

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
AUGUST 07, 2006

The Board of Commissioners (“the Board”) of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met in the Agricultural Building Auditorium, 45 South Street, located in Pittsboro, North Carolina, at 10:00 AM on August 07, 2006.

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

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 10:03.

The County Manager reviewed the Work Session Agenda.

Work Session

1. Noise Ordinance Draft
2. School Bonds: Request for delay of referendum and funding by COPS
3. Chatham-Cary Joint Area Plan Update
4. Covenants for Central Carolina Business Campus
5. Board of Commissioners: IRS and Expenses
6. Consideration of a request to convey officer weapon to retiring deputy
7. Consideration of a request to approve a loan to the Chatham County Council on Aging for the Siler City Senior Citizens Center
8. Chatham/Harnett Transmission Mains, Pumping Facilities and Storage Facilities Professional Services Contract Surveying and Preliminary Design Services
9. Closed Session to discuss litigation

REDISTRICTING

Dr. Tom Wagner, Jr., Chairman of the Redistricting Committee, stated that the members of the Redistricting Committee have been extraordinarily efficient and pleasant and that he had enjoyed working with them.

Dr. Wagner stated that after considering sixteen different maps, the Redistricting Committee recommends map #5-3 for consideration by the Board of Commissioners; that the reasons for choosing this map are as follows: 1) The boundaries are well defined because they follow roads and streams. They are clean looking and the districts are compact. 2) Based on the official 200 census figures, the population numbers of each district are as nearly equal as practicable. 3) They have been sensitive to minority concerns which were voiced at the public input session at the July 18, 2006 Board of Commissioners’ meeting. 4) They have complied with the requests of each of the town boards that their towns not be divided. 5) They have complied with the requirement that they not interfere with the unexpired term of any sitting Commissioner. The new districts will take effect for the 2008 election. The terms of current Commissioners Cross and Barnes expire in 2008.

He stated that the newly drawn boundaries would affect current and prospective Commissioners as follows:

District #1: Incoming commissioner Lucier and current Commissioner Barnes both live in District #1. In 2008, Commissioner Lucier will still have two years left to serve. Therefore, Commissioner Barnes would need to wait two years if he chose to file for reelection.

District #2: If Commissioner Cross chooses to seek reelection in 2008, he would run in his newly defined District #2.

District #3: Mr. Vanderbeck resides in the current District #4 and if he is elected in 2006, he would then serve four years in new District #3.

District #4: Mr. Karl Ernst resides in the current District #4. If he is elected in 2006, he would then serve four years in the new District #4.

District #5: Incoming Commissioner Carl Thompson's district would not change

Note: Depending on who is elected in November, 2006 (Mr. Ernst or Mr. Vanderbeck) the seats to be filled in the election of 2008 will be either District #2 and District #3 or District #2 and District #4.

The Board thanked the committee for their efforts.

Draft maps of the proposed Board of Commissioners districts (Plan 5-3) and proposed Board of Commissioners districts with current Board of Commissioners' districts are attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ms. Debs McManus, representative of the Board of Education, stated that at their July 24, 2006 Board of Education meeting, their board voted to request a delay of the November, 2006 bond referendum and ask that Certificate of Participation (COPs) funds be employed to build the new high school.

A considerable amount of discussion ensued by the Board of Commissioners regarding the request by the Board of Education to delay the bond referendum and to fund the new high school with COPs.

The Board of Education expressed concern about not having enough time to mobilize a supporting public.

The Board of Commissioners expressed concern that irreparable damage had already been done because the Board of Education had prematurely determined by public comment that there was insufficient time to mobilize to pass a bond referendum.

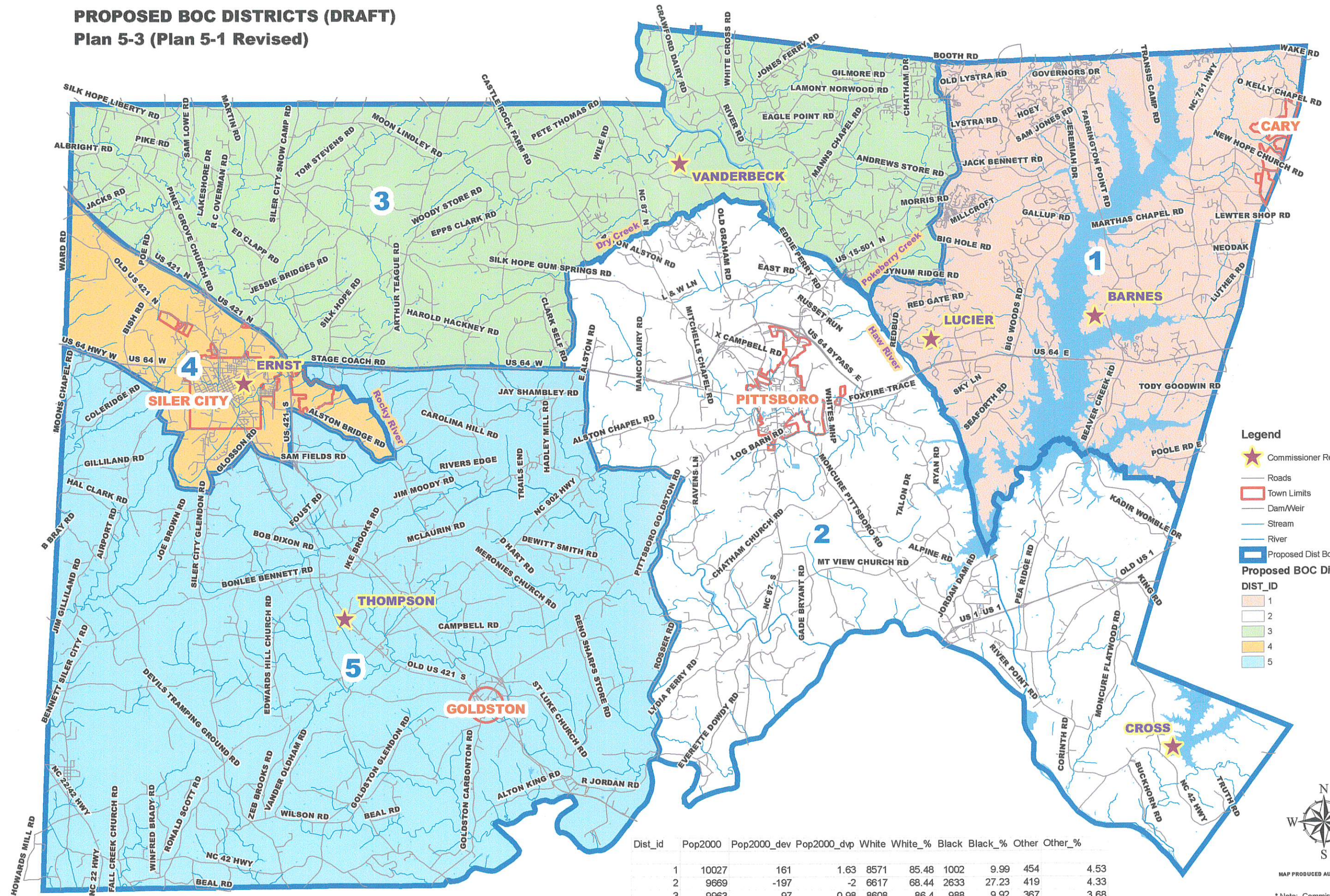
After further discussion, Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, to remove the bond from the fall election at the Board of Education's request. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

The Board of Commissioners agreed to meet with the Board of Education on Monday, August 14, 2006 at 6:00 PM at the Administrative Offices of the Board of Education to further discuss the matter.

BREAK

The Chairman called for a short break.

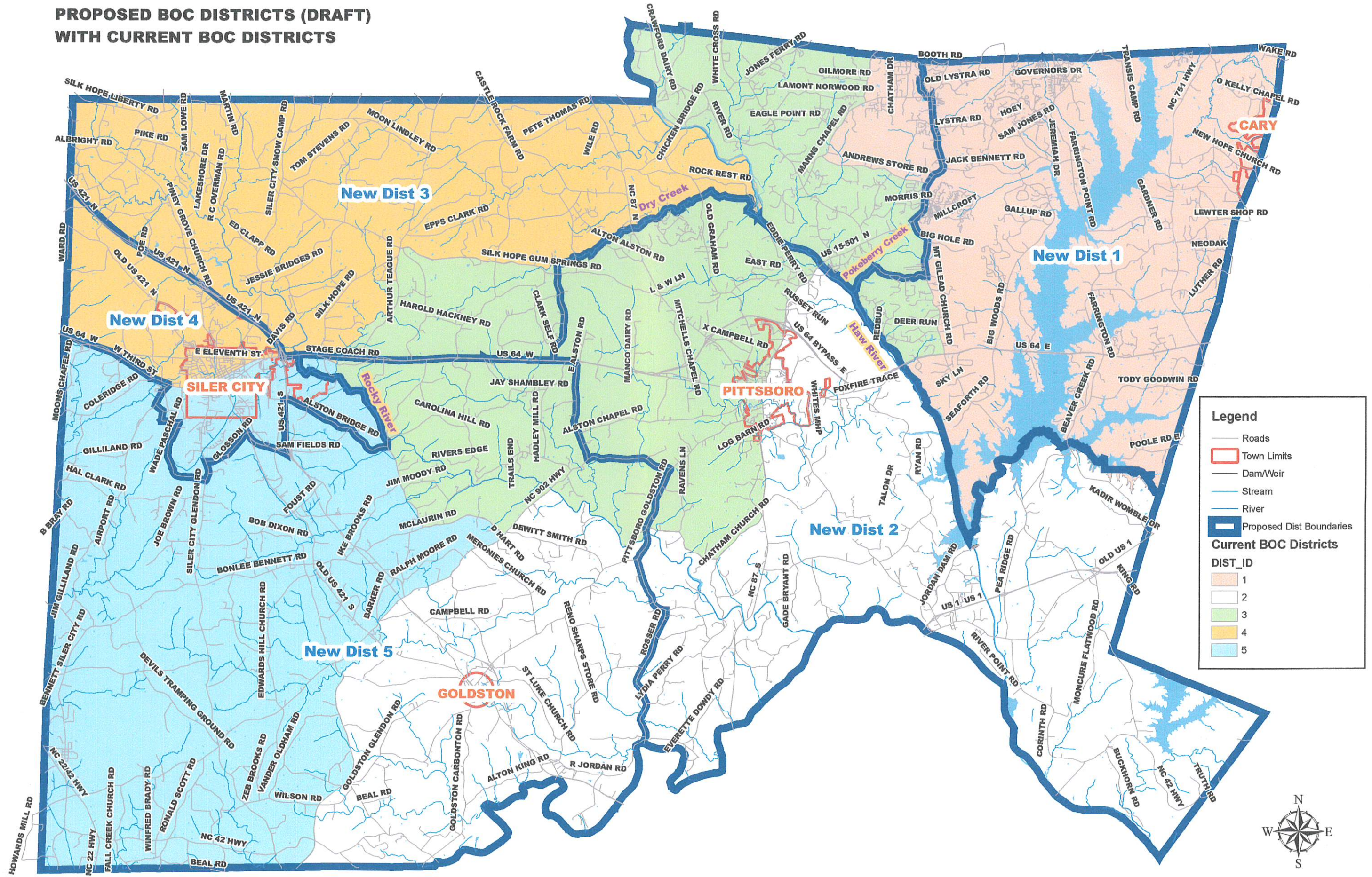
PROPOSED BOC DISTRICTS (DRAFT)
Plan 5-3 (Plan 5-1 Revised)



MAP PRODUCED AUGUST 7, 2006

* Note: Commissioner seat 4 between Ernst and Vanderbeck is yet to be determined.

**PROPOSED BOC DISTRICTS (DRAFT)
WITH CURRENT BOC DISTRICTS**



Legend

- Roads
- Town Limits
- Dam/Weir
- Stream
- River
- Proposed Dist Boundaries
- Current BOC Districts

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