



Chatham County, NC

Meeting Minutes

Board of Commissioners

Monday, July 20, 2020

6:00 PM

Historic Courthouse Courtroom

Work Session - 2:30 PM - Agriculture and Conference Center

The meeting will be broadcast via GoTo Webinar. Residents can access the meeting by completing the registration link:

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Present: 5 - Chair Karen Howard, Vice Chair Diana Hales, Commissioner Jim Crawford, Commissioner Mike Dasher and Commissioner Andy Wilkie

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Laura Bradley submitted the following comments:

Good afternoon Commissioners. Thank you for allowing me to speak to you today. My name is Laura Bradley, and I am a resident of Chatham County. I am here today to give input as to the Commissioner's upcoming decision on scheduling the backlog of public hearings.

In a state of emergency, it is critical that resource allocation be carefully monitored, prioritizing decisions based on what is most vital to the community at that time. We must efficiently conserve resources that are now in even greater demand.

Quite simply, the application for Williams Corner is not one that should be a top priority for the county right now because there are known deficiencies and items that have not been sufficiently addressed in the proposal. Moving forward at this time is not a judicious use of anyone's time and resources: the County officials, volunteer advisory committees, or the community at large.

The Environmental Review Advisory Committee has noted that there are multiple areas in the EIA still needing to be addressed - so many that they have asked the developer to appear before them again. Likewise, the planning staff has noted that the proposal does not adequately address wastewater issues. In fact, wastewater management appears to hinge on matters that will not be heard by the Utilities Commission until September, and are then almost certain to be legally challenged. The developer has attempted to have his cake and eat it too by vaguely referencing on-site wastewater management, but here again, there are no specifics that would allow for meaningful discussion and evaluation. On-site wastewater management would be a significant alteration to the site plan - triggering the need for resubmittal. And given the economic changes since the plan was submitted seven months ago, any economic data provided in January is now woefully outdated and virtually useless.

If the developer wants his proposal to be approved, the burden is on him to put forth all the information needed to adequately assess it. We should not have to do his job for him. Moving forward on Williams Corner is not fair to anyone else on the agenda who

did do their due diligence.

Given the magnitude of this proposal, it is absolutely critical that the Williams Corner public hearing be conducted at a time when all the facts are available and staff, Commissioners, and the community at large will have ample time to both evaluate the facts and debate this precedent setting proposal. We cannot rush through this process. Please be mindful of this as you are making decisions on future agendas tonight. Please require the developer to provide all needed information before scheduling a public hearing. Thank you for your time.

Chris Ehrenfeld submitted the following comments:

Dear Commissioners:

As a dedicated member of the Chatham County community, Williams Corner means a great deal to me personally. This project has undoubtedly caused a divide among neighboring residents as it is the first major project that brings life to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. As we have learned through recent events and movements, the only way we can make progress and move forward is to do what is right, even if everyone does not agree. We are not going to solve the inequality of our current housing market, or access to things like good schools and quality health care through continued single family residential sprawl. With Williams Corner, we have an opportunity to fund our schools, create jobs, improve our roads, reduce the affordable housing gap and breath life into a Comp Plan that so many dedicated so much time to create.

The next step is for the Williams Corner public hearing to occur. The pandemic has obviously shifted how we all function on a daily basis. Pre-Covid, very few of us used video conferencing. Now, everybody uses video conferencing for communication. It only makes sense that we are handling government meetings in a similar fashion. I have participated in several of the County's Go-To-Webinar meetings. There have been challenges but staff has done an excellent job of navigating those challenges. I think the system you now have in place is a great way to move forward.

As you decide when you will be hearing the backlog of projects, I feel it is fair that the Williams Corner public hearings be given top priority over any other legislative public hearings that were applied-for after Williams Corner. Williams Corner has been on file since January, longer than any other pending planning matter, and there were no other legislative public hearing applications filed that month. It seems reasonable, fair and prudent that the Williams Corner public hearings should not be delayed, even another day, in favor of hearings on applications that were filed after ours. Together, we can make progress and positive change to our community.

Julie Esther submitted the following comments:

Good afternoon, Commissioners,

I am speaking today as a Chatham county citizen to ask that you reconsider the plan to schedule the Williams Corner public hearing on August 17th. I am requesting this due to the news that multiple other hearings are also scheduled for the August

meeting, including quasi-judicial hearings that will take priority over the Williams Corner hearing.

Chatham county staff have gone to great lengths to develop a remote format for county meetings. While this allows meetings to continue to move forward, it is important to take into consideration when planning the agenda for remote meetings that this virtual format makes conducting the business of the meetings more tedious and time-consuming. During every remote county meeting I have attended, the meeting has had to be stopped multiple times to address technical problems or provide technical guidance to a participant who is having difficulty. To be clear, this is through no fault of county staff. This is simply the reality of holding meetings remotely.

County staff have known since January that the Williams Corner public hearing was going to be long, given the need to accommodate considerable public input. In fact, staff even took the unusual step of scheduling the public hearing at the Agriculture Center due to the large number of people expected to attend. Given this level of public interest, it does not make sense for the Commissioners to hold a public hearing on Williams Corner on the same night as another hearing. Even simple agenda items take longer than normal due to the remote format, meaning the Williams Corner hearing may be pushed late into the night. Scheduling the Williams Corner hearing in this way, especially during a pandemic, risks sending the message to the public that the County is trying to minimize public participation in the Williams Corner hearing.

I have been told that the Commissioners may consider scheduling additional meetings to provide sufficient time to discuss each proposal while still allowing the county to address a backlog of agenda items. While understandable, I would urge caution. Sending a large number of items through the Board of Commissioners in a short period of time may create problems for the Planning Board. The Planning Board is the primary forum in which details of a proposal can be considered in depth. However, because the Planning Board is not allowed to meet in person due to pandemic restrictions and must meet entirely virtually, they are having even more trouble than the Commissioners with the efficiency of remote meetings. Since the Planning Board is legally limited to no more than three meetings once a proposal has cleared the Board of Commissioners, it seems difficult to see how they could give Williams Corner the attention it requires if they must also review a large number of other proposals. Such a plan could give the community the impression that the Commissioners are trying to push through a controversial project without due consideration.

Because the Williams Corner proposal is so complex, problematic, and highly opposed, it is critical that the public hearing and Planning Board meetings are planned carefully. I respectfully request that you schedule the Williams Corner public hearing for a time that facilitates public input, rather than hindering it. Thank you.

BOARD PRIORITIES

[20-3557](#)

Receive an update from Cooperative Extension Horticulture Agent Matt Jones

Attachments: [Board of Commissioners Presentation July 20 2020](#)

Chatham County Cooperative Extension Horticulture Agent Matt Jones gave a

presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached)

[20-3558](#)

Receive update from the Agriculture Advisory Board

Attachments: [Chatham County Ag Advisory Board update - July 2020](#)

Ben Shields, member of the Agriculture Advisory Board, gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached)

[20-3553](#)

Vote on a Request to Approve a Resolution Amending Chatham County Personnel Policy-July 2020

Attachments: [BOC Resolution Amending PP 07202020](#)
[PP Amendments 072020 Redline Copy](#)

Human Resources, Safety and Risk, and Conference Center Director Carolyn Miller reviewed the specifics of the request.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hales, seconded by Commissioner Dasher, that this Resolution #2020-29 Amending the Chatham County Personnel Policy, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Howard, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Wilkie

[20-3555](#)

Receive update and presentation from Chatham Economic Development Corporation.

Attachments: [07-20-2020 Chatham BOC Presentation](#)

Chatham Economic Development Corporation President Alyssa Byrd gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached)

CLOSED SESSION

[20-3559](#)

Closed Session for the purposes of discussing matters relating to economic development, attorney-client privilege, and personnel.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hales, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, to approve going out of the Work Session and convening in Closed Session to discuss matters relating to economic development, attorney-client privilege, and personnel. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Howard, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Wilkie

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Dasher, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Howard, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Wilkie

End of Work Session

Regular Session - 6:00 PM - Agriculture and Conference Center

INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Howard asked everyone to pause for a moment of silence after which she invited everyone present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Howard welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA and CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hales, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, that the Agenda and Consent Agenda be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Howard, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Wilkie

[20-3528](#)

Vote on a request to approve the naming of one private road in Chatham County

Attachments: [SWEET VIRGINIA LANE PETITION](#)
[SWEET VIRGINIA LANE MAP](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hales, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, that this Agenda Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Howard, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Wilkie

[20-3542](#)

Vote on a request to approve the naming of one private road in Chatham County

Attachments: [TRIBUTARY TRAIL PETITION](#)
[TRIBUTARY TRAIL MAP](#)
[TRIBUTARY TRAIL AREA MAP](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hales, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, that this Agenda Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Howard, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Wilkie

[20-3556](#)

Vote on a request to approve the naming of one private road in Chatham County

Attachments: [BIG BEAR DRIVE PETITION](#)
[BIG BEAR DRIVE MAP](#)
[BIG BEAR DRIVE AREA MAP.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hales, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, that this Agenda Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Howard, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Wilkie

[20-3546](#)

Vote on a request to authorize the County Manager to execute a contract with Randolph Telephone Telecommunications to install fiber at Renaissance Drive, Pittsboro for the purpose of internet connectivity at the cost of \$25,204.80 for installation and recurring fee of \$560.00 per month for 60 months.

Attachments: [RTTI Renaissance Drive EOC Routing](#)
[CC Routing Sheet RTTI Renaissance Drive](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hales, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, that this Contract, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Howard, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Wilkie

[20-3547](#)

Vote on a request to approve appointments to the Chatham County Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

Attachments: [CCHA Group Appointments to Board](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hales, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, that these Appointments be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Howard, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Wilkie

[20-3549](#)

Vote on a request to approve a Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners Supporting the Formation of the Triangle Trails Initiative.

Attachments: [Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners Supporting the Formation of the Triangle Trails Initiative - July 2020](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hales, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, that this Resolution #2020-27 Supporting the Formation of the Triangle Trails, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Howard, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Wilkie

[20-3550](#)

Vote on a request to approve Tax Releases and Refunds

Attachments: [June 2020 Release and Refund Report](#)
[June 2020 NCVTS Pending Refund Report](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hales, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, that the Tax Releases and Refunds, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Howard, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Wilkie

[20-3551](#)

Vote on a request to approve Annual Settlement and Resolution, charging the Tax Collector with collections of delinquent taxes

Attachments: [Tax Settlement Resolution 2020](#)
[Outstanding Property Tax](#)
[Annual Settlement 2007-2019](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hales, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, that this Resolution #2020-28 approving the Tax Collector's Annual Settlement, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Howard, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Wilkie

[20-3552](#)

Vote on a request to approve Order of Collection for 2020 property taxes.

Attachments: [Chatham County Charge 2020](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hales, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, that this Agenda Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Howard, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Wilkie

[20-3554](#)

Vote on a Request to Approve the Updated Solid Waste Ordinance

Attachments: [Solid Waste Ordinance Chatham County Final June 2020 Updated](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hales, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, that this Solid Waste Ordinance, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Howard, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Wilkie

[20-3565](#)

Vote on a request to approve the adoption of a Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act fund budget

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hales, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, that this Agenda Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Howard, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Wilkie

[20-3567](#)

Vote on a request to approve Sheriff Vehicle Purchase 2020-2021.

Attachments: [Chatham COSO 2020 Durango Pursuit CS Spec Quote 7-9-2020](#)
[Chatham COSO 2020 Durango Pursuit V-6AWD Investigations Quote 7-9-2020](#)
[2021 Ford PI Utility NCSA 09-05-0911R Spec 98 Worksheet-Patrol](#)
[2021 Nissan Pathfinder 4x4-Narcotics](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hales, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, that this Agenda Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Howard, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Wilkie

[20-3566](#)

Vote on a request to approve purchase of one vehicle for Animal Resources (Ram 2500 Crew Cab Pickup with Spec# 181) on North Carolina Sheriffs' Association Competitive Bid Award #20-06-0911, in the amount of \$ 50,612.55 for vehicle & transport box only.

Attachments: [Chatham COSO 2020 RAM 2500 Animal Control Quote 7-9-2020](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hales, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, that this Agenda Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Howard, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Wilkie

End of Consent Agenda

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Alicia Koblansky submitted the following comments:

Good evening Commissioners. My name is Alicia Koblansky, I am a resident of Chatham County and tonight I am speaking not just for myself but on behalf of the residents of Wilder Ridge and Lystra Estates.

We understand that due to the unprecedented events that we are all living through, the Board is dealing with a backlog of public hearings. These public hearings include the 919 Storage, LLC Rezoning, Williams Corner rezoning and text amendments for Williams Corner and Vickers Bennett. All these rezoning and text amendments are within a 3-mile stretch on the 15-501 corridor, in the northeastern corner of Chatham county. All these proposals will affect the same residents and communities, not to mention the thousands of other residents that use this corridor to travel. It will be important to allow the community to have ample time to speak at each of these public hearings and it is unclear if this will occur if these are rushed through to clear a backlog.

At this time there is a petition that has almost one thousand signatures from the surrounding communities who have signed their opposition rezoning of Williams Corner due to its poorly developed plans.

The text amendments for Williams Corner and Vickers Bennett are worrisome as they will change the character of the county by increasing densities to be like major urban centers and contribute to far greater problems than any of the impact assessments can possibly account for. The Developers, with these new text amendments, are hoping to force your hands on the new policies to be included in Chatham County's Unified Development Ordinance. The developers should not have power over this new UDO. This should be solely a discussion between the community and the commissioners

Condensing these topics into 1 or 2 meetings will preclude involvement by the community. Other townships and counties who have hosted a public hearing with a controversial topic on a virtual platform have seen their meeting last 4-5 hours with an additional public meeting to allow the community the opportunity to voice their opinion and have it place on public record.

As a Chatham County resident, we only have two opportunities to have our comments heard by the Commissioners and recorded into public record. Since all 5 proposals will redundantly affect many in these communities, it will be important to allow these same residents the opportunity to speak for each item separately. Without addressing this sufficiently, it will lead to a lack of participation from the community, which will undoubtedly subvert the public support required to move forward with any of the meeting items.

These are big, community changing projects that will have a lasting impact on neighborhoods that have existed for decades. We need to ensure that enough time and oversight is given to each of these proposals to find that right balance for development and the character of Chatham county. Otherwise our "Gateway to Chatham County" becomes a sprawling mess that looks no different than Western Blvd in Raleigh.

Beyond the need to include the public in these public hearings, we need to provide the Planning Board ample opportunity to appropriately review and consider each of these proposals. Due to the impact and scope of these proposals we ask the Commissioners to allow more time for the Planning Board to carefully review these documents. These are volunteers doing their civic duty and giving up their personal time to help our community develop. It is unfair to ask more of them than is being asked of those that stand to profit from these submissions. Precedence must be set for these larger developments. These are not simply building a dozen houses. These developers are asking that you change policy, so let's do just that, and work towards a solution that will not cripple the established communities and a UDO that will be structured to support those existing here now.

I thank you for your time and consideration. I know these are stressful times but if we remember what is important, we will move forward and I believe be a stronger Chatham. Thank you

Valerie Broadway spoke to the Board about homelessness in Chatham County. When a foster child turns 18 the foster parent has no obligation to continue to provide

housing or care for them. As a result many find themselves homeless. There are few options for these children and all others who are homeless in Chatham County. Because of a lack of affordable housing, people transitioning out of homelessness can't find a place to live. She believes the rapid re-housing program with The Salvation Army has only helped one couple. She asked why Chatham County doesn't have a homeless shelter. She asked what the plan for funding is for the rapid re-housing program.

Charles Esther submitted the following comments:

Dear Chatham County Commissioners, I am speaking as a citizen of Chatham County with regards to planning for the public hearing on the Williams Corner proposal. My understanding is that you are considering scheduling this hearing for the August 17th meeting that will also include multiple other quasi-judicial and public hearings, some of which will of necessity be discussed prior to Williams Corner.

As you may recall, I have come before you on multiple previous occasions advocating that the Williams Corner proposal be delayed until we can once again hold large group meetings in person. I still believe this to be the best option, since I have been told repeatedly that the best way for the public to register opposition to a proposal is to show up in large numbers to the Commissioner's meeting, which is currently impossible under pandemic restrictions. However, I also understand that there is considerable uncertainty about when we will be able to have normal meetings again, and the county does not want to delay proposals indefinitely.

Therefore, what I am asking of you today is time. Time to discuss Williams Corner in the detail the proposal deserves. This proposal is unprecedented in many ways, including utilization of a relatively untested zoning ordinance, the residential density of the development, and reliance on offsite wastewater. As concerned adjacent homeowners, my neighbors and I have reviewed the proposal in detail and uncovered numerous problems and concerns. Plan Chatham is misrepresented. The traffic plan is misleading. The market analysis is incomplete, and likely obsolete given the changes in post-pandemic economic realities. The environmental assessment is woefully inadequate, as was obvious during the recent ERAC meeting. I could go on, but I don't have the time.

What my neighbors and I want is assurance from the Commissioners that the public will have adequate time during the public hearing to bring the many problems with the proposal to your attention. This cannot happen if the hearing on Williams Corner is worked into a packed August agenda. Furthermore, as a physician I am concerned that such a plan would require a long meeting in an enclosed space with a large number of speakers. Even with safety measures, that set of circumstances increases the risk of COVID-19 transmission, a risk that will be borne most heavily by the Commissioners and staff.

To conclude, my first preference is still to delay this proposal until circumstances change sufficiently to allow us to have public hearing in person. Failing that, I implore the Commissioners to develop an agenda that will allow the public sufficient time to address all of the concerns. Thank you.

BOARD PRIORITIES[20-3564](#)

Vote on a request to grant Central Carolina Community College the ability to waive the Chatham Promise program's credit-hour requirement for 2020 graduating Chatham County high school students who were on schedule to meet the requirement pre-pandemic but were unable to do so.

Attachments: [Chatham Promise Proposed COVID19 Exceptions Request 7.20.2020.v2](#)

Central Carolina Community College Provost Mark Hall gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached)

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Dasher, that this Agenda Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Howard, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Wilkie

[20-3512](#)

Vote on a request to approve Amendment #1 to previously approved Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for Creating and Defining Operations and Cost Sharing of the Western Intake Partnership and approve Dan LaMontagne, County Manager, to sign the MOA amendment on behalf of the County

Attachments: [Western Intake Partners - agreement amendment1_final052620](#)
[WIP Presentation 2020 Amendment #1](#)

County Manager Dan LaMontagne gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hales, seconded by Commissioner Dasher, that this Contract, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Howard, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Wilkie

[20-3561](#)

Discuss applications and vote on a request to approve appointment to the Board of Adjustment.

The Board discussed applications received. Vice Chair Hales nominated Sandra Nettles to serve on the Board of Adjustment.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hales, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, that this Appointment be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Howard, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Wilkie

[20-3562](#)

Vote on a request to appoint a commissioner as the County's voting

delegate for the NC Association of County Commissioners Annual Conference.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hales, seconded by Commissioner Dasher, to approve Commissioner Karen Howard as the voting delegate for the NC Association of County Commissioners Annual Conference. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Howard, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Wilkie

20-3563

Discuss the public hearings slated for the August 17, 2020 Board of Commissioners meeting and direct staff as to how to move forward.

The Board discussed the public hearings currently scheduled for the August 17, 2020 Board of Commissioners Meeting. Planning Director Jason Sullivan reviewed the list of public hearings to be placed on the August 17th meeting agenda based on the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance timeline.

The Board agreed to schedule August 27, 2020 and September 3, 2020 as additional meeting dates to handle the backlog of public hearings. Clerk to the Board Lindsay Ray stated staff would appreciate direction from the Board as to which hearings would be heard on each meeting date. This would assist Planning staff with requirements for legal notifications as well as help the Clerk's Office with the ongoing communication with the public.

After some discussion, the Board decided to hold the two quasi-judicial County cell tower public hearings and the two Williams Corner public hearings at the August 17th meeting, to move the three Vickers Bennett and 15/501 Mini Storage public hearings to the August 27th meeting, and to move the Adigun Medical Center public hearing as well as the Legacy Phase 3 Extension and Flagpoles and Monuments regular agenda items to the September 3rd meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dasher, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, to approve holding the two quasi-judicial County cell tower public hearings and the two Williams Corner public hearings at the August 17th meeting, moving the three Vickers Bennett and 15/501 Mini Storage public hearings to the August 27th meeting, and moving the Adigun Medical Center public hearing as well as the Legacy Phase 3 Extension and Flagpoles and Monuments regular agenda items to the September 3rd meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Howard, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Wilkie

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk had nothing to report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager Dan LaMontagne stated that the Haw River Assembly requested the Board of Commissioners provide public comment to the state about the wastewater treatment plant in Greensboro. The Board agreed to send public comment in a letter

signed by the Chair.

Mr. LaMontagne stated the County's Community Partners Analyst Hilary Pollan has been working on the Chatham County 250th Anniversary Celebration. The committee would like a commissioner to serve on this committee. Vice Chair Hales volunteered to serve on the committee and Commissioner Crawford agreed to help if an additional commissioner was needed.

Mr. LaMontagne gave a brief update on COVID-19 in Chatham County.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Crawford is writing a letter to support Attorney Todd Roper to replace Judge Joe Buckner and he encouraged the other Board members to do the same. Mr. Roper would bring a second judge from Chatham County to the judicial district.

Vice Chair Hales attended the ERAC meeting last week and the committee asked the Williams Corner developer to come back to the August meeting with answers to questions about the Environmental Impact Assessment. She also participated in a racial justice meeting with our judicial district. There were 150 plus participants on the call and it was a worthwhile meeting.

Commissioner Dasher stated the Town of Pittsboro has hired Chris Kennedy as Town Manager and he worked with him a little on the TARPO board and is happy for the Town. He stated he is also getting a lot of questions about the County's progress on its broadband efforts and asked if there was any updates staff could provide to the public. Mr. LaMontagne stated the County is working on vertical assets with the radio towers that will be built. The County is in negotiations right now on other efforts so he is not certain how much can be discussed in the public at this time but he will speak with the MIS Director to see if there is any information that can be provided to the public.

Commissioner Wilkie stated the Goldston Old Fashioned Day is still scheduled for October. The Silk Hope Old Fashioned Farmer's Day is still scheduled for Labor Day weekend. Both events are monitoring the COVID-19 situation and Governor's Orders.

Chair Howard stated there have been wonderful conversations on racial justice and equity in the local court system. She participated in a listening session where they heard from local agencies (Public Defenders Office, District Attorneys Office, etc.) and also participated in a larger conversation with other members of the community. She is very encouraged by the conversations taking place.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Dasher, seconded by Commissioner Wilkie, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Howard, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Wilkie