

**MINUTES**  
**CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**AUGUST 04, 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 August 04, 2008.

Present: Chairman George Lucier; Vice Chair, Mike Cross; Commissioners Patrick Barnes, Carl Thompson, and Tom Vanderbeck, County Manager, Charlie Horne; County Attorney, Jep Rose; Assistant County Manager, Renee Paschal; 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 9:05 AM.

**AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Vanderbeck moved, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda as follows:

1. **Minutes:** Consideration of a request for approval of Board Minutes for regular meeting held July 21, 2008 and work session held July 21, 2008

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

2. **Naming of Private Road in Chatham County:** Consideration of a request from citizens for the naming of a private road in Chatham County as follows:

**A. Pike Memory Lane**

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

3. **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).

4. **Declaring Real Property Surplus and Adoption of Resolution:** Consideration of a request to declare real property surplus and consideration to adopt **Resolution #2008-36 Declaring Real Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale of Said Property in the Negotiated Offer, Advertisement and Upset bid Process**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

5. **Amendment to the Capital Improvements Program:** Consideration of a request to amend the FY 2009-2013 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and agree to provide funding to EDC in the amount of \$25,650 per year for three years, FY 2009 through 2011

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

6. **Resolution in Support of Uniboard USA, LLC:** Consideration of a request to adopt **Resolution #2008-37 in Support of Uniboard USA, LLC to Locate a Manufacturing Facility in Chatham County, North Carolina**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

7. **Human Relations Commission Appointments:** Consideration of a request to appoint Ilana Dubester and Mary Harris to the Human Relations Commission by Chairman Lucier

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

#### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

**Gerald Totten**, 108 Petty Road, Siler City, NC, stated that he was resigning as the liaison between the Chatham County Board of Commissioners and the Chatham County Board of Education. A copy of his letter, in its entirety, is as follows:

“Over a year ago I was appointed by the Board of Education to serve as the liaison between the two elected boards in the county. I am convinced that was an excellent move and the fruits of that endeavor were many which were mutually beneficial and will serve our citizens for years to come.

The successes to date have been largely because there was a free flow of information between the two boards in a timely fashion. When either board had a question of the other or a situation arose requiring information exchange it was prompt and I believed correct. Board of Education members can no longer communicate directly with appropriate central school office administrators but must request information only through the superintendent. He, in turn, will answer the request in due time. That draconian decision by the superintendent was announced after a request for certain public information was made concerning lottery proceeds and actual uses of funds entrusted to the school system. After three attempts to secure that information to no avail, the Board of Education was informed all requests must now go through him.

My experience with that control of information implemented by prior superintendents and now this one has resulted in delays of days and weeks. I still do not have reliable schools' information but I know monies have been moved around and I liken that to a game of three card Monte. Misappropriation is not the question but additions and movement of money between and among funds, while your books balance, internal documents raise questions as to how and why some of them happened. No other board member appears to be interested or willing to look into those movements.

Coincidentally I requested the information as to lottery revenues and expenditures from Vicki McConnell and it was given to me within a couple of hours of my request. The information you have as to how the schools spent the passed through lottery money balances the books as shown by your finance and budget personnel, not by the schools yet.

I cannot be a party to such possible chicanery nor do I have the confidence in the information or its timeliness which I receive in response to inquiries of school staff. Accordingly, this is my last meeting as the liaison between the two boards. The effort is no longer worthy of my placing my honor and integrity on the line.

Thanks to each of you for what you have done for the schools. To the degree it may later be determined anything I may have said to you was false, I offer my sincerest apology. I thought I was acting on reliable information. Now I am not so sure nor should you be.”

Chairman Lucier stated that he was sorry to hear that Mr. Totten was resigning as the liaison between the two boards; that having him as the liaison has worked out very well; that he feels that the Board of Commissioners has one of the best working relationships with the Board of Education that it has ever had; that he thinks Mr. Totten's efforts in coming to the

Board meetings on a regular basis and providing the Board information has been a tremendous benefit to the Board of Commissioners in their decision-making process; that his hope is that Mr. Totten will reconsider the decision to terminate the liaison position; that he has taken the job on with tremendous energy and enthusiasm to benefit both boards and the County; that he has done that time and time again; that the Board of Commissioners greatly appreciates the efforts and what he has contributed to Chatham County and both boards; and that speaking on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, he hopes that Mr. Totten will reconsider his decision.

Mr. Totten thanked the Board and stated that unless he could come to the Board of Commissioners with "clean hands" and give them the information that they want, then he could not be the liaison between the two boards. He stated that he had enjoyed the relationship over the last year and he thinks it has been a great thing for both boards; and that he hopes that there will be someone else to come in and provide the Board with information.

Commissioner Barnes stated that he thought Mr. Totten should reconsider; that he is glad that the Board doesn't have to vote on it as he would not vote to accept the resignation.

Mr. Totten stated that until he could be convinced that the information that he is providing is correct and until and unless that changes, he will not attend the Monday meetings.

Commissioner Thompson stated that he agreed with everything said; that having been privileged to working with past school boards, he feels that the relationship the boards now have is consistently the best ever; that a lot of this has been attributable to Mr. Totten; that he has tremendously benefited the citizens of Chatham County; that he would suggest that the Board accept Mr. Totten's decision as a temporary decision with the understanding that if the situation changes and he changes his mind, the Board of Commissioners would welcome him back.

By consensus, the Board agreed.

**Loyse Hurley**, 16 Matchwood, Pittsboro, NC, President of Chatham Citizens for Effective Communities, Inc. (CCEC), stated that CCEC would like to bring to the Board's attention a major concern of those who commute, drive or otherwise travel along Highway #15-501 in the northern part of the County. She stated that they keep track of the details about developments including the traffic recommendations and try to maintain an awareness of the overall impact from these developments; that there will be 9-10 traffic lights in the 3-4 mile distance between Ferrington Village and Cole Park Plaza when all the approved developments are built out; that according to the current information, the specific lights planned are located at:

- Ferrington Village (existing)
- Andrews Store Road (potential from Briar Chapel)
- Jack Bennett Road (existing)
- Taylor Road (potential from Briar Chapel – commercial entrance)
- Herndon Road (potential from Briar Chapel - residential entrance)
- Lystra Road (existing)
- Polk's Landing Road (potential from Polk's Village/Williams Corner)
- Entrance to Legend Oaks (potential from Polk's Village/Williams Corner) [They have mentioned another light somewhere at Polk's Village; they're saying 2-3 lights for this commercial development alone.]
- Chatham Crossing and Mann's Chapel Road (existing)

Ms. Hurley stated that during the large public hearings held on Briar Chapel a few years ago, there were concerns expressed by the community at large about not turning this section of the highway into something resembling the road between Chapel Hill and Durham with a traffic light at every intersection; that that appears to be exactly what is happening; that even though the NC DOT says these lights would be synchronized and not impede the traffic flow, basic common sense and experience from anyone who drives in an area with lots of lights will tell us that synchronization doesn't always work because of the independence of the traffic itself; that individual cars will stop in order to turn, they will slow down to observe the name of the road, etc.; that this number of lights is an example of 1950's thinking; that

they recognize this situation is primarily in the hands of the DOT since they are the ones who dictate and issue the driveway permits for these developments, but these recommendations for all these lights go totally against what this County is trying to do: maintain its rural appearance, prevent congestion, and make its commercial areas accessible and appealing; that this is not consistent with the recommendations of the Commercial Corridor Task Force and Planning Board, who have spent considerable time studying this issue and it is archaic at best.

Ms. Hurley asked if the DOT had considered requiring some access roads along Highway #15-501 stating that this would reduce the necessary number of lights and its resultant congestion and landscaping could be placed in order to retain the rural appearance. She asked if this has this ever been discussed stating that in these days of high gas prices, we are considering some type of bus service along this route. She asked has anyone discussed this with the DOT stating that a bus stopping to pick up and discharge passengers at each of these traffic lights certainly will impede traffic flow. She asked have the DOT traffic engineers considered a more modern approach stating there must be a solution which protects the safety of our roads, allows traffic to flow freely but doesn't impose a stop light at every corner and create a large traffic jam along our roads.

Ms. Hurley further stated that CCEC is requesting that the Board of Commissioners do all they can to try to prevent these eventual 9-10 lights by directly discussing this with the DOT and strongly stating their viewpoint about the situation; that on behalf of all the commuters and others who use the road daily, she asked that the Board of Commissioners please not be intimidated by the powerful DOT, fight this, and use whatever power and authority the Board has to prevent this situation - driveway permits notwithstanding. She stated that this could not be done any earlier, so currently constructed developments will not be affected, but that it could be done before the bulk of these commercial developments are fully designed and built out.

Chairman Lucier stated that he had been counting the number of proposed number of lights; that he thinks that there may be more lights added; that he would suggest that the Board write a letter to the Department of Transportation expressing their concerns and stating that they would like to meet with them during a Work Session to determine the options available to minimize the impact of the traffic flow.

Commissioner Vanderbeck stated that the TARPO meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> will be held in Pittsboro so he might be able to get something on the agenda. He asked Ms. Hurley if she would be available to attend the meeting. She replied that she would make herself available.

Chairman Lucier stated that they also had an Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting with Durham and Chapel Hill; that this includes the northeast section of Chatham County where the concern lies; that meeting is on August 13, 2008; and that it would be helpful if the letter was drafted before that time.

Commissioner Thompson suggested that the State representatives be sent a copy of the letter.

## **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS**

**FY 2010 Budget Process:** Consideration of a request to adopt the FY 2010 Budget calendar and criteria

Renee Paschal, Assistant County Manager, explained that planning for Chatham County's FY 2010 budget started with the critique of the budget process on June 16, 2008; that in order to ensure adequate information for decision making, it is important to establish deadlines and targets for the process; that the Board identified the following issues to address during the critique:

- Streamlining the process for "Major Issues" submitted by departments. Commissioners agreed that future documents would serve only as a "heads up" on issues affecting the County in the upcoming year. Departments would no longer be required to prioritize these issues in teams. The recommended budget retitles the document as "Heads Up".

- Commissioners had previously asked staff to research ways to improve public input in the budget process. The manager presented a memo developed by Debra Henzey on various methods of public input utilized by local governments. Commissioners discussed and tentatively agreed to the staff's recommendation to utilize two methods: an early public hearing on the budget and a survey. The proposed calendar includes those two items.
- Commissioners had previously asked staff to develop a recommendation on an evaluation process for departments. During the critique, staff proposed using the existing work planning process, but strengthen the goals and measures. Commissioners agreed with this approach. The proposed calendar moves up the deadline for submission of work plans so that staff will have more time to review work plans and work with departments to make changes.
- Commissioners asked that the recommended budget include department organizational charts and a list of major responsibilities. The calendar reflects submission of this information.

With these exceptions, the FY 2010 proposed budget calendar keeps to roughly the same timeframe as the FY 2009 process. The proposed calendar is as follows:

## FY 2009-2010 Budget Process Calendar

Deadline	Actions
15 September 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capital Improvements Program (CIP) forms distributed to agencies</li> </ul>
15 October 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forms due from agencies and departments for new/changed CIP projects</li> <li>• "Heads Up" document due from departments and agencies (document which gives Commissioners a preview of likely requests, upcoming problems or concerns, etc.)</li> </ul>
3 November 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open budget survey</li> </ul>
19 November 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manager submits recommended CIP to the Board of Commissioners</li> </ul>
1 December 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioners hold budget work session on CIP; action on CIP requested</li> <li>• Close budget survey</li> </ul>
8 December 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold Citizens Budget Workshop</li> </ul>
15 December 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget summit materials (survey results, feedback from Citizens Budget Workshop, financial trends, and departmental "Heads Up" document) submitted to Board of Commissioners</li> </ul>
Mid January 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget Summit: Board of Commissioners sets goals and guidelines for FY 2010 budget</li> </ul>
21 January 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forms distributed to departments/agencies</li> </ul>
2 February 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requests for new positions and work plans (with goals, objectives, and performance targets) due from departments</li> </ul>
16 March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budgets due from departments and agencies (budgets must include organizational charts and list of major responsibilities)</li> </ul>
4 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget submitted to Board of Commissioners and public</li> </ul>
18 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Official public hearing held</li> </ul>
Late May and June 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board of Commissioners holds budget work sessions</li> </ul>
By 30 June 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board of Commissioners adopts budget (legal deadline)</li> </ul>

The proposed budget criteria are used by staff to rank "expansion" requests or requests for new funding. The proposed criteria have been used consistently for the past eleven years. The proposed criteria, a short description, and an example follow:

**Goals and Objectives:** Does a request meet the stated priorities of the Commissioners? Requests which meet one or more of the Commissioners' stated priorities are given priority.

**Safety:** Does a request eliminate, prevent, or reduce an eminent safety hazard? A hazard should be thought of as a serious condition that will result in injury or death to citizens or employees or significant property damage to citizen-owned or County-owned property. Example: purchasing a backup generator for the dispatch system.

**Mandate:** Does a request help the County provide a new or existing mandated service. The request itself could also be mandated. Example: complying with HIPPA regulations.

**Timing/Linkages:** How crucial is the request's timing? Factors that impact timing include whether the request is currently underway, how close it is to completion, whether it is related to another request, and whether it has any special timing concerns. Requests that have crucial timing issues are given priority. Example: electricity for a new facility.

**Economic Impact:** Does a request enhance economic development in the County in such a way as to protect the environment? Factors include adding to the property tax base, sales tax base, and job market. Example: infrastructure for a new industry.

**Efficiencies:** Does the request save the County money (i.e., total costs, including those of the project, are lower) over time? The request can do this by saving operating or capital expenses. Example: investing in technology to decrease man hours.

**Maintain Current Service Levels:** Is the request necessary for the County to continue providing the services at the same quality and quantity it is currently? Example: the cost of a contract (such as property insurance) increases.

**Improve Access:** Does the request give customers, residents, etc. better access to current services or information? Example: improvements to the county's website to allow for more internet browsers to function properly.

**Service Improvement:** Does a request improve the quality of existing services, in the categories of public safety, public health, quality of life, internal departments, etc.? Requests which address public safety and health are given priority. Example: additional public health nurse to increase the number of students that can be seen at the Adolescent Health Center.

**Service Additions:** Does the request increase the quantity of service provided in the categories of public safety, public health, quality of life, internal departments, etc.? Requests which address public safety and health are given priority. Example: additional public health nurse to start a school health program.

**Operating Budget Impact:** What is the net cost of the request? Requests with lower or negative (savings) net costs are given priority.

**Community Support/Impact:** To what degree is the project consistent with long-range plans, has community support, and or has widespread impact/benefit. Requests that have demonstrated community support and affect more people are given priority. Example: petitions for water lines.

**Financing:** What funding sources, besides the county's general fund, are available to pay for this? Example: a position funded through grants.

Commissioner Barnes moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to approve the proposed FY 2010 Budget Calendar and Budget Criteria. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Chairman Lucier stated that the Board might wish to ask the school board, that when they submit their budget, to provide the Board of Commissioners with a list of monies that they have moved from one category to another.

Ms. Paschal asked for clarification if the Board was most concerned about capital outlay or all categories. Chairman Lucier replied that he felt that they were most concerned about capital outlay.

Chairman Lucier stated that he recalled from the last budget meeting that the County Manager's Office had asked for an additional Budget Analyst position; that the person would not be hired until January, 2009 under the current budget plan; that he would propose that the Board reconsider that and allow the County Manager to hire someone as soon as possible; and that he thinks it would be helpful to have the budget analyst on board as soon as possible so that person get familiar with what is going on and doesn't get into it midstream.

Commissioner Vanderbeck stated that he thought it was a good idea; that he hopes the Finance Officer can find a way to allow this to happen since these things are targeted on the calendar to make monies available at certain times of the year; that that is why there is a plan; that if it is doable, he is all for it in providing some relief in this process.

The County Manager stated that staff appreciates the Board's feedback on this matter; that the budget analyst position can certainly be utilized and the sooner the better; however, he is concerned that speeding up the process for the Manager's Office and leaving others to wait until January puts the Manager's staff as an "exception to the rule".

Chairman Lucier explained that the County Manager's Office was not the first "exception to the rule"; that the Board moved up the Department of Social Services position; and that they are talking about the same type of situation as with Social Services; and that even though the Manager's Office is not the first exception, they are a bit of an exception.

The County Manager stated that he appreciated the thoughts and efforts of the Board in what they were doing to give some relief, but that he did want make those thoughts known.

Commissioner Barnes moved, seconded by Commissioner Vanderbeck, to leave the hiring of a Budget Analyst position to the County Manager's discretion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Gerald Totten, stated that the Board had raised a question regarding capital outlay; that he sat down with Ms. McConnell and Ms. Paschal last week and the capital outlay figures agree; that the problem is getting the information from the schools; that there hasn't been any movement of funds there; that the problem he referenced is really an internal school problem as opposed to them moving capital outlay funds around; and that these would be internal funds that have been changed.

Chairman Lucier stated that if they were line items on the budget, it is something of which the Board should be aware.

Ms. Paschal stated that the County reimburses the schools for capital outlay; that they match their projects with what the Commissioners have allocated; that if they go over their budget, they are only reimbursed up to the amount that the Commissioners approve without returning to the Board for additional approval; and that they keep a very close watch on capital outlay funding.

Chairman Lucier stated that if Ms. Paschal and Ms. McConnell were comfortable with it, then he felt that the Board would be also as they have always been very good at giving them information they needed to make their decisions.

## **MANAGER' S REPORTS**

The County Manager reported on the following:

### **High Speed Internet:**

The County Manager explained that the "High Speed Internet Update" would be removed from the Work Session with the Board's permission. He stated that there were questions that needed to be answered prior to coming to the Board; that there is a working group including a consultant looking at a multiple access process to be wireless and/or cable; that they are looking at each of those in trying to determine how to get a balanced approach in how to get access across the County; that this is a critical infrastructure need for economic development; that it is something that has implications for energy use; that they are looking

at options for employees for telecommuting; that if there is no access by broadband that is fairly expeditious, then that is a problem; that for those who can work from home and not drive long distances, it presents a problem; and that they are working to try to get something in front of the Board in the not too distant future regarding what this may look like.

Chairman Lucier stated that he thought the Board agreed with the Manager's comments regarding the importance of moving forward with high speed internet; that he is certain that the Board would support any resources the Manager needs for developing proposals on it; that there is no doubt that this is an important economic issue; that it would even help address traffic concerns along Highway #15-501 that Ms. Hurley addressed in the Public Input Session.

**964 East Building Lease:**

The County Manager stated that prior to the Board giving staff approval to look at the 964 East Building for purchase, staff had leased a portion of building; that the County Manager is working on the lease with their attorneys at this time; that if the Board would give the County Manager the authority to sign the lease, contingent upon it being worked out with the attorneys, it would help expedite the process.

Commissioner Vanderbeck moved, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, to give the County Manager the authority to sign the 964 East Building Lease, contingent upon review and approval by the County Attorney. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

**Piedmont Value Added Agricultural Processing Center:**

Commissioner Vanderbeck stated that he attended a meeting on July 17, 2008 on the Piedmont Value Added Shared Use Food and Agricultural Processing Center. He stated that it involves a few of the counties in the area including Alamance, Durham, Wake, and Chatham; that they received a grant in the amount of \$132,000; however, it requires a match; that they are also working on two other grants, the Tobacco Trust Fund and the Golden Leaf Foundation; that he also spoke with Senator Atwater and Speaker Hackney, who were references for the grant applications that went out on August 1, 2008; that they hope there will be \$1.3 million through Congressman Price's office which is anticipated to come up for a vote in February; that the Regional Partners are working diligently to get the process going to form a non-profit that would administer and advise the use of the facility. He stated that he would keep the Board posted on this endeavor.

**Mt. Vernon Springs:**

Commissioner Cross stated that he received a letter from Margaret Jordan-Ellis on behalf of the Mt. Vernon Springs (non-profit) who is requesting that the Board send a letter to the Department of Transportation asking their help in providing a "Historic District" sign on Highway #421; and that he would like approval from the Board in support of the letter.

Commissioner Vanderbeck stated that he would be happy to bring this issue up at the upcoming RPO meeting.

Commissioner Barnes moved to prepare a letter in support of a "Historic District" sign in the Mt. Vernon Springs area on Highway #421.

Commissioner Thompson stated that he had also spoken with Ms. Jordan-Ellis and that he whole-heartedly endorses the effort and seconded the motion.

Chairman Lucier called the question. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

**Recycling:**

Commissioner Thompson shared copies of a recycling article that he had receive from Mrs. Mary Hayes Holmes. He stated that it was good information about what different cities



are doing to increase recycling in their areas and that he thinks the Board will find it informative.

Chairman Lucier stated that Commissioner Vanderbeck and he met with the Green Building Task Force last week and recycling was one of the issues that came up. He stated that one of the things on which they will be working is the proposal to recycle a lot of things and the best and most efficient way to do so.

**Northeast Community Park Grant:**

Chairman Lucier stated that he had received a letter from Governor Easley stating that the Parks and Recreation Authority had approved a grant in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund for the Northeast Community Park project.

He stated that the Board of Commissioners had purchased the Big Woods land for a northeast park last year; that the funds used for purchasing it came totally out of the Recreation Exaction Fee so it didn't impact the budget; that the County has also received a \$250,000.00 Clean Water Management Trust Fund Grant for the park to set aside fourteen acres of the park to be kept in its natural state which will include running trails, etc.; that it looks as though the Northeast Park will come to fruition; that a lot of people have worked hard on it, including Lisa West, Debra Henzey, the Recreation Advisory Board, Tracy Burnett, Joe Frazer, and others.

**Uniboard Canada:**

Chairman Lucier stated that Uniboard Canada had announced that the company plans to invest \$142 million to recondition an existing factory and to spend \$120 million on a new facility; that the 104 new jobs will be added over the next three years; and that the location of the plant in the County was made possible in part by a \$250,000 One North Carolina Fund grant. He stated that Uniboard Canada, headquartered in Laval, Canada, is a subsidiary of Pfleiderer AG in Germany and manufactures decorative laminates, panels and related products.

Chairman Lucier praised the efforts of all involved and stated that this was a terrific time for this to happen when the economy of Chatham and surrounding counties is suffering.

**Central Carolina Community College Board of Trustees Vice Chairman:**

Chairman Lucier stated that Commissioner Barnes had been elected as the Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Central Carolina Community College system. He stated that historically, Chatham County had not been involved in the community college board of trustees; that thanks to Commissioner Barnes, Chatham has become much more active; and that this is an honor, both for him and the County.

**Small Business Contracting Authority:**

Chairman Lucier stated that Commissioner Barnes was also asked by Speaker Hackney to serve on the Small Business Contracting Authority which is very active in the State.

**Taste of Chatham:**

Angel Dennison, Chatham County Council on Aging Authority, stated that the 2008 Taste of Chatham went beyond their expectations this year raising approximately \$31,000.00.

**Environmental Review Board:**

Chairman Lucier stated that the Environmental Review Board had asked for an additional member and had requested that the appointee be a toxicologist/air quality/person; that he suggests, with the Board's approval, an advertisement be placed for this additional member in this area of expertise.

Commissioner Vanderbeck stated he had no problem with adding a new member; and that he doesn't think there is anything binding with regard to the bylaws.

Chairman Lucier explained that the Environmental Review Board also wanted to make Jim Willis an ex-officio member on the Board.

Commissioner Vanderbeck moved, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, to appoint Jim Willis as an ex-officio member to the Environmental Review Board. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

**Green Building Task Force:**

Chairman Lucier stated that Commissioner Vanderbeck, Ms. Paschal, and he met with the Green Building Task Force on July 28<sup>th</sup> in a lively meeting. He stated that the Green Building Task Force was a wonderful committee who felt that they had not been active enough; that they have made some recommendations to the Board on which they would like to move forward; that last year, they recommended a policy that all new public schools should be LEED Silver; that the Board has acted on that recommendation and followed through on it; that the new schools that are being built, the new judicial facility and library will be very energy efficient; that the Board is grateful for their willingness to proceed; that they want to be more active in developing questionnaires for subdivision applications to help stimulate green building practices in residential subdivisions; that they will be interested in bringing the green building philosophy and technology into residential buildings in Chatham County.

**Mt. Vernon Springs Historic Sign Letter:**

Commissioner Cross asked if the letter on the Mt. Vernon Spring Historic Sign could be copied to Margaret Jordan-Ellis, Friends of Mt. Vernon Springs, Joel Brower, Senator Atwater, and Speaker Hackney.

**Solid Waste Advisory Committee:**

Commissioner Barnes stated that the Solid Waste Advisory Committee will finalize several items at their meeting this coming Wednesday, August 06, 2008. He stated that one item to be discussed will be the "grazing card"; that a request will be presented to the Board of Commissioners and the Finance Officer that the County fund an expedition, including David Hughes, Public Works Director, several members of the Solid Waste Committee, and he to go to Winchester, TN to look at their total recycling facility; that they recycle everything that comes in; and that it is supposed to be one-of-a-kind and they would like to tour it and see how much of it can be applied to Chatham County.

Chairman Lucier asked if the "SWAC Recommendation: Grazing Card" should be removed from the Work Session Agenda. By consensus, the Board agreed that it should be removed from the Work Session Agenda.

**SOUTHEAST CHATHAM WATER DISTRICT BOARD**

Commissioner Vanderbeck moved, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, to recess as the Board of Commissioners. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

**\*See Minutes of the Southeast Chatham Water District Board for action taken.**

**REGULAR SESSION**

Commissioner Vanderbeck moved, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, to reconvene as the Chatham County Board of Commissioners. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Vanderbeck moved, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0), and the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 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