they had pitched their beer cans out of their car windows; that after the Sheriff's Department was called, a deputy arrived to make the teenagers cleanup the litter; that he then proceeded to allow them to drive away. He was concerned that his taxes went to pay the officer's salary. He also spoke against the proposed park at Jordan Lake. He stated that if there was going to be a park built, it needed to be centrally located; that in less than two years, he will be able to retire and farm; that he may have to continue to work if the taxes increase according to the high revaluation.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Economic Development:

Commissioner Atwater stated that he would like to have a meeting with people who are in a position to help see clearly where the County needs to go with regard to economic development, infrastructure, etc. so that the County can move in a very purposeful way.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Outz moved, seconded by Commissioner Atwater, that there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0), and the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 PM.

Gary Phillips, Chairman

ATTEST:

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