



Chatham County, NC

Meeting Minutes

Board of Commissioners

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

6:00 PM

Agriculture and Conference Center

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

Present: 5 - Chair Mike Dasher, Commissioner David Delaney, Vice Chair Karen Howard, Commissioner Franklin Gomez Flores and Commissioner Katie Kenlan

INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Dasher asked everyone to pause for a moment of silence and then asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dasher called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA and CONSENT AGENDA

[23-5012](#)

Vote to approve a legislative request by Viridian Holdings LLC to rezone a portion of Parcel 19522 (approximately 21 ac) from R-1 Residential to CD-NB Neighborhood Business for a boat and RV storage facility located at 2649 Farrington Point Rd, Williams Township.

Attachments: [More information from the Planning department website](#)

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Karen Howard, seconded by Commissioner Franklin Gomez Flores, that this Agenda Item was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Dasher, Commissioner Delaney, Vice Chair Howard, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Kenlan

[23-5068](#)

Vote to approve the resolution to donate two dispatch consoles to Central Carolina Community College for their 9-1-1 training program.

Attachments: [Dispatch Donation Resolution_CCCC](#)

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Karen Howard, seconded by Commissioner Franklin Gomez Flores, that this Resolution #24-01 to donate two dispatch consoles to Central Carolina Community College for their 9-1-1 training program was adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Dasher, Commissioner Delaney, Vice Chair Howard, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Kenlan

[23-5073](#)

Vote to approve the resolution to donate fifty voting booths to Craven County Board of Elections office for use in early voting.

Attachments: [Voting Booths Resolution_Craven County](#)

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Karen Howard, seconded by Commissioner Franklin Gomez Flores, that this Resolution #24-02 to donate fifty voting booths to Craven County Board of Elections office for use in early voting was adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Dasher, Commissioner Delaney, Vice Chair Howard, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Kenlan

[23-5095](#)

Vote to adopt a resolution proclaiming February 2024 “We Love Seniors” Month in Chatham County

Attachments: [February 2024 Chatham Loves Seniors Month](#)

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Karen Howard, seconded by Commissioner Franklin Gomez Flores, that this Resolution #24-03 proclaiming February 2024 “We Love Seniors” Month in Chatham County was adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Dasher, Commissioner Delaney, Vice Chair Howard, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Kenlan

[23-5069](#)

Vote to approve a contract with Brightspeed in the amount of \$12,012 a year for network services at the Emergency Operations Center and the Chatham Hospital radio tower.

Attachments: [Brightspeed Chatham County signature document 100Mb DIA 11-16-23](#)

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Karen Howard, seconded by Commissioner Franklin Gomez Flores, that this Contract with Brightspeed in the amount of \$12,012 a year for network services at the Emergency Operations Center and the Chatham Hospital radio tower, attach here to and by reference made apart hereof, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Dasher, Commissioner Delaney, Vice Chair Howard, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Kenlan

[23-5070](#)

Vote on a request to approve Sheriff’s Office Vehicle Purchase FY24.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Karen Howard, seconded by Commissioner Franklin Gomez Flores, that this Agenda Item was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Dasher, Commissioner Delaney, Vice Chair Howard, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Kenlan

[23-5071](#)

Vote to approve Tax Releases and Refunds

Attachments: [November-December 2023 Release and Refund Report](#)
[November 2023 NCVTS Pending Refund Report](#)

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Karen Howard, seconded by Commissioner Franklin Gomez Flores, that this Agenda Item was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Dasher, Commissioner Delaney, Vice Chair Howard, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Kenlan

[23-5074](#)

Vote to approve Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget Amendments

Attachments: [Budget Amendment 2023-2024 Jan 16](#)

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Karen Howard, seconded by Commissioner Franklin Gomez Flores, that this Agenda Item was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Dasher, Commissioner Delaney, Vice Chair Howard, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Kenlan

[23-5096](#)

Vote to approve \$68,324.00 funds for COVID-19 vaccination support through the Bridge Access Program.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Karen Howard, seconded by Commissioner Franklin Gomez Flores, that this Agenda Item was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Dasher, Commissioner Delaney, Vice Chair Howard, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Kenlan

[23-5093](#)

Vote to adopt the amended Fiber Optic Cabling Project Ordinance that will directly connect the Chatham County Backup Emergency Operations Center and Siler City Health Clinic to the core county network.

Attachments: [Project Ordinance Fiber Optic Cabling From Pittsboro to EOC Backup Center in Siler City - Amendment Jan 16](#)

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Karen Howard, seconded by Commissioner Franklin Gomez Flores, that this Ordinance amending the Fiber Optic Cabling Project Ordinance that will directly connect the Chatham County Backup Emergency Operations Center and Siler City Health Clinic to the core county network was adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Dasher, Commissioner Delaney, Vice Chair Howard, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Kenlan

[23-5094](#)

Vote to award Nutrition Services contract to Trio Community Meals and authorized the County Manager and County Attorney to negotiate and execute the agreement.

Attachments: [Weighted Scores - Nutrition Services](#)

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Karen Howard, seconded by Commissioner Franklin Gomez Flores, that this Agenda Item was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Dasher, Commissioner Delaney, Vice Chair Howard, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Kenlan

[23-5097](#)

Vote to appoint Tyler Venture as the member to the Chatham County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPCA).

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Karen Howard, seconded by Commissioner Franklin Gomez Flores, that this Agenda Item was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Dasher, Commissioner Delaney, Vice Chair Howard, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Kenlan

[23-5098](#)

Vote to appoint Brian Finnigan as requested by the Town of Pittsboro Board of Commissioners to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board as the ETJ member with a term to expired June 30, 2025.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Karen Howard, seconded by Commissioner Franklin Gomez Flores, that this Agenda Item was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Dasher, Commissioner Delaney, Vice Chair Howard, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Kenlan

[23-5099](#)

Vote to reappoint Charity Mize to the Town of Pittsboro Planning Board as a ETJ member with the term ending December 31, 2026.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Karen Howard, seconded by Commissioner Franklin Gomez Flores, that this Agenda Item was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Dasher, Commissioner Delaney, Vice Chair Howard, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Kenlan

End of Consent Agenda

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Betsy Kraus

I'm president of North Chatham area. You may have heard in the past years few years that insect populations around the world are in the decline. That includes bees in that group of organisms, and they're really important because they're pollinators and they pollinate all agricultural crops as well as a lot of the flowering plants. Being concerned about this, I joined the citizen science effort to survey bumblebees and I have surveyed six sites in Chatham County. And in that process, I photographed over 150 bees and identified them and found five different species in our county, which is great. It represented the four major species that are would be expected to be here, plus one minor species that we can now say is definitely still here. Please shared the importance of bees, identifying five species, spoke of bumble bees in public parks, and the importance of native plants and native pollinators in our parks. Three of the survey sites that we surveyed, we're on public lands. One was in Jordan Lake Park, one was in Siler City in Boling Lane Park, and one was the Southwest District park which is a Chatham County Park. The Southwest District Park has a really wonderful pollinator garden in it, and so a large triangle of land, probably about as wide as that stage, and comes to a point about, you know, it's pretty much equal sided triangle. And it's well planted with a variety of flowering plants, and we found more bumblebees there than anywhere else. And the one rare bug was on that site. I'm here today because I'm hearing some push back about having bumblebees in public parks, and I

want you to be aware of the value of them for both the public recognizing their importance and for their importance. Being in our parks and helping with the pollination in those areas too and having native plants in those places is also really important and something that we need to strive for. I just want to make sure that the board's aware of the importance of this issue and the importance of having native plants and native pollinators represented in the plantings in our parks and if it's causing problems, please include some of the experts we have in the county, like Debbie Roos and Matt Jones, who's our county horticulture agents so that we can solve the problems rather than taking the plantings away.

Tom Glendenning from center Township.

I have six items to cover more in detail on the printed sheet I just gave the Clerk. Some of these are not directly under your input. The Board of Elections said we handle these wanted to paper ballots hand count. There used to be a bulletin board at the Registered of Deeds office that listed the properties that were no trespass. This was an advantage for hunters to go in there and see. I would like to see that reinstitute just for public notices under no trespass laws. Add a handicapped exclusion rule tax exclusion rule. I suggest that we do not allow mail in ballots. And the late tax listing penalty should be gone.

[23-5011](#)

Vote to approve a legislative request by Catalyst Capital Partners LLC to rezone Parcels 2647 (58.03 ac) and 2646 (1 ac) from R-2 Residential to CD-MU Mixed Use for apartments with amenity building and pool and 15,000 sf commercial space located at 11785 US 15-501 N, Baldwin Township.

Attachments: [More information from the Planning department website](#)

Chair Dasher stated that Commissioner Delaney asked for the item to be removed from the consent agenda. Commissioner Delaney stated he wanted to move it just because he recall that we did have the legislative hearing and he think there have not been any other opportunity to discuss this particular item or similar ones and it is in a category of rezoning's and finding new uses for land that he thinks is outside the scope of things that he would like to see in these dense areas and increasingly dense areas before we have greater capacity to handle all that. He stated that he would be prepared to vote against because it involves rezoning of a couple of lots to enable that and it is a category of development that wouldn't be permitted right now.

Chair Dasher asked if any other board members would like to discuss, having none, Chair Dasher called for a motion.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Karen Howard, seconded by Commissioner Katie Kenlan, that this Agenda Item was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Howard, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Kenlan

No: 1 - Commissioner Delaney

PUBLIC HEARINGS

[23-5065](#)

A legislative public hearing requested by the City of Durham on behalf of Western Intake Partners (City of Durham, Chatham County, Town of

Pittsboro, and OWASA) for a rezoning from R-1 Residential to Conditional District Light Industrial, on parcels 17538 and 17546, being approximately 121.583 acres), located on Seaforth Road, for a regional drinking water treatment facility, New Hope Township.

Attachments: [More information from the Planning department website](#)
[Western Intake Partners RWTF Chatham County Public Hearing Presentation 1-16-2024](#)

Zoning Administrator Angie Plummer present the specifics of the request. The applicant presented.

Jeff Akinson - Applicant

Thank you for the chance to come talk to you tonight and to share with you an introduction to the Western Intake Partnership. We work as a program management consultant to the Western Intake Partnership. I will lead off the there will be a second speaker, Bill Dowbiggin, who is a consulting engineer with CDM Smith, who is the preliminary phase designer of the treatment facility. That is what is proposed to be located on this site. We have a couple of other folks here should you have other questions. They are members of the partners management team, as was mentioned, partnership is made up of the City of Durham, Chatham County, the Town of Pittsboro and Orange Water and Sewer Authority. Tonight, with the two members of the management team that are here are John Young from the City of Durham and Chris Summerland from Chatham County. Our presentation is will give you a bit of background. It is the project the site plans and the maps, the surroundings. It is going to take partnership as a collaborative effort that began as was mentioned more than 35 years ago when OWASA purchased that property with the intent to construct a water supply facility to access an allocation in Jordan Lake, which have been issued by the state.

OWASA is the current owner of the site, but negotiations are underway for them to sell the property to the City of Durham, who is acting as the agent on behalf of the partnership. These four partners have been working together since 2014 to develop that regional solution to meet the long term needs for water supply in their communities and the state is a collaborator in that of through the process to issue those allocations. The proposed intake structure would be in Jordan Lake pipeline and pump station for the untreated water from the lake to the treatment facility, which would be a 20 million gallon a day capacity and transmission pipelines from the treatment plant. Each partner's water distribution system are currently in the planning and preliminary engineering phase.

The intention is to complete these facilities and have them in operation by 2031, we have not yet done detailed design or hire a contractor. We are in the preliminary phase. The Town of Pittsboro is transitioning to water service from Sanford's utility. They are not participating in the initial project phase.

Similarly, OWASA is going to receive water initially from the plant in emergencies only, and Durham and Chatham County will have the capacity shares in the initial facilities. The future expansions are planned for finished water transmission pipelines to Pittsboro and OWASA. The map you can see an outline of the subject property. It's in red on the east side of the intersection of C 4th Rd in N Pine Ridge Road. Vista Point Recreation Area and Jordan Lake or visible on the east US 64 is out of out of you to the north of the site.

Thereis a residential development to the north, the south, and the west of the site, including a new thirty unit subdivision north of the property, which is started

construction but not yet occupied.

The illustration shows the treatment facility site what's proposed for rezoning in gray the X in the southeast corner of the site is at a pumping station, which is connected to the intake structure in Jordan Lake through an underground tunnel. The water will reach the plant by means of an underground tunnel will be constructed with the tunneling machine deep underground so that we don't have to make a disturbance at the surface or through the recreational facility. To get a little more detailed on the property itself and the technical design, I will have Bill Dowbiggin come forward.

Bill Dowbiggin

The Regional Water treatment facility will have about ten to twenty employees. There will be a very secure facility with fencing cameras to prevent unauthorized entrance. The employees will have offices and support such as laboratory and a shop and facilities shown on the right side of this slide show the basic treatment components that would be used to produce potable drinking water. Drinking water facilities are very beneficial for the partners, both in terms of public health and fire prevention, and Chatham County is one of the partners.

Water treatment facilities next to residential areas are very common, as shown here in Cary, Durham, and two Raleigh facilities. We have a 50 foot set back line shown in pink and in orange a 100 foot set back line and we are staying out of that full 100 foot setback with structures with streets. It will look like a wooded facility from the property line from the streets, even when we're done.

Chair Dasher opened the public hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak.

John Chappo

My name is John Chappo and I'm a homeowner and Seaforth landing. I'm here to ask you that you deny this application and require the WIP to find a more suitable location. That does not negatively impact homeowners have multiple concerns that focus on four areas, health and safety, disruption of the peace and quiet of this neighborhood, environmental risks and negative impact to my home and other homes. The parcel is too small and close to homes and subdivisions for the number and size of the 34 structures. It is inconceivable that the size and scope of this operation was intended when that land was purchased by OWASA, given that this facility will receive, store and utilize large amounts of hazardous chemicals, fuel should be enough for this board to realize it is unsuitable for this parcel and propagates an undue risk for residents. That delivery, storage and use of these toxic chemicals brings the risk of accidents, including spills and fires, and the residents here have no exit except for past that property. The size and construction and magnitude of the facility will place a burden on nearby residents for water destined to Durham County. Essentially, I hope we and Chatham show them that we don't treat our citizens like they do in dorm homeowners purchased into this subdivision with the expectation and good faith of enjoying a quiet rural setting and understood the parcels to be residentially zoned. The application asserts that land values will not be impacted with no evidence provided. I urge you to reject it if the board chooses to move forward regardless of objections, I ask that you require changes that ensure the entire facility be out of sight. The preliminary plan does not achieve this. Minimum setbacks should be 300 to 500 feet and should be required with a significant reduction in the size of the buildings. The 10 to 20 people, they're planning an 18,000 square foot building for people there and impact analysis should also be done on home values, which they have not done. Health and safety risks have not been addressed either and should be addressed prior to your approval. We have submitted written comments as well as well as emailed all you Commissioners, so please deny this and let them do their homework. Thanks.

Pat Galliralli.

I'm one of the property owners that's most affected. My property is directly adjacent to the uh, so the water treatment plant. I've known about this since I purchased my property in 1989. I used to run into Pat Davis when he was looking to buy the property for OWASA. When we talked about it, he had said that it was going to be affect about 8 acres of property. It was going to be a water intake, he said. Nothing about it being a full blown treatment plant. OK, but I have known about it and he was pretty spot on. He told me that it wouldn't affect anything until about 2031, when I bought the property in 1989 was a long time. So I have expected this the whole time. Maybe they bought into a different situation. They have smaller lots, probably more expensive houses are lot sizes are 10 acres, but for me my main issue really is I'm going to assume that this is a foregone conclusion and my main issue is 4 things I'd like to see. The unused land, designated as green space so that it's not developed in the future. I haven't seen the latest plans. I did meet with the intake partnership and I saw the what it was going to be last July anyway, but I would like to make the project continue on running contingent on running high speed Internet down Seaforth Road. We are in a internet desert. We have 2.0 megabit per second download speeds and less than a megabit per second upload speed. We just have DSL. Spectrum will not service us, so I would and everybody around us to high school Seaforth Landing and I assumed the treatment plant will end. It is new subdivision will have high speed Internet. I don't think it's a stretch to run it to the New Hope Trail subdivision. I also think they should lower the speed limit on the street.

Chair Dasher closed the public hearing and referred the matter to the Planning Board.

This Agenda Item was referred to the Planning Board.

[23-5066](#)

A quasi-judicial public hearing requested by 1535 King Road LLC for a Special Use Permit on parcel 95385, zoned Heavy Industrial, located at 1535 King Rd., being approximately 18.685 acres, for an asphalt manufacture or refining plant, Cape Fear Township. (Applicant has requested an extension to February 2024)

Attachments: [More information from the Planning department website](#)

Chair Dasher opened the public hearing and called for a motion to continue the public hearing to the next month.

County Attorney Bob Hagemann reminded the Board of Commissioners that this is a quasi judicial hearing and that they are not supposed to engage in what is called ex parte communications. Hagemann urged them to be cautious if they are approached about this particular case. Your decision is supposed to be made just on the evidence that's presented at the hearing, which will of course be next month.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Karen Howard, seconded by Commissioner David Delaney, that this Agenda Item be continued to the February 19, 2024 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Dasher, Commissioner Delaney, Vice Chair Howard, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Kenlan

[23-5067](#)

A quasi-judicial public hearing requested by The Towers LLC dba Vertical Bridge for a Special Use Permit on approximately 3.25 acres of parcel 83021, located off NC 42, Moncure, for a wireless

telecommunications tower, Cape Fear Township.

Attachments: [More information from the Planning department website](#)

Chair Dasher stated that the item is a quasi judicial public hearing and asked the individuals including staff, the applicant, and anyone from the public, who would like to speak on the item to come forward to be administered an oath.

Chair Dasher then administered the following oath to those that came forward "Do you swear or affirm that the information you provide the board is true and correct to the best of your knowledge". All those wishing to give sworn testimony replied yes.

Zoning Administrator Angie Plummer presented the specifics of the request which included that the proposal by The Towers LLC. A new 190 foot still tower on 3.25 acres out of this larger tract off of NC 42 down in Moncure close to Buckhorn, it's an area that another area that desperately needs some type of technology services. Research has been done by the applicant. The applicant followed the wireless telecommunications ordinance. There is not another facility within a mile and 1/2 when you look at the topography of this area, if you've been down there, you all know it is hilly and so it is hard to get the service. The Planning Department has not received any inquiries on this submittal.

John Hegley - Applicant

I'm with Chase Real Estate Services. We are working on behalf of Towers LLC to submit this application. My partner that has been working on this project fell ill, so I am standing in. We have submitted to the staff sixteen notebooks. I'm not sure if you have seen the full submittal but I will admit that I have not looked through the entire binder. We have been able to speak to the church, worked out things there in support of it today. We feel like our application is complete. It is compliant with all the numerous items here, so I am really here tonight to help answer any questions that may that you may have, but we want to respectfully submit this application for your approval and given that there is a very good strong need for it in that location and that we have again met all the conditions of this ordinance, we respectfully submit the application and request your approval.

No one signed up to speak. Chair Dasher closed the public hearing and referred the matter to the Planning Board.

This Agenda Item was referred to the Planning Board.

BOARD PRIORITIES

[23-5072](#)

Vote on a request to approve the 2023-2024 Housing Trust Fund award recommendations and to authorize the execution of contracts with both Chatham Habitat for Humanity and Rebuilding Together of the Triangle pursuant to the subject award recommendations.

Attachments: [AHAC Trust Fund 2024 Recommendation to BOC - Jan 2024](#)

Assistant County Manager Bryan Thompson updated the Board of Commissioners on the Housing Trust Fund, which was first created in 2018. That was following a fairly lengthy exploratory committee and the development of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, and now for the past several years we have had a total of 2.8 million that has been requested, and we have been able to fund 1.35 million of Housing Trust fund

awards. That is a total of 375 affordable housing units that have either that have been supported, whether it's preservation or the creation of new housing. Do you keep in mind that other funding and activities that we have done outside of the Housing Trust Fund have also been part of our larger program and represent a larger body of work and impact.

We have a recommendation for two separate awards. The first is for Habitat for Humanity. This is a project is town homes in Siler City. This is an innovation for Habitat for Humanity, as they typically only do single family residential. They are looking to economize and really get more bang for their buck and this is one of their first projects requesting and the recommendation is \$75,000 for a total project cost of \$491,000. This project is going to be the first of several buildings.

The second recommendation for award is for Rebuilding Together of the triangle for a total project cost of 1.156 million and the request is for \$225,000. This is housing preservation, and it would tend to serve where as estimated fifty-eight homes in Chatham County.

The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee grant recommendation for this award cycle is \$300,000, with a total project impact of 1.6 million and sixty-two homes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Katie Kenlan, seconded by Vice-Chair Karen Howard that the award of the Housing Trust funds be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Dasher, Commissioner Delaney, Vice Chair Howard, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Kenlan

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Jenifer Johnson reminded the Board of Commissioners about the events with central Pines.

Johnson stated that we are ordering name tags and would like to know which board members may need them.

Johnson stated that the February 5, 2024 meeting agenda does not have any item, so she recommended cancelling the meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Katie Kenlan, seconded by Vice-Chair Karen Howard, that the February 5, 2024 meeting be canceled. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Dasher, Commissioner Delaney, Vice Chair Howard, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Kenlan

MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager Dan LaMontagne is happy to announce the North Carolina Finance Officer Certification Committee has approved Roy Lynch, as a North Carolina certified Finance Officer as of January 1st, 2024.

LaMontagne stated that he, Bryan Thompson, and Carolyn Miller will be attending the North Carolina City County Manager Association Winter Conference in Winston Salem.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Delaney stated that he participated in a very informative school of

government course on board rules and procedures. It was very helpfully, expanded beyond the types of things that we see as a county board, heard a couple of things that would be good topics to keep in mind. They may differ from the way that we have things in our procedures now and he spoke with Chair Dasher about having a committee of our board in order to do that kind of thing to look at our procedures occasionally to take input and comment from within the board or even from the staff about things that we might improve or update. Delaney stated he would like to get some support for the idea of having a standing committee of two Commissioners to work together and bring ideas back to the full board.

Chair Dasher stated that seems like something that we would work with the County Attorney and the Clerk. Delaney stated that his preference is the model which is two Commissioners working together, but he is happy to do whatever the Board of Commissioners would be interested in. Chair Dasher stated that the clerk and the attorney should be involved in this discussion.

Delaney stated that he attended the North Carolina economic forecast even put on by the NC Chamber and attended a Lumbee Tribe community event in Raleigh and perhaps we can honor the native residents of the county in November for the Native American Heritage Month.

Commissioner Gomez-Flores had no updates.

Vice-Chair Howard stated that the governor is recommending her for reappointment to the Oil and Gas Commission and the Governor's Crime Commission. She is getting ready to have her first meeting as chair of the DCHC MPO. We had a meeting with the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of CAMPO today to layout plans for a joint meeting on January 31st. There is also an open house for DCHC MPO coming up. Howard stated that this past weekend there were a number of Martin Luther King observances and celebrations and it was wonderful to see a lot of Commissioners and community members present. Howard stated that she was particularly impressed by Chair Dasher's comments at the event yesterday. And lastly the NCACC executive committee will be meetings and she will report back after that meeting.

Commissioner Kenlan stated that Commissioner Howard gave some incredible remarks at the Martin Luther King event and we have rich history of incredible community leaders.

Kenlan stated that she will be attending the School of Government Advanced Leadership Corps starting on February 4th and she will be attending her first CAMPO meeting.

Commissioner Howard stated before Chair Dasher gives all of his updates, I do want to say that before we meet again, Commissioner Kenlan will be having a birthday, and so I want to say happy birthday.

Chair Dasher stated that he wanted to bring to the board's attention a clerical correction that I am going ask that be made with apologies. There was a item on the March 6, 2023 agenda which was on the consent agenda. It was for a contract with an agency that I am on the board of and I did not notice that on the consent agenda. I it my understanding that the minutes for that meeting have not been prepared. I would request that my vote on that item be changed to recused.

Commissioner Mike Dasher explained that on March 6, 2023 he unknowingly voted for an item concerning the Chatham County Partnership for Children which was on the consent agenda and he would like to change his vote to "Recuse".

The consensus of the Board of Commissioners was to change Commissioner Dasher's vote to "recuse" since the minutes had not been completed. The Board of Commissioners instructed the Clerk to the Board to make the change.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Karen Howard, seconded by Commissioner Katie Kenlan to adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Dasher, Commissioner Delaney, Vice Chair Howard, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Kenlan