

**MINUTES  
CHATHAM COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD SUMMIT  
JANUARY 04, 2006**

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The Board of Commissioners (“the Board”) of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met in the Henry H. Dunlap, Jr. Building Classroom, located in Pittsboro, North Carolina, at 9:00 AM on January 04, 2006.

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

*Tentative Agenda*

*January 04, 2006*

**Capital Improvements Plan**

- General Fund
- Utilities: Water Update and Sewer (re: Goldston)

**Budget**

- Major Issues
- 2006 Revenues: Current and Projected (end of year)
- 2007 Revenue Projections
- Operating Budget 2007
- Board of Commissioners’ Priorities

**Board Time**

- Other Issues

The Chairman called the Board Retreat to order at 9:00 AM.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN**

**Utilities: Water Update and Sewer:**

Tim Carpenter, Hobbs, Upchurch, & Associates engineer, presented an update on efforts to achieve additional water capacity for the future. The Board had extended discussions on the two options and agreed that the County Manager could continue discussions with both Harnett County and the City of Sanford.

The Assistant County Manager presented the Water Capital Improvements Plan.

The Board discussed moving the Goldston Sewer project to a later year and budgeting the water capacity upgrade. The Assistant County Manager suggested that they use the costliest scenario for purposes of budgeting for the capacity upgrade, but present all three options. The presentation is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, to approve the Recommended Water CIP with the changes noted above. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Debra Henzey, Grants and Special Projects Manager, made a presentation on the feasibility of obtaining grants for various county projects. The presentation is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

### **Voting Equipment:**

The County Manager presented a draft letter to the governor seeking support for a special session of the General Assembly to enact a modest delay in implementation of Senate Bill 223, Public Confidence in Elections

Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, to approve the letter to be sent to the Governor of the State of North Carolina seeking support for a special session of the General Assembly to enact a modest delay in implementation of Senate Bill 223, Public Confidence in Elections. The motion carried 5 to 0.

### **BUDGET**

By consensus the Board agreed that the County Manager should attempt to present a budget without a tax increase, but that the County Manager was not bound by this if additional resources were needed for high priority items.

The County Manager stated that he would present options for the Board to consider if a tax rate increase is recommended, including an option for no tax increase.

### **Security Funds:**

The Finance Officer stated that the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) has been allotted approximately \$500,000 in funds from the US Department of Homeland Security and administered by the NC Department of Crime Control and Public Safety for court security equipment across the State. She stated that in order to help make the difficult decision of how to allocate the funds, a survey was designed to inform the AOC about the County's critical, prioritized needs for court security.

Commissioner Cross moved, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, to authorize the application for courtroom security funds. The motion carried 5 to 0.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Cross moved, seconded by Commissioner Emerson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0), and the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM.

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Bunkey Morgan, Chairman

ATTEST:

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