

**MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
JULY 15, 2013**

The Board of Commissioners (“the Board”) of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met in the Historic Courthouse Courtroom, 1 Hillsboro Street, Pittsboro, North Carolina, 2:00 PM on July 15, 2013.

Present: Chairman Walter Petty; Vice Chair Brian Bock;
Commissioners Mike Cross, Sally Kost, and Pamela Stewart

Staff Present: Charlie Horne, County Manager; Jep Rose, County Attorney; Renee Paschal, Assistant County Manager; Vicki McConnell, Finance Officer, Sandra B. Sublett, Clerk to the Board; and Lindsay Ray, Deputy Clerk to the Board

Work Session

1. **Public Input Session**
2. **Presentation by Chatham County Schools Director of Transportation**
3. **Receive requested input and discuss possible resolution of support for a joint application to the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to designate a new scenic byway**
4. **Home Care and Community Block Grant Appointments**
5. **Presentation of Conceptual Land Use Plan for Chatham County**
6. **Closed Session to discuss matters within the attorney/client privilege**
7. **Approval of Southeast Water District Board Meeting held June 17, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Petty welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. Chairman Petty introduced Anna Larocco-Masi, Northwood High School Senior, attending the Board of Commissioners’ meeting stating that she has political ambitions and wanted to watch government at work.

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Bob Knight, 406 Chimney Rock Lane, Sanford, NC, thanked the Board for the positive way they are serving the County. He stated that one Commissioner, however, has been a part of unneeded high-paying jobs and discrediting former commissioners. He stated that she has help run off good people like Keith Megginson and Bob Gunn; that the Board does not need to give an explanation as to how they vote; people have spoken out against Starkweather through the election, annexation, and nomination processes and by his peers with the State Bar.

Jeffrey Starkweather, 590 Old Goldston Road, Pittsboro, NC, stated that he would like to correct a fact that was incorrectly put in the newspaper. He stated that he did not officially apply for annexation in the Town of Pittsboro. He stated that he looked at it. Once he saw his application which was for water was being criticized, he withdrew it. He stated that he was never rejected. He stated that he never planned or wanted to run for the position of mayor as he could not imagine a worse job.

Mr. Starkweather stated that he wanted to speak on the Land Use Plan as a member of the committee. He stated that he had a minority report. They went through a great process. He stated that he was originally opposed to it as he felt they needed to go through a comprehensive land use plan. He felt it would be useful for the Commissioners, citizens, and leaders to look at different scenarios and be able to evaluate it and come to a consensus as to what their scenario would be. They did not have the statistical tools to do a detailed scenario process. He stated that when he was last a part of the team, they requested that the Board consider a new comprehensive land use plan and implement it. They agreed that it needed to be done with outside consultants. It was changed to identify a new county-wide strategic growth development plan. He pointed out the EDC could “suggest that the Commissioners consider hiring consultants to conduct a comprehensive land use plan with small area studies and an infrastructure plan as components”. All planners agreed that you could not do infrastructure planning without land use planning. Infrastructure planning comes from land use planning and not the other way around.

Dianna Hales, 528 Will Be Lane, Siler City, NC, presented her comments to the Board and provided them in their entirety for the record as follows:

“I want to publically apologize to Commissioner Brian Bock for falsely attributing a statement to him at the June 17 Board of Commissioners meeting. In the exchange and several votes regarding appointments to the Chatham Economic Development Corporation board of directors, my published notes implied that Commissioner Bock said he couldn’t vote for an artist.

After reviewing the videotape, I realize Commissioner Bock never said those words. Bock’s nomination of candidate Sue Szary was followed by Commissioner Kost’s brief review of her resume as a Siler City business owner, affiliation with the Arts Incubator, and an artist. Commissioner Bock then voted with Petty and Stewart against his own motion. That led to my conclusion, but it was not factual.

For my error, I do sincerely apologize. In the interest of accuracy I have revised language on these postings on multiple websites that host my BOC meeting summary comments. I intend to continue to summarize what happens at these meetings, but will be more cautious in attributing intent.”

BOARD PRIORITIES

Presentation by Chatham County Schools Director of Transportation:

Chairman Petty explained that they have been trying to find alternatives to shortened bus routes.

Joel Caviness, Director of Transportation of Chatham County Schools, gave a “Transportation Update” including Chatham County facts, districts, bus rides, and costs to make bus routes shorter, in a PowerPoint as follows:

Transportation Update

April 15, 2013

Chatham County Facts

Chatham has 709 square miles
Total Land Mass is 683 square miles
Total water mass is 26 square miles
Chatham is bordered by 8 other counties
Chatham Ranks 16th in land mass
Chatham ranks 40th in population
Chatham has no cities
Chatham has 3 small towns: Siler City, Pittsboro, Goldston
Population of towns: Siler City – 7887, Pittsboro – 3743, Goldston – 268
Population of all three towns combined – 11,898
Chatham County residence that live in town – 20%
Population of Chatham – 63,505
Chatham's average population per square mile – 85
Northwood's district covers 50% of the land mass and 95% of the water mass in Chatham
Chatham's longest bus stop from school – Northwood to Truth Road.
24 miles one way: 24 miles x 2 = 48 (48 x 1.5 = 72 minutes) Round trip
(Time does not include 4 right turns, 4 left turns, 6 stop signs or stop lights, 1 turnaround, and 19 stops.)

Chatham Ranks: Compared with 100 counties (2010-2011 Simulator)

44th Bus Riders (3708) *56 have more riders*
48th Bus Routes (90) *52 have more buses*
29th Budget Rating (91.65) *71 have a higher budget rating*
86th Contracts (\$9.51) *14 have a higher expense*
96th EC Students (4.53%) *4 have a higher percentage*
38th Avg. Distance to School (6.51) *62 have a longer avg. distance to school*
24th Pupil Density (2.611) *76 have a higher student density*

**Factors that prevent Chatham County Schools from having a
100% Budget Rating**

- 1) No Cities
- 2) Population Density
- 3) School Configuration
- 4) Large Land Mass
- 5) Large Water Mass
- 6) Location of Schools
- 7) Transportation Facility Condition
- 8) Contract Transportation

Surrounding County Budget Ratings (2011-2012)

93.87% - Chatham - (2011-2012)
96.17% - Chatham - (2012-2013)

100.0% - Alamance
86.46% - Orange
86.66% - Durham
93.93% - Wake
100.0% - Harnett
100.0% - Lee
98.38% - Moore
95.37% - Randolph

Orange, Durham, and Randolph Counties have higher Personnel,
Driver, Benefits, and Contract Cost.

TDTIMS Audit Report

Year	Buses	TIMS Riders	TD2 Riders	TIMS Miles	TD2 Miles	TIMS Hrs.	TD2 Hrs.
06-07	97	4137	3778	7229	6337	327	336
07-08	98	4037	3775	7847	6656	323	348
08-09	98	5117	3820	7682	6437	316	344
09-10	90	4217	3675	6881	6057	277	292
10-11	90	4593	3668	6754	5977	284	286
11-12	90	4304	3842	6420	6083	280	304
12-13	90	4205	3830	6341	5941	282	244

Bus Ride Times Over 1 Hour						
12-13 School Year						
School	Bus #	Ride Time AM	Route Time AM	Ride Time PM	Route Time PM	
Bennett	217	0:57	1:00	1:05	1:07	
Bonlee	18	1:01	1:05	0:58	1:08	
	25	0:55	1:01	1:11	1:18	
JSW	15	1:08	1:12	1:02	1:11	
	16	0:59	1:01	1:19	1:20	
	26	1:08	1:12	1:10	1:19	
CCHS	158	1:25	1:38	1:35	1:45	
	165	1:15	1:28	1:14	1:29	
	188	1:23	1:27	1:24	1:27	
	191	1:28	1:34	1:38	1:48	
	207	1:37	1:54	1:33	1:45	

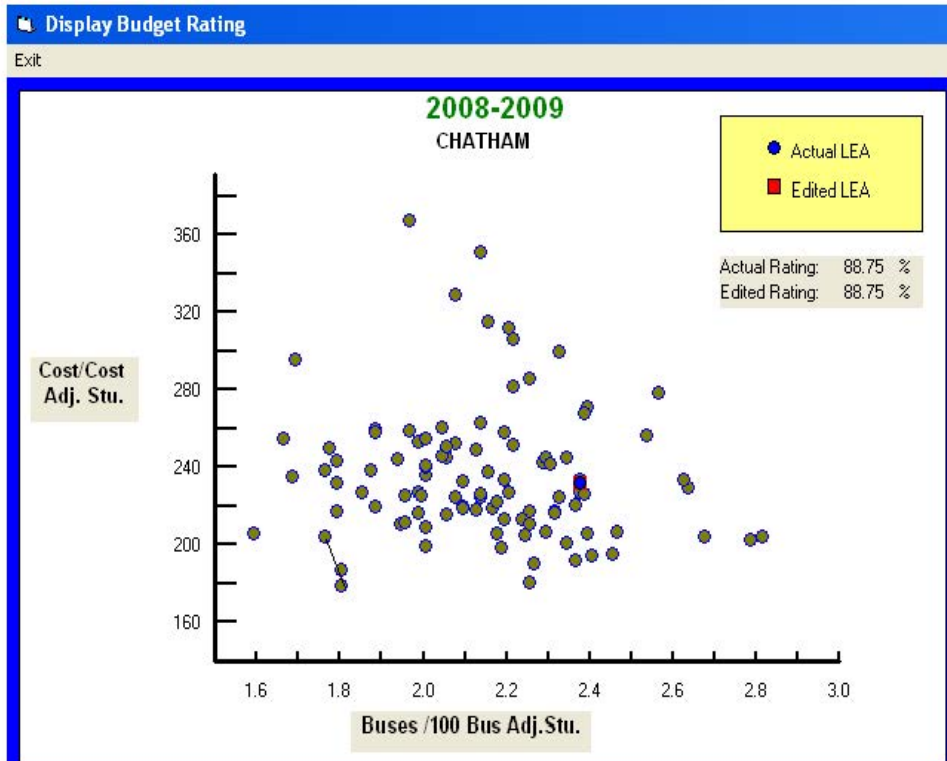
Bus Ride Times Over 1 Hour 12-13 School Year					
School	Bus #	Ride Time AM	Route Time AM	Ride Time PM	Route Time PM
CMS	29	1:18	1:28	1:13	1:34
Silk Hope	198	1:08	1:22	1:23	1:29
	210	1:04	1:12	1:02	1:10
Sage/JM	160	1:59	2:06	1:45	1:58
	161	1:02	1:12	1:03	1:16
	169	1:17	1:26	1:31	1:53
	201	1:09	1:20	1:16	1:19
	214	1:46	2:01	1:52	2:05
SCE	46	1:03	1:18	1:03	1:13
	227	1:02	1:07	1:05	1:07
VCE					

Bus Ride Times Over 1 Hour 12-13 School Year					
School	Bus #	Ride Time AM	Route Time AM	Ride Time PM	Route Time PM
Horton/PES	17	:53	1:07	1:07	1:15
	20	1:13	1:26	1:26	1:39
MPS					
Moncure	221	1:27	1:40	1:27	1:40
	228	1:01	1:02	1:01	1:03
NCE/MPS	27	1:06	1:38	1:20	1:35
	39	:56	1:20	1:08	1:16
	162	:56	1:19	1:10	1:17
	199	:55	1:20	1:02	1:15
NWH	163	1:17	1:32	1:24	1:30
	176	1:46	2:09	1:41	2:02
	187	1:49	2:20	1:41	2:05
	190	1:43	1:50	1:24	1:38
	194	1:08	1:12	1:05	1:13
	205	1:34	1:40	1:47	2:04
	206	1:38	1:52	1:13	1:37
	211	1:16	1:24	1:06	1:10
215	1:11	1:26	1:17	1:32	

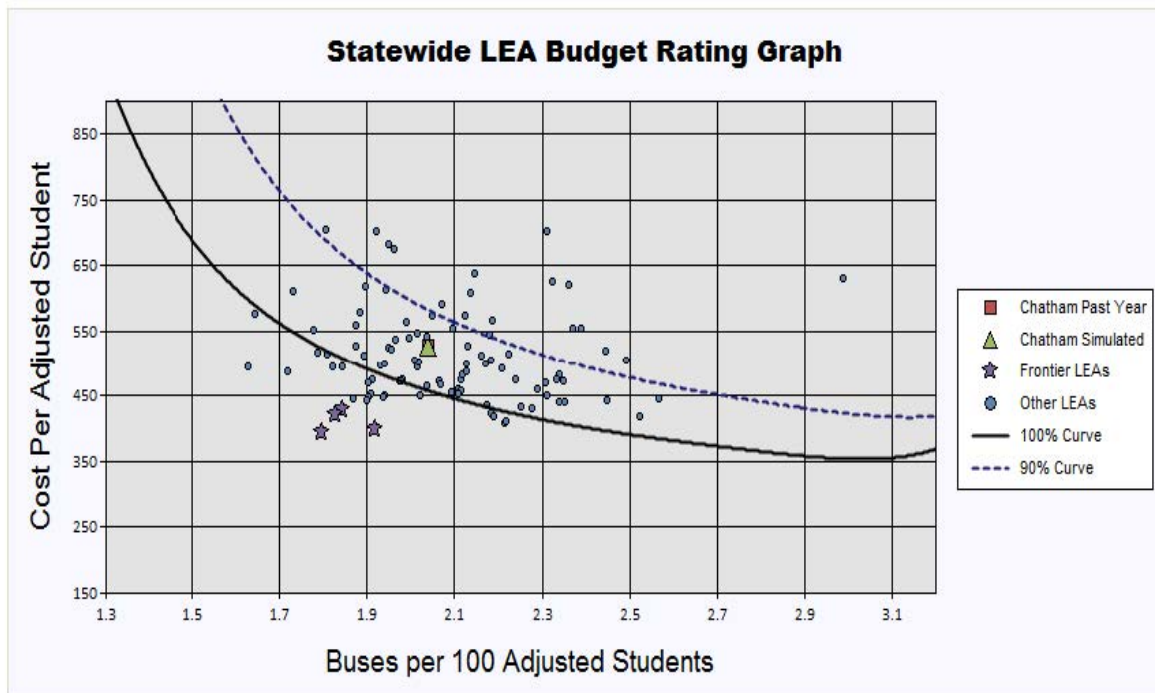
Bus Ride Times Over 1 Hour 12-13 School Year						
School	Bus #	Ride Time AM	Route Time AM	Ride Time PM	Route Time PM	
PES/Horton	30	1:02	1:10	1:00	1:06	
	220	1:07	1:18	1:14	1:17	
PHS/MBP	19	1:23	1:39	1:36	1:38	
	23	1:02	1:17	1:02	1:16	
	38	1:02	1:22	1:12	1:20	
	212	0:53	1:17	1:16	1:22	
EC	21	1:41	1:57	1:42	1:56	
	24	1:35	2:14	1:16	2:20	
	28	1:24	1:56	1:03	1:36	
	31	1:02	1:26	1:04	1:23	
	32	0:59	1:44	1:31	1:57	
	33	1:39	2:07	1:38	2:18	
	34	1:06	1:18	1:07	1:19	
	36	1:19	1:22	1:34	1:36	
	42	1:29	1:43	1:16	1:43	
	43	1:45	2:01	1:15	1:59	
Total	54 Buses					
Blue = Ride time over 1 hour = 54						
Yellow = Ride time over 1.5 hours = 18						
CCHS = 3, JMHS = 3, NWHS = 6, EC = 6, Total = 18						

School	09-10			10-11			11-12			12-13			
	Ridership	% Ride	Enrollment	Ridership	% Ride	Enrollment	Ridership	% Ride	Enrollment	Ridership	% Ride	Enrollment	
Bennett	114	49%	233	127	53%	240	107	48%	224	107	47%	230	
Bonlee	238	61%	390	229	60%	383	220	58%	380	236	61%	386	
CCH	97	20%	482	93	20%	460	93	21%	447	106	25%	421	
CMS	317	79%	403	345	84%	409	325	77%	420	357	79%	454	
Horton	237	56%	423	207	51%	409	216	52%	414	229	56%	410	
JSW	177	52%	342	160	46%	351	183	53%	345	167	52%	320	
JMH	209	29%	721	189	25%	742	224	29%	776	210	27%	766	
MPS						481	*	93	18%	525	111	20%	557
Moncure	94	45%	208	86	37%	232	120	47%	257	114	43%	264	
NCE	462	56%	820	533	61%	874	*	450	79%	568	419	76%	551
Northwood	260	27%	955	272	28%	976	320	29%	1085	301	28%	1089	

98 Buses



2011-2012



Simulated Budget Rating: 93.87%

Full Screen Graph

Past Budget Rating: 93.87%

Factors to Make Routes Less Than 1.5 Hours

- 1) CCHS District (Add 2 Buses) CCHS
- 2) JMHS District (Add 4 Buses) 2-JMHS, 2-SAGE
- 3) NWHS District (Add 4 Buses) 3-NWHS, 1-PHS
- 4) EC Transportation (Add 4 Buses) EC
- 5) Add 14 Buses
- 6) Add 14 Drivers
- 7) Decrease average bus ridership numbers from 42.1 to 36.5 per bus
- 8) Decrease budget rating from 96.17 to Estimated 83.25

Recommendation to Make Bus Routes Less Than 1.5 Hours

- 1) Place 2 parked buses back in service.
- 2) Ask DPI Transportation Services for 7 bus credits to be reinstated.
- 3) Purchase 5 new buses (\$80,000 ea.)
- 4) Hire 14 new drivers
- 5) Add 2 Transportation Staff Members
- 6) Enlarge Bus Parking Lots at CCHS, JMHS, SAGE, NWHS, PHS

2011-2012

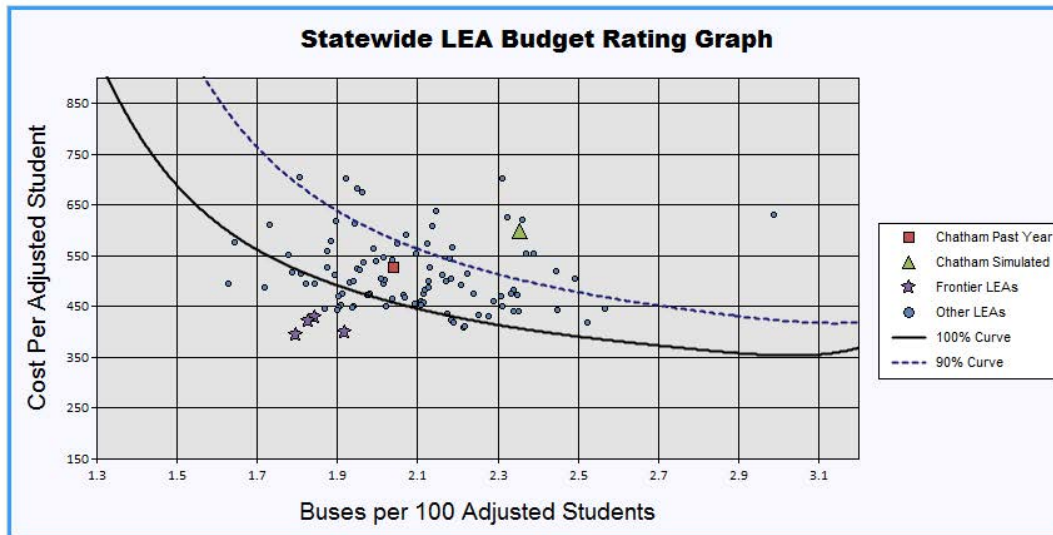
Chatham County Simulation

Reset Simulation

Switch to Statewide Budget Rating Graph

Switch to LEA to LEA Comparison

Expenditure Data | Operating Data | Budget Rating Graph



Simulated Budget Rating: 83.25%

Full Screen Graph

Past Budget Rating: 93.87%

Cost To Make Bus Routes Less Than 1.5 Hours

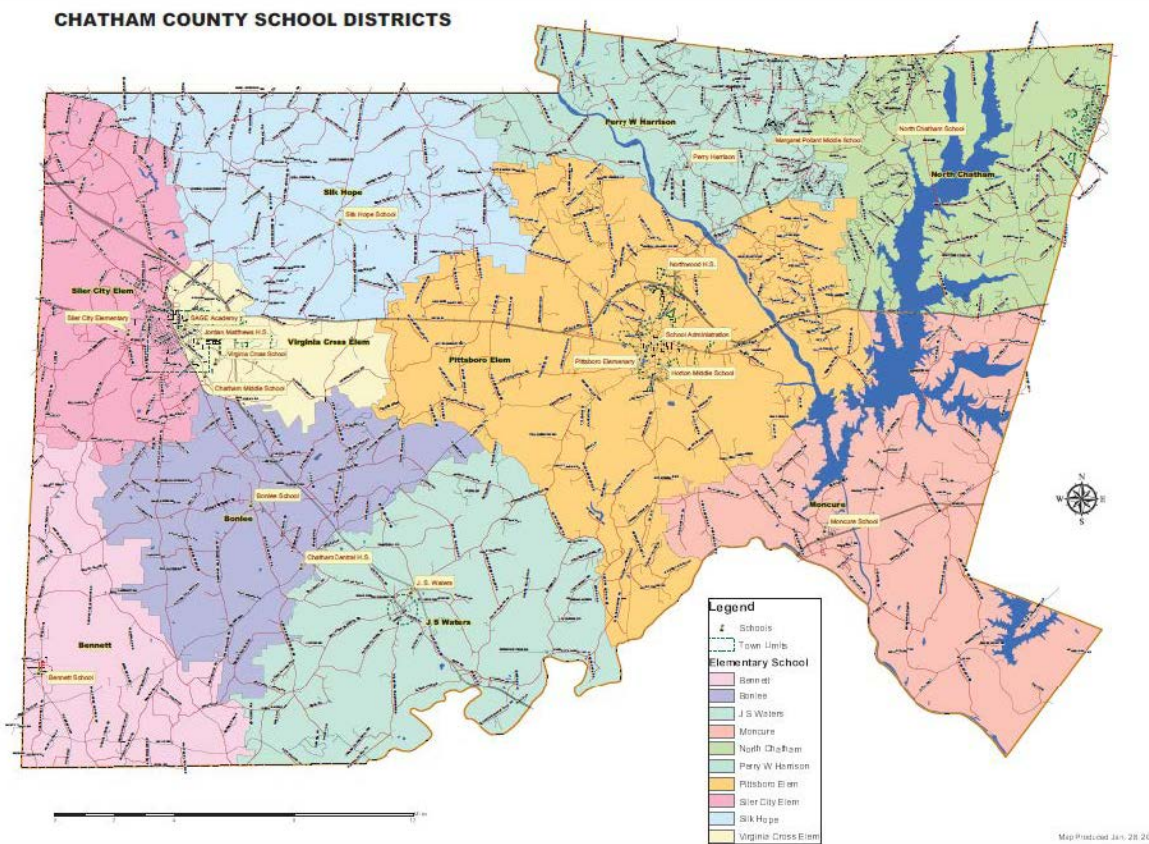
- 1) Purchase 5 new buses
- 2) Purchase 14 bus camera systems
- 3) Enlarge Bus Parking Lots
- 4) 2 Additional Transportation Employees
- 5) 14 Additional Cell Phones
- 6) 14 Additional Bus Drivers
- 7) Reduction of Budget Rating from 96.17 to 83.25

Cost

- 1) 5 new buses @ \$80,000 = \$400,000
- 2) 14 bus camera systems @ \$2,309 = \$32,326
- 3) Enlarge Bus Parking Lots \$150,000?
- 4) 2 Additional Staff = \$80,000
- 5) 14 Additional Cell Phones @ \$30 per month (14 x \$30 = \$420 Month)
\$420 x 12 = \$5040 per yr.
- 6) 14 Additional Bus Drivers 3hrs x 14 = 42hrs x \$10.80 = \$453.60 Daily
\$453.60 x 180 days = \$81,648 per yr.
- 7) Reduction of Budget Rating from 96.17 to 83.25
Current Budget \$2,200,000
3.83% of \$2,200,000 = \$84,260
16.75% of \$2,200,000 = \$368,500

Total Estimated Cost

First Year Expense	Recurring Yearly Expense
Buses -\$400,000	2 – Employees - \$80,000
Camera System & GPS - \$32,326	14 – Cell Phones - \$5,040
Bus Parking Lots - \$150,000	14 – Drivers - \$81,648
	Reduction of Budget Rating - \$284,240
2 – Employees - \$80,000	
14 – Cell Phones - \$5,040	Total - \$450,928
14 – Drivers - \$81,648	
Reduction of Budget Rating - \$284,240	
Total - \$1,033,254	



Mr. Caviness answered questions from the Board.

Chairman Petty thanked the school representatives for their report.

Receive requested input and discuss possible resolution of support for a joint application to the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to designate a new scenic byway

Hillary Pace, Planner, explained the specifics of the request as follows:

Following the initial presentation of the proposed scenic byway to the Commissioners June 17th, staff has routed the proposed byway to the following Chatham community groups for input: Transportation Advisory Committee, Appearance Commission, Economic Development Board, Travel and Tourism Advisory Committee, and Governors Village.

The proposed Old Well to Jordan Lake Scenic Byway (15 miles long) proposes a number of locations with historical, natural, recreational and educational values. Scenic byways are selected to portray the diverse beauty and culture of the state and provide travelers with safe and interesting alternative travel routes. North Carolina currently has 51 designated scenic byways including Chatham County's only scenic byway, the Devil's Stompin' Ground, which runs from the center of Pittsboro into Randolph County.

As of June 26th, staff has received the following comments from the following Chatham boards and committees regarding the proposed Old Well to Lake Jordan Scenic Byway:

Transportation Advisory Committee: The Committee met June 25th and discussed the byway. The group commented on the proposal, but did not provide an official position. Comments collected included:

- Concerns for bicycle safety along proposed route, with potential increased traffic. The group also expressed interest in the promotion of scenic bicycle routes in that area.
- Concerns for private businesses and signage restrictions.

- Concerns for the distinct promotion of Chatham County with the byway designation.
- The committee stated that some benefits of the designation could include more travel and tourism into the county, thus bolstering the economy.

Appearance Commission: The Commission met June 26th and provided a consensus statement of support. The group also transmitted the following comments:

- Concerns for private business and signage restrictions.
- Questions about future land use plans and preservation of a scenic corridor if designated as a Scenic Byway.
- Concerns for bicycle safety, due to increased tourist traffic.
- Advantages of the Scenic Byway designation include more tourism traffic, thus bolstering the economy.

At the time of this report, input from the other Chatham community groups was still being collected and will be presented at the July 15th Board of Commissioners meeting. The final application is due for submittal to NCDOT by August 31, 2013.

Consider a resolution of support for a joint application to the NC Department of Transportation to designate a new scenic byway from UNC Chapel Hill to Jordan Lake.

**Proposed Scenic Byway from UNC Chapel Hill to Jordan Lake Discussion:
(From June 17, 2013 Board of Commissioners' meeting)**

Hillary Pace, Planner II, explained that Orange County's Department of Environment, Agriculture, Parks and Recreation began work two years ago with citizen volunteers and staff from the Town of Chapel Hill and Chatham County to develop an application to the NC Scenic Byways program. The application is for designation of a proposed new scenic byway that would link downtown Chapel Hill at the UNC Old Well to Jordan Lake at Highway 64. This project was discussed and received favorable input from the elected boards at a spring 2011 joint meeting of Chatham and Orange counties.

Upon submittal of the initial scenic byway route to NCDOT Scenic Byways Orange County staff, it was recommended to extend the route north to the Old Well at UNC Chapel Hill campus and to the Jordan Lake Recreation Area. NCDOT Scenic Byway staff indicated that this extension of the route to these destinations increases the likelihood of scenic byway designation. The original proposed route began at the James Taylor Bridge in Chapel Hill.

Old Well to Lake Jordan Scenic Byway Input Summary **Board of Commissioners Work Session July 15, 2013**

Transportation Advisory Committee:

- No position adopted, but cited concerns for conflicts with existing bicycle traffic.
- Concerns for private businesses and signage and promotion of Chatham identity.
- Noted potential benefits such as increased travel and tourism.

Appearance Commission:

- For the Scenic Byway.
- Concerns for private businesses and signage regulations.
- Questions for future land use restrictions along corridor and bicycle safety.
- Noted potential advantages of scenic byway such as more travel and tourism.

Economic Development Commission Board:

- Citing concerns about signage, the Board motioned against endorsement of the Scenic Byway.
- Comments included strong concerns for restrictions of signage.
- Connection of communities mentioned as potential advantage.

Governors Village (Chris Ehrenfeld, Domicile Realty):

- For the Scenic Byway, noting that the potential increase in travel to the county is a “plus”.
- Mentioned concerns for signage.

Governors Club:

- Majority of neighborhood board (POA) is for the Scenic Byway.
- Concerns about existing signage and future road improvements.

George Farrell, Business Owner:

- Not for the Scenic Byway.
- Concerns about signage and Chapel Hill influence and preservation of Chatham identity.

Travel and Tourism Advisory Committee:

- Comments and concerns, generally not for Scenic Byway.
- Concerns for property rights.
- Signage is an issue, NCDOT TODS signs are expensive and hard to qualify.
- Concerns for increased traffic to Lake Jordan during seasonally maxed times.

Chairman Petty asked if there were any questions.

Commissioner Kost stated that she was a little confused about the statutes included in the packet (NCGS 136-29: Limitation of Outdoor Advertising Devices). She stated that she read and knows what is in our ordinance and there is a conflict with the state statutes.

Ms. Pace stated that the statute referenced stems from the fact that the scenic by-ways have their own reference in the DOT administration manual; the by-way signs would need to follow these regulations, as it is on a US System road (15-501); and we had previously routed our off-premise sign ordinance amendment to DOT and received no comment.

Commissioner Kost stated that she is still concerned about the conflict.

Ms. Pace stated that she had not explored that area of the amendment but that DOT had not noted it.

Commissioner Bock stated that it would have been in conflict if we had a by-way.

Ms. Pace concurred. She stated that when you have a road that receives federal funding, off-premise signs are not allowed within 660 feet outside of the right-of-way and there is more scrutiny about advertising.

Commissioner Kost stated that no advertising shall be erected or maintained within 660 feet, but that is not what our off-premise sign ordinance says.

Ms. Pace stated that she had a conversation with the advertising contact with NCDOT about the by-way signage; that outdoor signage is another word for billboard; that she had mentioned the zoning ordinance amendment that we had previously passed and received no comment. Our secondary roads are a non-issue at the moment and this is referencing the larger roads.

Commissioner Kost stated that when she read the statute we were in direct conflict.

Ms. Pace stated that we have an outdoor advertising ordinance for Highway 64 west of Pittsboro; anything currently on 15-501 is allowed to exist, but no new billboards are allowed.

Chairman Petty stated that it still comes back to him about whether or not this will have an impact on businesses in that corridor; that there is about four times as much road in Chatham that will be impacted than in Chapel Hill; that we are in the middle of some good things happening in that part of the county business-wise; that he is afraid to do anything to limit signage and hurt business;

Commissioner Kost stated that on the flip side, there would be more people coming to Chatham County to do business. She stated that she is surprised George Farrell was against it as he owns the BP where people would fill up with gas; that the Marina folks would love to have a scenic by-way that would bring people by; that as far as bicycles go, as vehicle traffic increases, the bicycle traffic will decrease; they ride because there isn't as much traffic; that people are looking for a scenic ride, and people go out and spend money; that this would be a positive thing for Chatham County and help businesses. She further stated that quite a bit of development is already approved on 15-501 and she sees it differently.

Commissioner Stewart asked if there had ever been any research done about people who do get out for drives on scenic by-ways based on the signs.

Ms. Pace stated that she had talked with Neha Shah, Chatham County Tourism Director, and she stated that it was hard to quantify that number. She stated that there is an impact on our other scenic by-way (Devil's Tramping Ground) during the fall foliage, but it is hard to quantify.

Chairman Petty said to use Devil's Tramping Ground as an example; if a new station opened in that area, they would be limited in directing traffic to themselves if they were not directly on the path; that he is afraid that would be problem they would find; that it might be the business off the route that need directional signs that would be adversely affected.

Commissioner Kost stated that directional signs have only come up twice since she's been on the Board, that the ordinance has been amended, and that on-premise signage is permissible.

Commissioner Stewart stated that it was interesting that Lystra Road is on that route and they have heard multiple times that Lystra is traveled heavily and not very safe.

Chairman Petty stated that he thought it was heavily traveled but it would not increase the bike traffic.

Commissioner Bock stated that he had talked with people and most people reiterated some of the same concerns, that the EDC and Tourism Board did not endorse it, and that he would encourage the Board not to approve it.

Ms. Pace stated that Orange County is the driver of the application, and the other participants, Orange County, Town of Chapel Hill and University of North Carolina have all endorsed the application. She stated that it would be advisable from an application standpoint to either write a letter or pass a resolution endorsing it.

Commissioner Bock moved to write a letter opposing the scenic by-way designation in Chatham County.

Further discussion ensued.

Chairman Petty stated that he wanted the letter to be clear regarding why the by-way is opposed.

Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion stating that there were issues and concerns about the ordinance and property rights, that this was not the right time for Chatham to be taking this action, but that time might be in the future.

Chairman Petty stated that withdrawing a by-way was difficult.

Ms. Pace concurred.

Commissioner Bock asked if the Transportation Committee gave a reason for not taking a position.

Ms. Pace stated that the pluses and minuses were noted, and agreed that they could not reach consensus.

Commissioner Cross stated that even the TAC had concerns about existing bicycle traffic and existing business owners, and that the EDC and Travel and Tourism Committee that advised against it.

Chairman Petty called the question. The motion carried four (4) to one (1) with Commissioner Kost opposing.

Appointments to the Home Care and Community Block Grant:

Chairman Petty stated that there were five applicants from which four will be chosen to serve on the Home Care and Community Block Grant Committee.

He stated that one of the applicants is the Chatham County Council on Aging Board President. He asked the County Attorney if serving on the Home Care and Community Block Grant Committee would be a conflict of interest.

Jep Rose, County Attorney, stated that he did not think it would be a conflict of interest.

Commissioner Kost asked for clarification of what the committee does.

The Deputy Clerk explained that the committee meets once or twice a year to work with the Council on Aging regarding funding. They help prepare a budget to be submitted to the Board of Commissioners for approval.

Debra Henzey explained that they make recommendations on how to allocate the money.

After further discussion, Commissioner Kost moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to appoint Joyce H. Johnson, David Marty, Anne Kissel, and Cedric Blade to the Home Care and Community Block Grant Committee. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Conceptual Land Use Plan for Chatham County Presentation:

Dianne Reid, Economic Development President and Joe Glasson reviewed the Conceptual Land Use Plan for Chatham County in a PowerPoint as follows:



Conceptual Land Use Plan Presentation

July 15, 2013



THE NEED TO PLAN

Key Issues

- How do we intend to use and develop our land?
 - How will we meet population growth and associated housing needs?
 - How will we move people and goods?
 - How will we protect and use our environment and natural resources?
 - How will we educate and train our current and future workforce?
 - How effective and forward thinking will we be in providing municipal infrastructure and facilities?
 - How will we attract economic development in a highly competitive marketplace?
 - How will we prioritize our vision?
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CONCEPTUAL LAND USE PLAN TEAM

EDC – Joe Glasson, Keith Hurand, Dianne Reid, Jeffrey Starkweather

Chatham County – David Hughes, Jeremy Poss, Jason Sullivan

Town of Goldston – Tim Cunnup

Town of Pittsboro – Stuart Bass

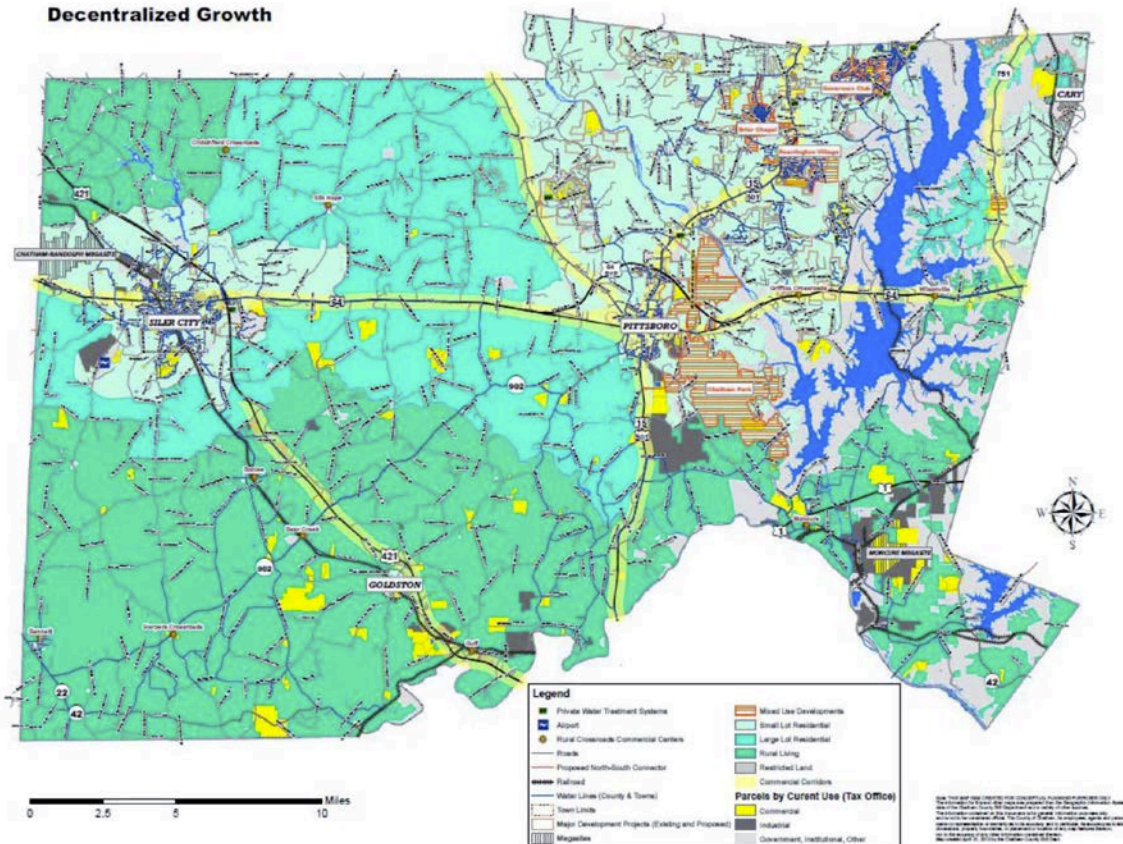
Town of Siler City – Terry Green, Jack Meadows



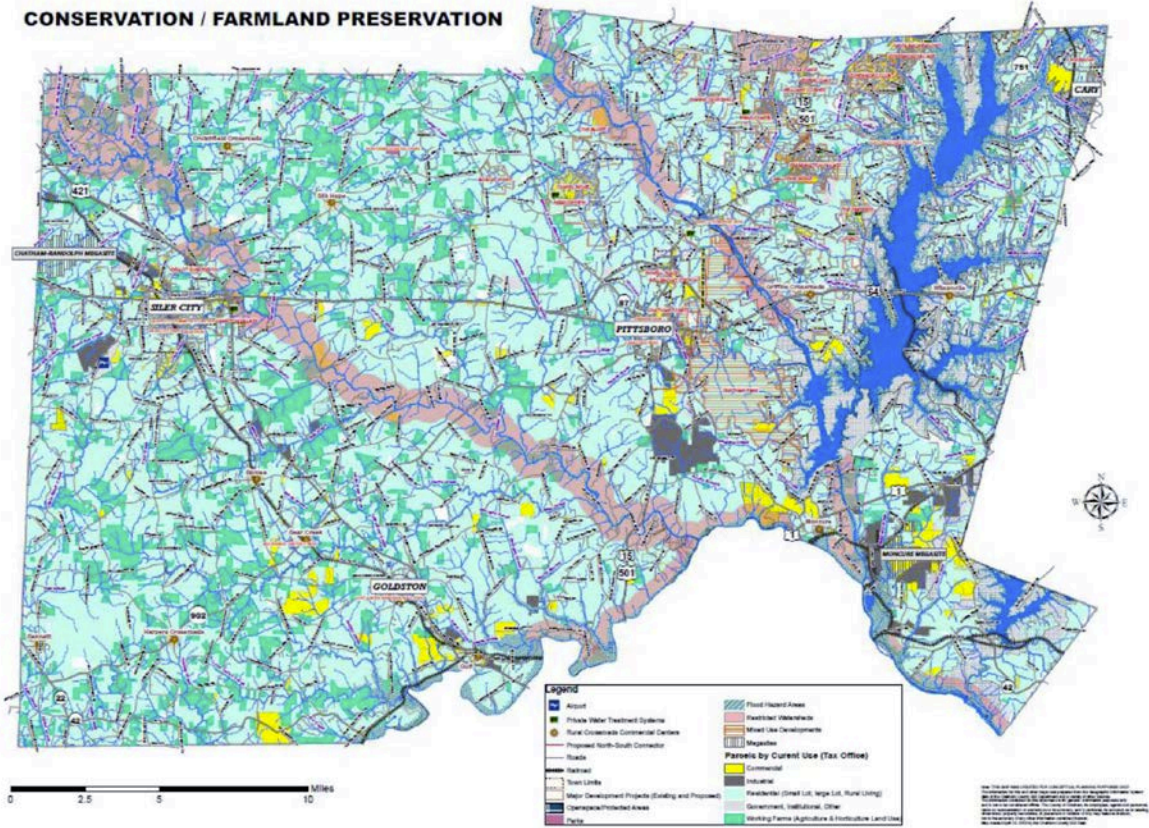
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Milestones	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Research	_____				
Guiding Principles		_____			
Base Map			_____		
Scenario Development			_____		
Scenario Analysis			_____		
Public Input (Community Meetings and Web Surveys)				_____	
EDC Board Input					_____
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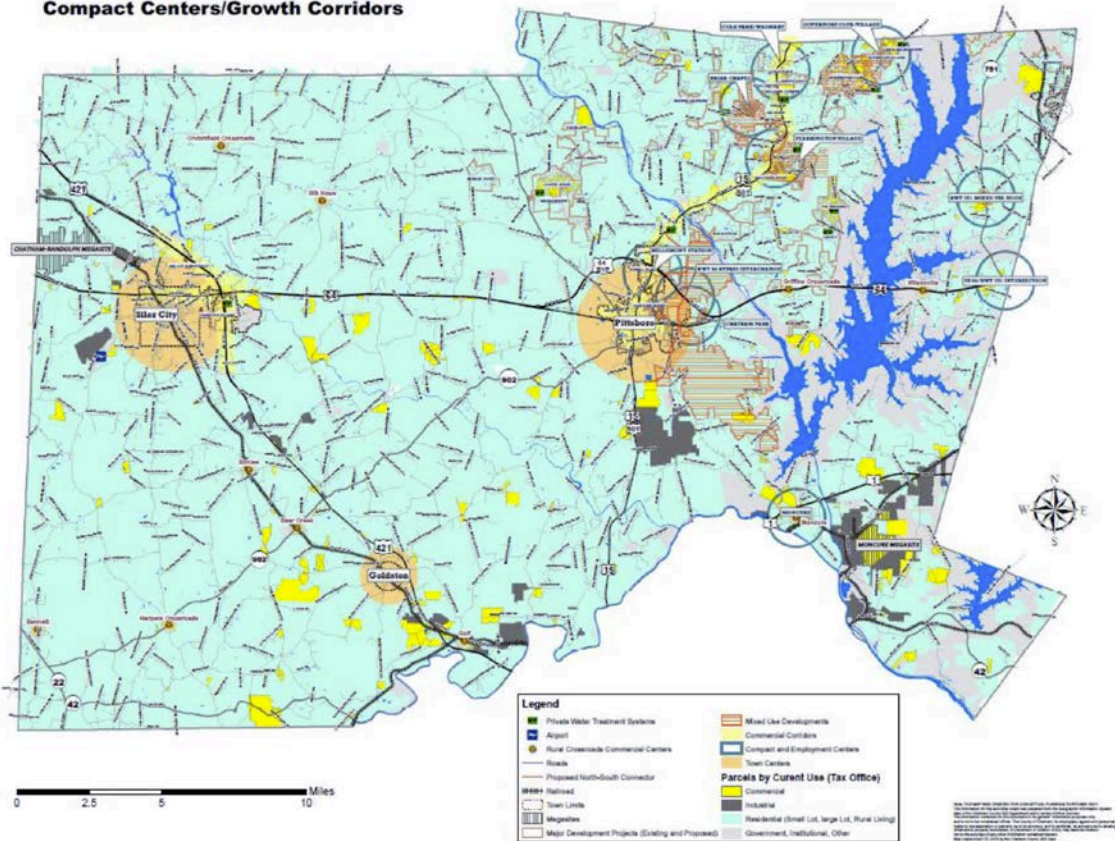
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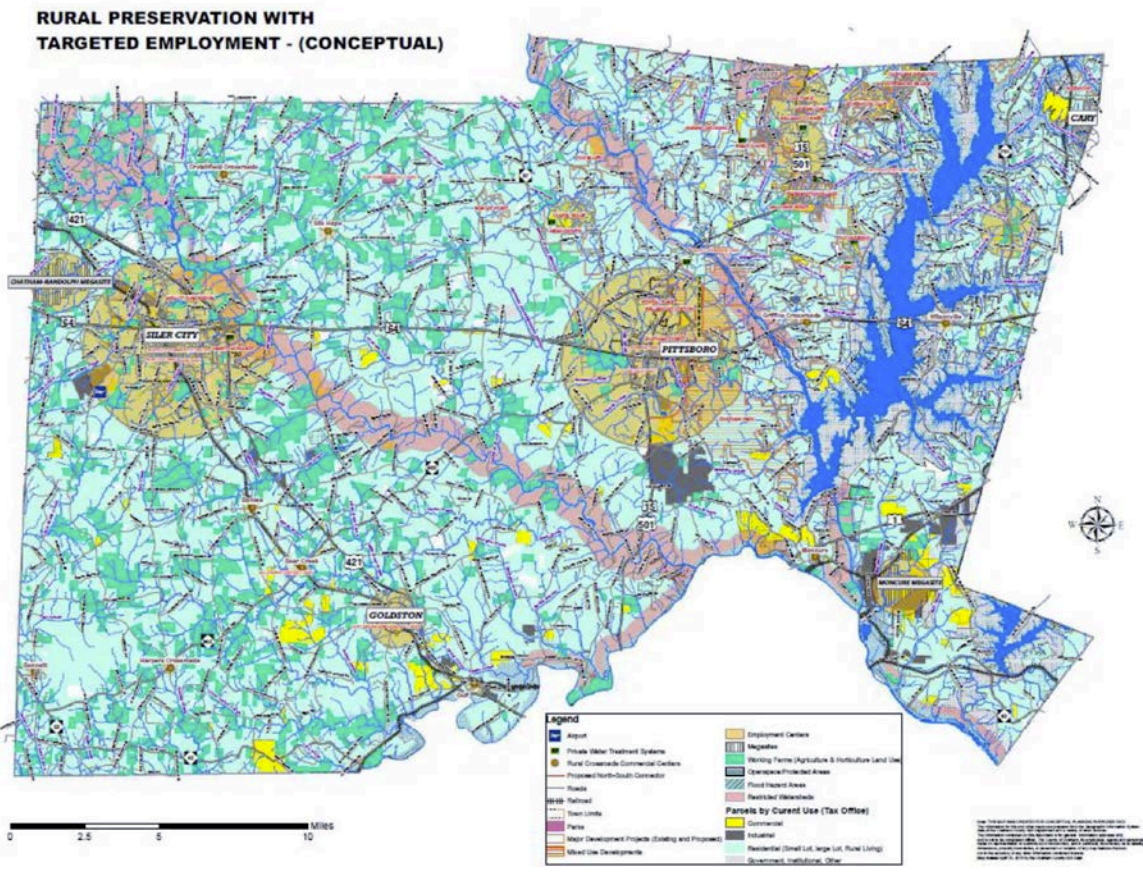
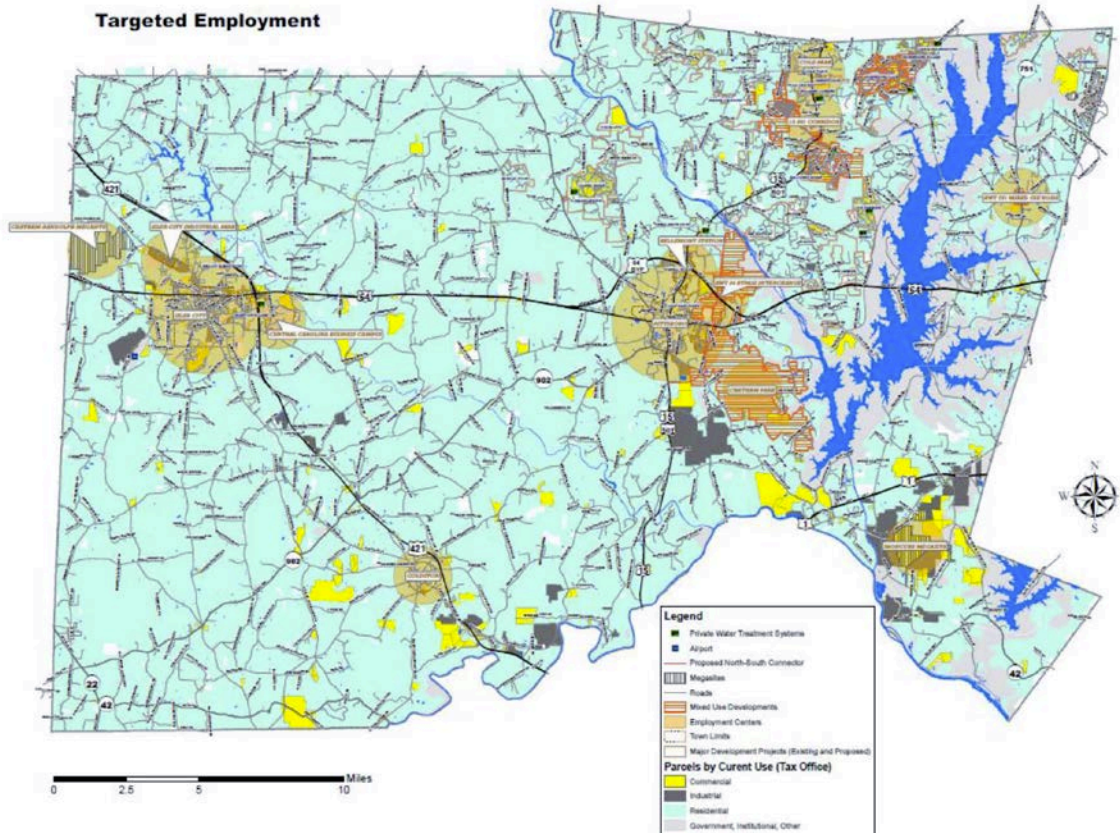


CONSERVATION / FARMLAND PRESERVATION



Compact Centers/Growth Corridors







EDC RECOMMENDATIONS

- Endorse the combined Rural Preservation with Targeted Employment Growth scenario as the strategic direction for Chatham County
 - Identify a new county-wide strategic growth development plan or merge the new strategic direction with the existing land use plan
 - Develop an infrastructure plan that supports the strategic direction
 - Consider small area planning for key targeted areas
 - Evaluate and integrate existing adopted plans and policies
 - Identify other unadopted plans for Board consideration
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Questions?

Joe Glasson, Economic Development Board of Directors' member, stated that this has been an eight month conversation in the Economic Development Office. They considered all the new development that was approved, the development moratorium, the economic downswing, and housing bust.

Commissioner Kost stated that David Hughes would be willing to head up an infrastructure committee, but she questioned what is considered infrastructure. She stated that it is more than just sewer and water; it is internet, roads, schools, transportation, parks, etc.; and that we must look at all of those things.

Mr. Glasson stated that there are so many areas to look at and all the growth aspects.

Commissioner Kost asked how you can do an infrastructure plan without a land use master plan stating that it seems like one feeds the other.

Mr. Glasson stated he needed direction on what the Board of Commissioners' comfort level would be with guidelines vs. plan.

Chairman Petty stated that he liked that they came back with a fifth scenario; that we have a situation in which we will never have a commercial tax base unless we make the effort to do it, and do it in those areas. He stated that he appreciates the protections for the farmers; that he is encouraged by the fifth plan; that he doesn't know if they can get all the answers as it would take a lot of input to drill down to detail; that he would like enough flexibility to make sure their hands are not tied; and that there are some businesses that are located in rural areas with little walk-in traffic that do not need infrastructure. He stated that he doesn't want things tied up so tight that they are forced into a targeted business area. He further stated that there are some that started that way that find out that down the road they need it; that he likes the direction we are headed; and that he appreciates all the hard work.

Mr. Glasson stated that this plan allows the Board of Commissioners to make exceptions as needed, but with a strategic pathway that makes sense to those that come down the road;

Chairman Petty stated that it is like the chicken/egg. He asked do you provide the infrastructure to lure industry or put it in to meet the needs of that which is there.

Commissioner Bock stated that the hybrid strategy came from feedback at the meeting; that ten years ago, we didn't know about Chatham Park; that we don't know what is coming; that he likes the flexibility; that we do need to adopt/endorse a strategic direction and he thinks it is a good strategic direction; that we need an infrastructure committee; that we need roads and other infrastructure; that we have the most control over water/sewer and that should be the top of our list, as well as internet; and that it would be right to adopt the direction as requested, put together a committee and go from there.

Commissioner Cross stated that water and sewer do not make up all of infrastructure; that we were approved to apply for 19 million gallons of discharge; that we should help Chatham Park develop their 8,000 acres; that we do not have the money without a tax increase to put in sewer lines; and that we need to plan with Chatham Park to coordinate sewer plant/discharge.

Commissioner Kost suggested talking with the Town of Pittsboro since all of Chatham Park is in the ETJ.

Commissioner Cross stated that while that is a good idea, the money is with Chatham Park, not with the town; and that the town's plant will never carry this development.

Chairman Petty stated that rather than one big plant to handle the development, they would need multiple smaller plants that could change with the growth/technology.

Commissioner Cross stated that the conversation needs to begin.

Mr. Glasson stated that he has spent some time with Chatham Park; that they have a strategic plan for energy usage; that they are applying the latest technology to these systems and processes; and that growth is coming.

Commissioner Cross stated that plans for reusing water will make the 19 million gallons go much further; and that we should have had this conversation last year.

Commissioner Bock asked if there could be consensus that the strategic direction be the last option offered by the EDC (Option 5).

Commissioner Kost stated that she did not see where this option was much different from the Land Conservation Plan that we already have adopted and on record; that the reason the first option showed what it did was because there was no map and all the exceptions happened; this is not a revolutionary change in direction for Chatham, it is really just a confirmation of the Land Development Plan and the next step is that we need a map.

Commissioner Cross stated that it is changing a little bit, including that which kept previous Boards from adopting a map; that based on those efforts and what we know now, it is important to try and direct growth to where there was water/sewer.

Commissioner Stewart said that if you get the business in and the density in, you will get the internet in.

Commissioner Cross stated that you can try and direct growth, but it comes down to what you have in place already.

Chairman Petty stated that he thought this plan did that.

Commissioner Cross stated that based on the two maps never adopted, the Land Development Plan, and what was being done here, they are all pretty much the same, but there were property rights issues that shelved them before; and that they can get rid of that and move on or wind up with another map on the shelf.

Chairman Petty stated that if they can agree where they want to be, they can figure out how to get there later

Commissioner Cross stated they had been doing this since before he got there nine years ago.

Commissioner Bock stated that this makes it very visual and relevant and ready for the future; and that we can figure out a way to put the infrastructure in or partner with business to do so.

Commissioner Bock moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to endorse the Rural Preservation with Targeted Employment Conceptual Land Use Plan as their strategic direction as recommended by the Economic Development Corporation (EDC).

Commissioner Kost stated that she was going to vote for it, but that she took exception with "land use plan" being used in the motion.

Commissioner Bock agreed to amend the motion to take "plan" out and use "strategic direction based on conceptual land use".

Commissioner Cross stated that we also needed to talk with the Goldston Sewer District to see if they had any capacity to handle anything else.

Mr. Glasson stated that at the Economic Development Board meeting the previous week, they talked about the scenic by-way; that one person asked if they had applied the scenic by-way regulations ten years ago, what would it have looked like today; that he responded that the next ten years would look nothing like last ten; and that they will be able to market the County.

Commissioner Kost stated that she knows the Economic Development Corporation tried to make a lot of public contact; that if we were changing direction drastically, she would object that there is not enough public involvement.

Chairman Petty asked about whether taking the word "plan" out would lessen its impact.

Commissioner Cross stated that they could approve this and then have a public hearing to let the public know what we are doing.

Mr. Glasson stated that the last recommendation was to take the issue out to the public to do/get more communication.

Chairman Petty called the question. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Bock moved to establish an "Infrastructure Committee" to be headed by David Hughes, Chatham County Public Works Director.

The County Manager stated that he would like to assess how much time that will take and how much the municipalities plan to participate but that he feels it would be useful.

Commissioner Kost stated that perhaps the County Manager could meet with the managers of the municipalities and come up with a structure and come back with a plan and then go from there.

By consensus, the Board agreed.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Cross moved, seconded by Commissioner Bock, to go out of the Work Session and convene in Closed Session to prevent the disclosure of information not considered a public record, to discuss matters within the attorney client privilege, to discuss pending litigation with Chatham County versus Progressive Contracting and Mark Gregory Roofing. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

WORK SESSION

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

SOUTHEAST WATER DISTRICT

Commissioner Cross moved, seconded by Commissioner Bock, to recess as the Chatham County Board of Commissioners and convene as the Southeast Water District Board. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

WORK SESSION

Commissioner Cross moved, seconded by Commissioner Stewart, to adjourn as the Southeast Water District Board and reconvene as the Chatham County Board of Commissioners. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cross moved, seconded by Commissioner Bock, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0), and the meeting adjourned at 4:32 PM.

Walter Petty, Chairman

ATTEST:

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
CHATHAM COUNTY
SITTING AS THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
SOUTHEAST CHATHAM WATER DISTRICT
JULY 15, 2013**

The Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, North Carolina sitting as the Governing Board of the Southeast Chatham Water District met in the Historic Courthouse, 1 Hillsboro Street, located in Pittsboro, North Carolina, at 4:30 PM on July 15, 2013.

Present: Walter Petty, Chairman; Brian Bock, Vice Chair; Commissioners Mike Cross, Sally Kost, and Pamela Stewart

Staff Present: Charlie Horne, County Manager; Jep Rose, County Attorney; Renee Paschal, Assistant County Manager; Vicki McConnell, Finance Officer; Sandra B. Sublett, Clerk to the Water District Board; and Lindsay Ray, Deputy Clerk to the Board

Commissioner Cross moved, seconded by Commissioner Bock, to convene as the Southeast Chatham Water District Board. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Agenda

Approval of Board Minutes from Southeast Water District Meeting held June 17, 2013

Commissioner Cross moved, seconded by Commissioner Stewart, to approve the minutes of the Southeast Water District Meeting held June 17, 2013. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cross moved, seconded by Commissioner Stewart, to adjourn as the Governing Board of the Southeast Chatham Water District. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0), and the meeting was adjourned at 4:31 PM.

Walter Petty, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra B. Sublett, CMC, NCCCC, Clerk to the Board
Southeast Chatham Water District Board

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 15, 2013

The Board of Commissioners (“the Board”) of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met in the Historic Courthouse, 1 Hillsboro Street, Pittsboro, North Carolina, 6:00 PM on July 15, 2013.

Present: Chairman Walter Petty; Vice Chairman Brian Bock; Commissioners Mike Cross, Sally Kost, and Pamela Stewart

Staff Present: Charlie Horne, County Manager; Jep Rose, County Attorney; Renee Paschal, Assistant County Manager; Vicki McConnell, Finance Officer, Sandra B. Sublett, Clerk to the Board; and Lindsay Ray, Deputy Clerk to the Board

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Cross delivered the invocation after which the Chairman invited everyone present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Petty welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM. He also wished Randall Riggsbee, *The Chatham News* reporter a happy birthday.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA and CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Kost asked that the minutes of the June 17, 2013 Regular meeting be removed from the Consent Agenda as she felt a segment from the Economic Development discussion was missing and that the minutes be approved at the August 19, 2013 Board of Commissioners’ meeting.

Commissioner Kost asked that the Planning Board appointment be moved from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda for clarification and discussion.

Commissioner Kost moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda with the noted requests as follows:

1. **Minutes:** Approval of Board Minutes for the June 17, 2013 Regular Meeting

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

The June 17, 2013 Work Session Minutes were removed from the Consent Agenda to be considered at the August 19, 2013 Board of Commissioners’ meeting.

2. **Request to Adopt Resolution for Legends Oaks Subdivision:** Vote on a request to adopt **Resolution #2013-27 for the Addition of Streets or Roads to the North Carolina System of Secondary Roads in Legend Oaks Subdivision, Phase 1 & 2 Subdivision as follows:**

Legend Oaks Drive, Grassy Creek Way, Peak View Place, South Dueling Oaks Drive, North Dueling Oaks Drive, Little Bend Court

The motion carried five (5) to zero (0). The resolution is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

3. **Naming of Private Road in Chatham County:** Vote on a request to name a private road in Chatham County as follows:

David Holt Drive

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

4. **Naming of Private Road in Chatham County:** Vote on a request to name a private road in Chatham County as follows:

Chatham Park Way

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

5. **Tax Releases and Refunds:** Vote on 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).

6. **Designate a Voting Delegate to NCACC Annual Conference:** Vote on a request to name Commissioner Mike Cross as the voting delegate to the NCACC Annual Conference

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

7. **Appointment of alternate ETJ Member to Siler City Town Planning Board/Board of Adjustment:** Vote on a request to appoint Darrell Andrews to serve as an alternate ETJ member to the Town Of Siler City Planning Board/Board of Adjustment

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

8. **Agriculture Center Project:** Vote on a request to approve the Project Ordinance and Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

9. **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Scattered Site Housing (2010) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Economic Recovery (2010) Monthly Reports:** Vote on a request to accept the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Scattered Site Housing (2010) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Economic Recovery (2010) Monthly Reports, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

10. **Request to Reduce Setbacks to the Minimum Required by the Zoning District for Private Recreation Camps Solely in the Haw River Township:** Vote on a request by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners to amend Section 10.13 of the Zoning Ordinance to reduce setbacks to the minimum required by the zoning district for private recreation camps solely in the Haw River Township

As per the Planning Board recommendation, by a vote of 7-0, the Board of Commissioners adopted **Resolution #2013-28 Adopting A Consistency Statement for the Approval of Text Amendment to Section 10.13 of**

the Zoning Ordinance of Chatham County, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

As per the Planning Board recommendation, by unanimous vote, the Board of Commissioners adopted **An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of Chatham County**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

11. **Request for Preliminary Plat Approval Located off Big Woods Road in Williams Township:** Vote on a request by Wade Davis for a twelve (12) month extension of the preliminary plat approval for “Wade Davis” consisting of two (2) lots on 10.038 acres, creating the fourth lot on a private easement, located off SR #1716, Big Woods, Williams Township, Parcel #19583

As per the Planning Board, by a vote of 7-0, and Planning Staff recommendation, approval of the request for a twelve-month extension of the preliminary plat setting the new expiration date as July 26, 2014 was granted.

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

12. **Request for Revision to Conditional Use Permit to Add Office and Retail Area on Moncure Road:** Vote on a request by William Jeffrey House, Jordan Dam RV Park, located at 250 Moncure Pittsboro Road, Parcel #11257 and #88475, for a revision to the conditional use permit to add an office to receive and check out guests, have a retail area for small grocery items, and RV supplies. He is also requesting to add a proposed laundry facility to be constructed in the future.

As per the Planning Board recommendation, by unanimous vote, the Board of Commissioners adopted **Resolution #2013-29 Approving a Revision to a Conditional Use Permit Request by William Jeffrey House**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

13. **Chatham County Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance Technical Revisions:** Vote on a request to allow the Chatham County Manager or his designee and Section 21 (2) and (3) be rewritten as follows:

(2) Civil Penalty Assessment Factors

The Chatham County Manager or his/her designee shall determine the amount of the civil penalty based upon the following factor:

(3) Notice of Civil Penalty Assessment

The Chatham County Manager or his/her designee shall provide notice of the civil penalty amount and basis for assessment to the person assessed.

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

14. **Request approval for a fine-free week at Chatham County Public Libraries:** Vote on a request to allow all three branches of Chatham County Libraries to waive fines on late items returned during the week of September 2-6, 2013

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

15. **Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget Amendments:** Vote on a request to approve the transfer from contingency funds as proposed by staff

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

16. **Microsoft Enterprise Agreement Contract:** Vote on a request to approve Microsoft Enterprise Agreement Contract, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

17. **Department of Social Services Contract with Carol J. Holcomb, Attorney-at-Law:** Vote on a request to approve Department of Social Services Contract with Carol J. Holcomb, Attorney-at-law for fiscal year 07/01/2013 to 06/30/2014, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

18. **Department of Social Services Contract with Chatham Transit Network:** Vote on a request to approve the Department of Social Services Contract with Chatham Transit, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

19. **Proclamation by Governor Pat McCrory Proclaiming July 21 - July 27, 2013 as Contract Management Week:** Vote on a request to adopt **Proclamation #2013-___ by Governor Pat McCrory Proclaiming July 21-July 27, 2013 as Contract Management Week**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

20. **Resolution Proclaiming September 2013 as Alzheimer's Disease Month:** Vote on a request to adopt **Resolution #2013-30 Proclaiming September 2013 as Alzheimer's Disease Month**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

21. ~~**Approve of Appointment to the Planning Board:** Vote on a request to appoint Cathy Wright by Commissioner Boek to the Chatham County Planning Board, term to expire December 31, 2014~~

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

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Pat Richardson, representative of Galloway Ridge, thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak. She introduced members of Alzheimer's North Carolina and asked that a proclamation be adopted supporting the Alzheimer's North Carolina efforts.

Alice Watkins, executive director of Alzheimer's North Carolina, encouraged the Board to adopt the Alzheimer's proclamation. She stated that Alzheimer's North Carolina was started by former Governor Bob Scott at Duke University and moved to Raleigh in 1985 to become the eastern North Carolina chapter of the Alzheimer's

Association. In 2009, they became disaffiliated in order to focus all donor money and time on North Carolinians. They now cover the entire state rather than just the eastern portion of the state. She encouraged the Board to support the Alzheimer's North Carolina efforts and support the local, community events of Alzheimer's North Carolina.

Richard Hiatt, 1305 Navaho Drive, Raleigh, NC, development director for Alzheimer's North Carolina, stated that he has seen this event grow. He stated that the Alzheimer's Walk will be held at the Central Carolina Community Library on September 14, 2013 and the Alzheimer's Run on September 28, 2013 at Galloway Ridge. They have expanded from 18 major fund raising events to over 30 events. He stated that his grandmother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2009, and he has seen what has happened not only to his grandmother, but also to his mother who is her caregiver. He thanked the Board for their time.

Ms. Richardson stated that Galloway Ridge has promised to always support the Alzheimer's efforts. She thanked the Board of Commissioners for their efforts in helping to raise awareness for this disease.

Chairman Petty explained that the Resolution Proclaiming September 2013 as Alzheimer's Disease Month was adopted on the Consent Agenda at tonight's meeting.

Barbara Long, 826 Jack Bennett Road, Chapel Hill, NC, presented her comments to the Board and provided them in their entirety for the record as follows:

"I am Barbara Long, and I run Paw in Hand Dog Training near Cole Park Plaza and I am here to speak about tethering from a dog trainer's perspective. During the 22 years I've lived in Chatham County, I've served on the CARE Board of Directors as well as their education committee and animal welfare committee. In 2004 I was a member of the Chatham Health Department task force that evaluated the animal shelter and animal control. I have also been active in my national professional organization, The Association of Pet Dog Trainers, with over 6000 members. In 2012, I was named their Member of the Year.

"The motto of my business is "Humane Training for the Family Companion Dog". As a trainer I want to help people socialize and train their dogs using reward-based methods that produce behaviorally healthy dogs. Or as Dr. Ian Dunbar, the founder of the APDT puts it, Dog friendly techniques for people friendly dogs. I am sure that you want all the dogs in Chatham to be people friendly and safe.

"Dogs need physical exercise, mental stimulation and socialization to develop properly. Dogs who spend lots of time on chains usually don't get all those things and are frequently bored. Bored dogs become nuisance dogs, barking constantly and being destructive.

"But even more importantly than the problem of nuisance dogs, is what happens behaviorally to a young dog that is raised tied out on a chain. Besides not getting the proper socialization that I consider essential for behavioral health, the dog is being classically conditioned at the same time. Every time an excited dog sees a kid, a bicyclist or another dog go by his property he runs out to the end of the chain. The excited dog hits the end of the chain and gets yanked back by the collar, in other words he gets a collar correction or a punishment. Eventually the dog on a chain can make the association that the kid, bicyclist or the other dog is now a predictor that he will get a punishment. Therefore that kid, bicyclist or other dog is now not merely exciting but arousing and a bad thing. This is not the way to produce people friendly dogs.

"You can easily take a nice dog and turn him into an aroused, potentially behaviorally unhealthy, unfriendly dog.

Dogs can and should be great companions and wonderful members of our community. But we have to help them get that way. Chaining dogs outside and limiting their options for appropriate training and socialization is not the way to do that.

If any of you have questions about dog training or behavior I would be happy to discuss that with you. Thank you for your time and attention.”

Reverend Terry Dorsey, thanked the Board for their leadership. He read a piece that he wrote on “How to make a difference on Animal Issues” as follows:

- Be kind. If we want to promote kindness toward animals, we need to show kindness toward those who can help. Our commissioners are good people and all animal lovers. Be kind to them while you seek to better animal welfare in the county.
- Be informed. Your opinion is valuable but information has a greater impact. Do some research and glean it into a clear and concise statement of what you believe. Information and passion is much more powerful than just your personal opinion.
- Be consistent. One e-mail, or one speech does not move people in a different direction. Several, consistent communications will make a difference.
- Be visible. Woody Allen once wrote that 80% of life is showing up. The mistake that many folks make is to rely on just a few to speak for everyone

He stated that he looked forward to entering into a long-term dialogue with the Board regarding long-term solutions to becoming a more humane, moral, and economically viable County.

Tom Glendinning, 160 Eddie Perry Road, Pittsboro, NC, stated that he was thankful for the staff and leadership that we do stating that it is his understanding that the last item on the agenda will save the County a lot of money.

BOARD PRIORITIES

Approve of Appointment to the Planning Board: Vote on a request to appoint Cathy Wright by Commissioner Bock to the Chatham County Planning Board, term to expire December 31, 2014

Commissioner Kost asked for clarification regarding the Planning Board vacancies. She stated that the Ordinance Establishing a Planning Board states that each Commissioner has two appointments to the Planning Board, one residing in said Commissioner’s district and one outside of his/her district. She stated that Cathy Wright resides outside of Commissioner Bock’s district and none would represent his district. She asked what efforts Commissioner Bock took to find a member from District #3 stating that she would vote for this nomination; however, out of respect for the process and out of respect for his nomination, she will support it.

Commissioner Bock stated that he had been looking through applications since March. The vacancy was advertised, and Cathy Wright is the applicant he has chosen for the position.

Commissioner Cross moved, seconded by Commissioner Bock, to appoint Cathy Wright as Commissioner Bock’s appointment to the Chatham County Planning Board, term to expire December 31, 2014. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

PLANNING AND ZONING

Public Hearings:

Discussion of Proposed Subdivision Ordinance Amendments

Hillary Pace, Planner, explained the specifics of the request as follows:

A public hearing request by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners to amend various sections of the Subdivision Regulations regulating travel way requirements regarding North Carolina Fire Code standards, specify waterline completion prior to acceptance of a financial guarantee, change the Board of Commissioner time for approval of plats from four meetings to 60 days, clarify the approval period for Construction Plans as 24 months, clarify that Environmental Impact Assessments do not apply to bona fide farm activities, and clarify site distance easement requirements:

In February 2012, the North Carolina Office of the State Fire Marshal issued a formal interpretation of Sections 102.10 and 503 the 2009 Fire Code which defined the minimum design criteria such as width and load capacity of travel ways as it applies to subdivisions. The regulations state that an unobstructed width of 20' is required for fire apparatus access roads. This interpretation represented an impact on the county's currently adopted private road standards. The office issued a determination in February 2012 that the county's fire code official may accept road widths of less than 20 feet as an alternate material, design or method provided the standards provide the same level of functionality and technical equivalency as intended by Section 503 of the North Carolina Fire Code. The determination also affirmed that roads that were established prior to the 2009 North Carolina Fire Code that are less than 20 feet in width are considered preexisting and do not need to conform to the standards put forth in the recent interpretation.

Working closely with the Chatham Fire Marshal and other County staff to resolve the multiple conflicts within the subdivision ordinance as it pertains to the 2012 North Carolina Fire Code interpretation, staff is introducing an amendment to the subdivision ordinance that encompasses updates to private road travel way design standards. Staff has also included additional miscellaneous amendments that clarify existing regulations and support a streamlined review process for plat review based on prior board direction.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments.

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

The Chairman closed the floor for public comments.

Discussion of amendment to Section 15.10 of the Zoning Ordinance regulating Temporary Signs

Hillary Pace, Planner, explained the specifics of the request as follows:

A public hearing request by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners to amend Section 15.10 of the Zoning Ordinance regulating off-premise temporary signs for bona fide farm seasonal harvesting activities and auction events:

At the May 6, 2013 Commissioner's meeting, the Board had a preliminary discussion regarding off-premise temporary sign regulations for bona fide farms advertising seasonal harvesting activities, such as strawberry picking. Planning staff reviewed the ordinance and brought forward proposed language for discussion at the Board's June 17th work session meeting. Following the discussion of the proposed ordinance language, the Board set a public hearing date for July 15th.

Staff has proposed an amendment to Section 15.10 of the Zoning Ordinance (see Attachment 1) that would allow off-premise temporary advertisement signs for bona fide farms during the seasonal harvesting season. Permitted signs would be limited to 32 sq. ft. in area and 10 feet in height, allowing one off-premise directional sign per street or road frontage per parcel.

Staff has also added a provision for auction signs, restricting the temporary off-premise signs to the same dimensional regulations as the off-premise farm advertising signs, but limited to a total of three signs per auction.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments.

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

Commissioner Kost asked Ms. Pace to bring back in staff notes why the State has the two feet by two feet with regard to the size of the signs.

Commissioner Cross stated that 15.10 states that no such sign shall be permitted on public property or within public right-of-way unless authorized by a responsible land owner. He asked if that made sense to anyone.

Ms. Pace stated that it should be responsible land owner or agency.

Commissioner Cross stated that he could understand “agency” which would be NCDOT, but if it is a public right-of-way, he didn’t understand “land owner”.

Commissioner Kost stated that it would keep someone from putting a sign in front of her property.

The Chairman closed the floor for public comments.

Public hearing to receive public comments on the refinancing of two previous borrowings: 1) the Certificates of Participation issued in 2006 and 2) the installment financing for the Margaret Pollard Middle School in 2009 AND the adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of the Amendment to the 2006 Contract, the Notice of Extension to the Deed of Trust and the Escrow Agreement and Authorizing the Finance Officer, the County Manager, the Chairman and the Clerk to the Board to Execute and Deliver all Needed Documents to Effect the Transaction. By refinancing these two issues the County has an opportunity to realize a savings on interest payments due over the term of the borrowing.

Vicki McConnell, Finance Officer, explained the specifics of the request stating the public hearing is to receive public comments on the proposed refinancing of two previous borrowings for the Margaret Pollard Middle School and a portion of the 2006 COPS. The LGC requires that we save at least 3% before refinancing can occur. By refinancing these two issues the County has an opportunity to realize a savings on interest payments due over the term of the borrowing. If we cannot meet the 3% requirement, we will not refinance.

Chairman Petty asked how much it would equate to in dollars.

The Finance Officer stated that it would be approximately \$100,000 per year.

Commissioner Kost asked how much it would cost to do this.

The Finance Officer stated it would cost approximately \$120,000.00.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments.

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

The Chairman closed the floor for public comments.

Commissioner Cross moved, seconded by Commissioner Bock, to approve the refinancing of two previous borrowings: 1) the Certificates of Participation issued in 2006 and 2) the installment financing for the Margaret Pollard Middle School in 2009 AND the adoption of **Resolution #2013-31 Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of the Amendment to the 2006 Contract, the Notice of Extension to the Deed of Trust and the Escrow Agreement and Authorizing the Finance Officer, the County Manager, the Chairman and the Clerk to the Board to Execute and Deliver all Needed Documents to Effect the Transaction.** The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

MANAGER'S REPORTS

Tax Reform Bill:

The County Manager explained that the Legislature and the Governor have reached an agreement on Tax Reform Bill. He stated that they would sort out its impact on Chatham County as soon as possible.

MPO:

Commissioner Kost asked if they had received any feedback from the MPO regarding the funding formula and what they said when we said we would pay dues for just that section that we are required to have in the MPO.

The County Manager stated that the document and discussion would be on the August 19, 2013 Board of Commissioners' agenda.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Sprott Center:

Commissioner Cross stated that Patrick Barnes had a pre-ap meeting with the Planning Department last Wednesday regarding the Sprott Center. Everything went well. There was a small hang-up on deciding what has to be done with the septic system. They will be uncovering some of it and have an inspector review it and tell them what they have to do. The system that is in is clay-based with a cinder block wall. They will have to put in a new septic system before they get permitted to do anything else.

Governor's Proposed Changes in the Transportation Funding Model:

Commissioner Kost stated that the Governor's Proposed Transportation Funding Model will change the role of the RPO from one of being an advisory role into one that will be a decision-maker. She stated with that change, she will fill out the financial disclosures and become a voting member because she would not do anything that would hurt Chatham County and our ability to get money for roads. She stated that if the Board would like for her to continue on the RPO, she is willing to do so.

RPO:

Commissioner Kost stated that perhaps the Board could get Debra Henzey to work with the Planning Department and transportation as we need to begin identifying the road projects which will begin in August. She stated that she thinks it would be a good idea to prepare a press release so that we can hear from the community about various aspects in roads that they feel need to be improved. This would need to be done within the next couple of weeks.

Library Closings:

Commissioner Kost stated that she had received a concern from a citizen at the library who was sent out in the storm when the library closed early. She stated that she hopes staff is reviewing that policy and anytime there is a strong advisory out, we make sure that citizens and staff are accommodated so that they are not being sent out into the elements.

Appointment to CCCC Board of Trustees:

Commissioner Kost stated that she was told last week that Tracy Hanner, who has served on the Central Carolina Community College Board of Trustees sent a letter requesting reappointment. She said that if a letter was received, the Board should have considered the application.

Each Board Member confirmed that they had received no letter of application from Tracy Hanner.

The Deputy Clerk stated that she received a thank you letter saying that his term was expiring.

Zimbabwe Representatives:

Commissioner Kost stated that she was thrilled to read where Commissioner Bock met with Zimbabwe representatives; that only one Commissioner attended; and that she would have loved to have had the opportunity as she is interested in African government. She asked that if the Chair and the Vice Chair are not representing the Board, that the offer be extended to other Board members so they could participate.

Chairman Petty stated that he had planned to attend until the meeting was moved at the last minute.

Crosswalks to the Historic Courthouse:

Commissioner Kost asked if we could ask NCDOT to repaint the crosswalks at all four corners of the building. She stated that crossing the street is a challenge and the crosswalks desperately need to be repainted. She stated that it may be part of the 15-501 project and that she would like to see signs stating "Yield to Pedestrians".

The County Manager stated that he will check on it.

RPO Appointment:

The Deputy Clerk stated that the RPO wanted to know if the Board of Commissioners would have a nomination by the August meeting. She asked if it was permissible with the Board to let them know that Commissioner Kost would be the Chatham County representative.

Commissioner Cross moved, seconded by Commissioner Bock, to appoint Commissioner Sally Kost as the RPO representative to a two-year term. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cross seconded by Commissioner Bock, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0), and the meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM.

Walter Petty, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra B. Sublett, CMC, NCCCC, Clerk to the Board
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