

**MINUTES**  
**CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**JANUARY 07, 2008**

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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 9:00 AM on January 07, 2008.

Present: Chairman George Lucier; Vice Chair, Mike Cross; Commissioners Patrick Barnes, Carl Thompson, and Tom Vanderbeck, County Manager, Charlie Horne; Assistant County Manager, Renee Paschal; County Attorney, Kevin Whiteheart; Finance Officer, Vicki McConnell; and Clerk to the Board, Sandra B. Sublett

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 9:04 AM.

**AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Commissioner Vanderbeck asked that Item #5, Consideration of a request to approve comments for draft Jordan Lake Master Plan, be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda for discussion.

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Vanderbeck, to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda with the noted request:

1. **Minutes:** Consideration of a request for approval of Board Minutes for regular meeting held December 03, 2007, work session held December 03, 2007, special meeting public hearings held December 10, 2007

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

2. **Funds Acceptance by Chatham County Health Department:** Consideration of a request to accept funds in the amount of \$7,448 for contract services to be provided by the Chatham County Public Health Department, HIV Case Manager, to the Chatham Social Health Council

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

3. **Funds Acceptance by Chatham County Health Department:** Consideration of a request to accept funds in the amount of \$29,654 for sterilizations awarded to the Chatham County Health Department

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

4. **Tax Releases and Refunds:** Consideration of 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).

~~5. **Draft Jordan Lake Master Plan:** Consideration of a request to approve comments for draft Jordan Lake Master Plan~~

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

6. **Planning Board Appointment:** Consideration of a request to appoint Peter Theye to the Planning Board

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

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS**

**Draft Jordan Lake Master Plan:** Consideration of a request to approve comments for draft Jordan Lake Master Plan

Chairman Lucier explained that in December, 2007, the Board of Commissioners received notice that the Master Plan was up for public comment; that the comments were due by December 15<sup>th</sup>; that it didn't give Chatham County sufficient time to respond by the deadline; that the Board formed a joint committee (three members of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, three members of the Environmental Review Board); that short notice was given to the group requesting comments by the January 7, 2008 Board of Commissioners' meeting because they had to be submitted by mid-month; that with a feeling that the vast majority of Jordan Lake lies within Chatham County, they really needed to provide substantial comments for this; that the group has met once and put together an impressive document; that he read it over the weekend and found it to be a superb document; and that he understands that there are a few revisions that have to be made at this point. He asked for comments for those in attendance who wished to do so.

**Tracy Burnett**, Recreation Director, stated that this was a joint effort between the Environmental Review Board and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board; and that they came up with some good recommendations to carry to the Corps of Engineers for their joint lake master plan update.

**Allison Weakley** stated that they met on Friday and had a six page document by Saturday; that some slight revisions to the document may be needed; that most of the issues have been addressed and there may be some that need tweaking; that their overall feeling was that Chatham County was not given sufficient time to give input; that they should be working more closely with the Corps of Engineers on the master plan project; that the last master plan completed for Jordan Lake was twenty-five years ago; that this is the first time that Chatham County has been invited to participate in the update effort; and that they had a whole list of more specific concerns addressing items in the plan.

Chairman Lucier stated that from his perspective, he agreed with the points that were made; that he understands that they wish to make a few brief revisions before it is finalized; that his proposal to the Board is that perhaps it could be approved in concept, the revisions made, and it sent out to meet the January 18, 2008 deadline. He stated that the other option is to wait until the revisions were made and it be approved during the Board summit on January 16-17, 2008.

Commissioner Cross moved, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, to approve the draft Jordan Lake Master Plan. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

The Chairman thanked the board for their work efforts stating that it was a remarkable document.

**PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

There was no one who wished to make public comments.

## **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS**

**Resolutions Honoring Volunteers:** Consideration of a request to present the Resolutions Honoring the Service of Robert Henderson and Resolution Honoring the Service of David LeGrys for their work on the Chatham County Lighting Ordinance

The Chairman read the resolutions, approved at the Board's October 15, 2007 Board of Commissioners' meeting, in their entirety.

The Board expressed appreciation for Mr. LeGrys' (who was present at the meeting) dedication and service to the County in this important venture. Copies of the resolutions are attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Mr. LeGrys thanked the Board for his resolution stating that it meant a lot to him. He acknowledged the wonderful working relationship with Planning Director Megginson over the years stating that he was very glad that he was there. He stated that he appreciated the opportunity to continue serving the County after he left the Planning Board; that over the years, Mr. Megginson and his staff graciously allowed him to continue to help. He also thanked the Board for what they are doing stating that he knows that they give many hours in service to the County; that the thing that means so much to him is the implementation of the Land Development Plan; that when he was the chairman of the Planning Board, they began work efforts and worked very hard to put together a vision for Chatham County; that he didn't know if it was ever going to be implemented; that what the Board has been doing the last couple of years has meant a lot to him and the County; and that he thanks the Board for having the courage and the vision to take the time to implement it. He again thanked the Board for their acknowledgement and work efforts.

## **MANAGER' S REPORTS**

### **Moncure Fire Department Public Hearing:**

The County Manager stated that there had been a request for a public hearing from the Moncure Fire Department to change their zoning status from Business (B-1) to Residential/Agricultural (RA-40) and individuals to rezone property located at 1310, 1334, and 1352 Old US Highway #1, Moncure, NC for January 22, 2008 Board of Commissioners' meeting.

### **Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse:**

The County Manager explained that there were a couple of capital improvement items that needed approval in order for the County to officially reimburse itself with bond proceeds; that one is for the construction of water lines and improvements to the existing water system including the water plant located on Beaver Creek Road; and that the other is for the construction and renovation of school facilities, two Central Carolina Community College facilities, a judicial facility, and a library.

Commissioner Barnes moved, seconded by Commissioner Vanderbeck, to approve the **Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse** for the construction and renovation of school facilities, two Central Carolina Community College facilities, a judicial facility, and a library, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Vanderbeck moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to approve the **Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse** for the construction of water lines (across Jordan Lake and extending North and to the Western sections of Chatham County) and improvements to the existing water system including the water plant located on Beaver Creek Road, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

## **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

### **Westfall Project:**

Chairman Lucier stated that the Board would discuss the Westfall project at their January 16, 2008 Board of Commissioners' summit. He stated that he was waiting to hear from Nick Robinson as to their preference of dates and times as the Board will need to take action on this matter by January 18, 2008.

### **Siler City Town Council Meeting.**

Chairman Lucier stated that Commissioner Cross and he will be attending the Siler City Town Council meeting on February 4, 2008, 7:00 PM, to present their ideas for discussion on collaboration and cooperation between Siler City and the County and that a similar meeting will be held with the Town of Pittsboro.

### **Water Allocation Meeting:**

Chairman Lucier stated that a water allocation meeting update for Jordan Lake will be held on Wednesday and that Commissioner Barnes will be attending the meeting.

### **Nuclear Regulatory Commission:**

Chairman Lucier stated that he had received several documents from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, including their draft generic environmental impact assessment; that he has not yet reviewed it; and that the comments are due on March 05, 2008. He asked if the County had historically made comments on it.

The County Manager explained that some years back, the County had a Shearon Harris Subcommittee; that it has long since been sunset; and that it has been defunct for many years.

Ms. Allison Weakley stated that she would take a quick look at it to see if it is something that the Environmental Review Board should look at.

### **Sludge Disposal in Chatham County:**

Chairman Lucier stated that he had received a notice regarding Burlington's disposal of sludge in Chatham County; that it was from the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League; that according to their statement, there is almost six million gallons per day of sludge that is deposited on Chatham County lands; that they were asking whether or not this is something that should be assessed for environmental concerns; and that he is unsure of what properties are involved. He asked if this is something that the County should review stating that Burlington's permit is up for renewal.

The County Manager stated that typically this was sent Environmental Health; that the State permits sludge applications, farms, pastures, etc.; and that there are a number of things that have to meet standards with regard to minerals, nutrients, etc.

Elaine Chiosso stated that this is definitely an issue that needs to be addressed by citizens; that most of the sludge is coming from Alamance County; that the letter received if from a group in Alamance County that has been looking intensely at the situation; that it is a country-wide issue as to what is happening with sludge applications, build-up of heavy metals, pathogens, etc.; that Burlington has been of great concern to a lot of people due to the heavy industry located there that goes into the waste water treatment as opposed to OWASA sludge which has considerably less; that it is an issue that is going to be coming more to the core front in the next two to three years; that if the Board would like for the Environmental Review Board to review it, they can look at it in terms of Chatham County; and that she feels that there are definitely some environmental concerns.

Chairman Lucier expressed his appreciation and stated that Commissioner Barnes said that he had a map that shows all of the Chatham County sites which would be

particularly helpful to use as a starting point to see which ones might be in sensitive watershed areas.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Vanderbeck, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0), and the meeting adjourned at 9:31 AM.

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George Lucier, Chairman

ATTEST:

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