

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 04, 2006

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

Chatham County Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Proposed Budget:

Charlie Horne, County Manager, distributed and reviewed the recommended Fiscal Year 2006-2007 budget highlights as follows:

Highlights:

- Total property valuation is \$6.4 billion, 5.8 percent increase
- No change in tax rate proposed
- Increase in water rates proposed
- Adjustment in environmental health fees proposed
- Use of fund balance tied to Capital Improvements Program (CIP); fully funds CIP items approved for 2007

Highlights:

- 13 new positions recommended; two existing positions increased to full time
 - 5 positions in public safety
 - 2 positions in planning
 - 2 positions in tax
 - Other positions in MIS, manager’s office, water, and social services

Chatham County Schools Request—Preliminary:

- Figures not final, pulled from website; official request will be presented May 8
- \$23,152,699 requested, a 25 percent increase
- Recommendation is based on funding formula, plus earmarking lottery proceeds for eligible capital projects
- Difference is equivalent to 5.2 cents on the tax rate

Administrative Priorities:

- Making a Difference through Public Service:
 - Service to Customers and Residents
 - Employee Development and Retention
 - Resource Stewardship
 - Vital Communications

Renee Dickson, Assistant County Manager, reviewed and distributed a copy of the recommended non-profit allocations. A copy is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Chairman Morgan stated that he would like to see another inspector position in the budget stating that it was a “fee-driven” position.

The Chairman commended staff on the preparation of the new budget and administering the last one.

Scheduled Meetings:

The County Manager reviewed the scheduled Board meetings as follows:

May 08, 2006	Joint meeting with the Board of Education, 6:00 PM Northwood High School
May 15, 2006	Work Session to include budget, 2:00 PM Dunlap Building Classroom
May 16, 2006	Public hearing in the District Courtroom, 2:00 PM Siler City Public Hearing, 7:00 PM Siler City Courtroom

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation Grant Agreement Amendment:

Commissioner Barnes moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to approve the amended Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation Grant Agreement. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Old Moncure Fire Department Building:

Commissioner Cross asked what was going to be done with the old Moncure Fire Department building.

The Chairman asked that an inquiry be made as to what the building was going to be used for before the next work session.

Bond Issue:

A discussion on the bond issue ensued.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Barnes moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried five (5) to zero, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 AM.

Bunkey Morgan, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra B. Sublett, CMC, Clerk to the Board
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