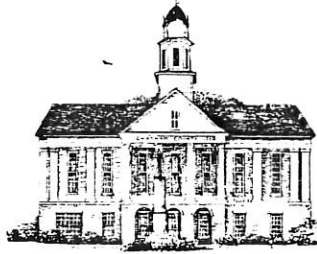


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RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN INCREASE IN FACILITIES AND OFFICER FEES UNDER G.S. 7A-305 AND G.S. 15-209

WHEREAS, Boards of County Commissioners are required under North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 7A-302 to provide adequate courtrooms and judicial facilities within their boundaries; and

WHEREAS, Boards and County Commissioners are required under North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 15-2096 to provide suitable accommodations for probation officers in or near the courthouse; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Legislature since 1965 has recognized the financial burden upon Counties, and as a result enacted N.C.G.S. 7a-304-305 which established fees which in 1994 were set at \$6.00 per case for facilities and \$5.00 per case for officers; and

WHEREAS, the costs incurred by Counties have risen dramatically through the construction and renovation of courtrooms, judicial offices, clerk-of-superior court offices, through the employment of additional bailiffs for court proceedings and safety, and for the installation of security systems to reduce the occurrence of courthouse violence; and

WHEREAS, as the result of these additional requirements, Chatham County now incurs total expenses at a ratio of 2.7:1 over revenues received for the total judicial operations; and

WHEREAS, the recent addition of one probation officer position in Chatham County, as well as 180 statewide by the Legislature during the 1997 Session has resulted in many constraints being placed on county government; and

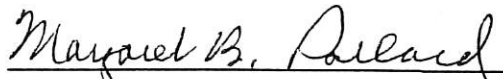
WHEREAS, the "costs of court" represents those costs associated with providing a judicial system whereby only those charged and convicted under the laws of the State of North Carolina bear the primary financial burden;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chatham County Board of Commissioners requests that its legislative delegation in the North Carolina General Assembly introduce and support statewide legislation to increase the facilities' fee from its present \$6.00 per case to \$12.00 per case

and the officers' fee from its present \$5.00 per case to \$10.00 per case which will partially defray the costs of maintaining judicial facilities; and

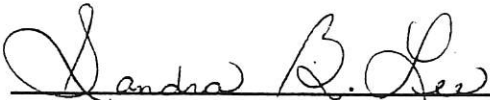
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners and all Counties to request their assistance in the 1998 Short Session.

Adopted this, the 4th day of May, 1998.



Margaret Bryant Pollard, Chair
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST



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