



Chatham County, NC

Meeting Minutes

Board of Commissioners

Monday, December 14, 2015

6:00 PM

Historic Courthouse Courtroom

Work Session - 2:00 PM - Historic Courthouse Courtroom

Present: 5 - Chairman Jim Crawford, Commissioner Mike Cross, Vice Chair Diana Hales, Commissioner Karen Howard and Commissioner Walter Petty

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

No one signed up to speak.

BOARD PRIORITIES

[15-1522](#)

Mental Health Update from Cardinal Innovations

Attachments: [Chatham County Mental Health presentation Dec 2015](#)

Debra Farrington, Director of Cardinal Innovations for Orange, Person, and Chatham Counties, presented a Mental Health update to the Board. (Presentation Attached).

Ms. Farrington stated Mental Health services include services for people with substance abuse issues and people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Commissioner Petty asked what licensed practitioner meant in the way of healthcare professional. He understands that hospitals rely heavily on tele-psychiatry because there are not enough health care professionals to meet the needs. Ms. Farrington stated licensed practitioner includes psychiatrist, psychologist, licensed clinical social workers, or licensed clinical addiction specialists. She stated tele-psychiatry is often used in rural areas because there are no medical professionals in the area. Commissioner Petty was curious as to why there is still a need for tele-psychiatry if there are 112 licensed practitioners. He knows a lot of people are being held at the hospital until they can be seen by a mental health professional. Ms. Farrington stated there are not enough community mental health beds.

Commissioner Howard asked what UCR is. Ms. Farrington stated that stands for Unit Cost Reimbursement. It is a fee for service. Non UCR is like a grant, it is an expense base payment. The County Manager asked if the Non UCR is on top of the county funds. Ms. Farrington stated that was correct.

Commissioner Howard asked what has affected the No Show Rate. Ms. Farrington stated the tele-psychiatry could be affecting it. She will have to investigate the other factors.

Ms. Farrington stated Trinity gets 29% of the County funds and UNC also receives a large percentage. Some county funding also supports Chatham Together and Therapeutic Alternatives.

Commissioner Hales asked if the substance abuse programs in Siler City are new. Ms. Farrington stated they have been around for a year. Commissioner Hales asked if it is getting a good result. Ms. Farrington stated it depends on what they want to measure. Some data they can't measure yet because it is only a year old.

Chairman Crawford asked what Cardinal was doing at the Farm at Penny Lane. Ms. Farrington stated \$30,000 of the County funding was put in reserve and at the end of the fiscal year not all of that money had been spent. They received a request from the UNC Center for Excellence in Community Mental Health. They are building a tiny home as a model to support people who have mental health conditions. Cardinal Innovations used some of that money in reserves to help them develop the tiny home. The home was built at the County Fair and has been moved to the Farm at Penny Lane. They are going to try to develop a model program to have people live in those small houses. Housing is a huge issue for people with mental health and substance abuse conditions.

Commissioner Hales asked what the top service needs are for Chatham County. Ms. Farrington stated psychiatry and having bilingual therapists are the greatest needs.

15-1512

Presentation by Partnership for Children

Attachments: [ProposalToChathamBOC_12-14-15-Partnership4Children](#)

Genevieve Megginson of the Partnership for Children addressed the Board. Ms. Megginson distributed a brochure on the first 2,000 days of early childhood education to give the Board some background. She stated she believed the Board is aware of the importance of the first 2,000 days.

Ms. Megginson stated the Board had received her proposal which is an invitation for the Board of Commissioners to partner with the Chatham County Partnership for Children on an Early Childhood Task Force to look at the data and the needs of the early childhood system in Chatham County. The Partnership for Children has the funding streams for the work they have to do but if they do the task force they will need the funding support for that. This would be an infrastructure investment.

Commissioner Howard asked what the goal of the task force would be. Ms. Megginson stated they would like to bring together County and Municipal representatives and developers to look at the information and discuss the needs and report back to the Board of Commissioners periodically on what they have discovered.

Ms. Megginson stated Commissioner Howard is willing to chair the task force.

The County Manager stated staff would like to talk with Ms. Megginson about how the expenses would relate to a task force prior to approval. Ms. Megginson stated there are some items in the budget that do not relate to the task force and the task force would be an outcome.

Commissioner Howard suggested tabling the discussion for a future meeting to give Ms. Megginson an opportunity to meet with county staff. Ms. Megginson stated she would like to know if the Board has the will to take on this topic. Commissioner

Howard stated she does.

Commissioner Hales stated she is interested but the County Manager raises a valid point.

Commissioner Petty stated the hesitation is because there is a budgeting process and when you go outside of that process a lot of things have to be looked at and he believes it is best to do that one on one with the County Manager. He asked what time frame Ms. Megginson had in mind.

Vice Chair Cross stated the biggest question they have is that the county has around fifty nonprofits and there is a well-established process for them to go through and if this doesn't fit that then it will have to be adjusted or the County will have to change its policies. He believes Ms. Megginson needs to meet with staff to determine if this request meets the model for nonprofit funding.

Ms. Megginson stated she is happy to participate in that process and has participated in that process in the past. She does believe the timing is important and believes it is a critical time. She is happy to do whatever the Board directs.

Commissioner Howard believes the task force will be very helpful but she also believes the funding conversations need to happen first.

[15-1472](#)

Clean Jordan Lake Presentation

Attachments: [Clean Jordan Lake Video](#)
 [Chatham County BOC- Dec. 2015](#)

Fran Di'Giano of Clean Jordan Lake addressed the Board.

Mr. Di'Giano showed a video to the Board. (Video attached)

Mr. Di'Giano presented a PowerPoint Presentation. (Presentation attached)

Commissioner Hales asked if Clean Jordan Lake was plugged into the Travel and Tourism site. Mr. Di'Giano stated no. The Board suggested he get involved with them.

Chairman Crawford stated he would like to reach out to Burlington and Greensboro and invite them on the pontoon boat tours.

Commissioner Hales suggested Mr. Di'Giano present at the Triangle J Council of Governments.

[15-1465](#)

Presentation on Rural Broadband Assembly of September 28-29, 2015

Attachments: [Broadband Update From 2015 Rural Assembly](#)
 [FiveNextStepsForYourCommunity](#)

Darlene Yudell, MIS Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached)

Commissioner Petty asked what unused fiber meant. Ms. Yudell stated it would be fiber laid in the same trench as the county fiber but it would not be used by the county. It would be used later by a third party.

Chairman Crawford thanked Ms. Yudell for her work and stated she is a great asset to the County.

Commissioner Hales asked if e-rate funds were federal or state funds. Ms. Yudell stated she would find out.

Commissioner Hales asked if it was possible to collaborate with MCNC. Commissioner Hales also believes the schools should be a focus of the fiber effort. Chairman Crawford asked if the County would be able to tap into the MCNC fiber line. Ms. Yudell stated the County currently taps into the MCNC line as a very inexpensive lease line for the Health Department. She also stated the schools would be included in the fiber plan.

Commissioner Howard asked what the next steps are. Ms. Yudell stated the next steps would be to reach out to the two expert offices, the NTIA and the FCC, and make sure the path the County is trying to set is correct. She would need to look at the e-rate application to find out what is needed. She would also talk to other IT departments and organizations to see what kind of interest there is.

Commissioner Hales asked if the state legislature had restrictions on local governments getting into the broadband business. Ms. Yudell stated in February the FCC ruled it was appropriate for municipalities but the State of North Carolina is objecting to the ruling. Since the February ruling Salisbury brought up their solution and Greensboro and Burlington are pursuing their solutions. She does not believe the County can offer it to citizens and businesses and sell third party provided services but the County can certainly lay a highway for it.

Commissioner Petty stated the County ring of fiber can be done with the e-rate funding and it makes sense to do it.

The Board agreed this was an option to pursue.

Commissioner Hales asked Ms. Yudell to think about what she would need in a task force.

Joe Glasson, formerly with the Economic Development Corporation, stated when the EDC is attracting businesses to the area; broadband plays an important role in the business' decision to come to the area. It is a critical issue.

15-1515

Approval of 2017-2023 Capital Improvements Plan

County Manager Renee Paschal stated staff is asking for approval of the CIP today. She stated there were questions about the CCCC Health Sciences Building as to where and when it would be built and the cost of geothermal. The quick estimate of geothermal would be \$450,000. She stated staff went back to Briar Chapel to try to negotiate on the land and association dues. Staff met with Briar Chapel and they are pretty resolute in not wanting to lower the cost of the land because it is already discounted. Briar Chapel is willing to negotiate the association dues. The maintenance of the facilities that are shared, the storm water pond and the entrance drive, would cost \$3,000 a year. Briar Chapel Developers also agreed, at the County Manager's request, to leave open the issue of association dues so that the County and college can do a cost analysis to determine whether it is more cost effective for the college to pay the association dues versus paying individually for the services covered.

The County Manager stated they do not know if geothermal will require additional land. She stated the commissioners asked what effect delaying the building one year would have on the debt model. She stated it is about one tenth of one cent. If the Board decides to move up the building to open in 2018 and move it to the Briar Chapel location, the County will need an additional three tenths of one cent to fund the debt model.

The Board discussed at which site the building should be located, Briar Chapel or the CCCC Pittsboro Campus.

Dr. Bud Marchant, President of CCCC, stated the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to let the County use the Briar Chapel site as an early voting polling site.

Attorney Nick Robinson stated the north Chatham early voting site has cost the County \$9,000 over the past two election cycles. If you extrapolate that over the course of the forty year life of the building that is another \$180,000 the County won't have to spend.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Cross, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that the CCCC Health Sciences Building be built at the Briar Chapel site. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman Crawford, Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty

No: 1 - Vice Chair Hales

The County Manager stated the County will need 2.35 cents in the debt model to fund the recommendation. Opening the building in 2018 instead of 2021 will require an additional 0.3 cents in the debt model. One cent of that will be funded from sales tax revenue.

Vice Chair Cross asked what the urgency was for opening the building in 2018.

Dr. Marchant stated the college will be happy to accept the building whenever the Board wishes to construct it. However, what they are concerned about are the jobs that are going to be available in the medical corridor in the near future because the buildings are being constructed now.

The Board discussed the timing of the opening of the building.

A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Commissioner Petty, to approve amending the CIP to move up the opening of the CCCC Health Sciences Building to 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Crawford, Commissioner Cross, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty

The Board agreed for geothermal to be designed as a bid alternate and be brought back to the Board for approval once bids are received.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Cross, seconded by Commissioner Petty, to approve the 2017-2023 CIP as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Crawford, Commissioner Cross, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty

[15-1497](#)

2015 Fourth Quarter Employee of the Quarter-Leigh Ann Garrard,
Animal Services

Courtney Goldston introduced Leigh Anne Garrard, Animal Services Director, and recipient of the Fourth Quarter Employee of the Quarter Award.

Ms. Goldston read from Ms. Garrard's nomination. " In July 2015, under the direction of Chatham County Animal Services and assisted by multiple local, state and national agencies, 197 animals were removed from a Chatham County property for their safety and protection. Participating agencies included the Chatham County Sheriff's Office, the Humane Society of the United States, Durham County Sheriff's Office, Wake County Animal Services, as well as local veterinarians and rescue groups. This large scale effort and successful rescue of the menagerie of animals would not have been possible without the organization and direction of Chatham County's Animal Services Director, Leigh Anne Garrard. As a result of this rescue effort, many of the animals have been rehomed and multiple felony charges were brought against the owner of the property." This year she was also named Health Department Supervisor of the Year.

Chairman Crawford presented Ms. Garrard with the award and the two posed for pictures.

15-1500

Discussion to provide clarification on the effort to extend zoning to the unzoned areas of the county.

Attachments: [Zoning Unzoned Areas BOC 12-14-15](#)

Jason Sullivan, Planning Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation. (Presentation attached)

Chairman Crawford stated the Board needs to decide between the Agricultural zoning option and the Residential zoning option.

Commissioner Hales believes the Board should approve the R1 and R5 zoning. She asked about R2 zoning, which is one residence per two acres, and whether it could be applied. Mr. Sullivan stated R2 is only used around the University Lake area of the County but that does not preclude the Board from using it in other areas. He stated the subdivision regulations state a property with a well and septic system automatically has to have a minimum acre and a half lot size. If the Board chooses R2 zoning there would be a minimum two acre lot size.

A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Commissioner Hales, to clarify the zoning will be Residential. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman Crawford, Commissioner Cross, Vice Chair Hales and Commissioner Howard

No: 1 - Commissioner Petty

The Board discussed adding R2 zoning in place of R1 zoning.

The Board decided that property 2500 feet from the Deep River will be zoned as R5.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Cross, seconded by Commissioner Petty, to approve R1 and R5 Residential zoning. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman Crawford, Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty

No: 1 - Vice Chair Hales

CLOSED SESSION

[15-1519](#)

Closed Session to discuss personnel and matters within the attorney/client privilege.

A motion was made by Commissioner Petty, seconded by Vice Chair Cross, to go out of the Work Session and convene in Closed Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and matters within the attorney/client privilege.. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Crawford, Commissioner Cross, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chair Cross, seconded by Commissioner Hales, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Crawford, Commissioner Cross, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty

End of Work Session

Regular Session - 6:00 PM - Historic Courthouse Courtroom

Present: 5 - Chairman Jim Crawford, Commissioner Mike Cross, Vice Chair Diana Hales, Commissioner Karen Howard and Commissioner Walter Petty

INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Cross delivered the invocation after which the Chairman invited everyone present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Crawford welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

[15-1507](#)

Election of the Chair and Vice Chair

Commissioner Hales nominated Jim Crawford as chair. The Board voted Five (5) to Zero (0) to elect Jim Crawford as Chair.

Commissioner Howard nominated Diana Hales as Vice Chair. The Board voted Five (5) to Zero (0) to elect Diana Hales as Vice Chair.

**Due to limitations in the software, the change in Vice Chair will not be reflected in the subsequent motions and votes of this meeting. The change will be reflected at the next meeting.*

SPECIAL APPROVALS

[15-1524](#)

Vote on a request to approve Arauco Panels USA LLC settlement offer on PTC appeal for business personal property audit.

Attachments: [CONT - Aruco Settlement Agreement](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Petty, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that the Arauco Settlement Agreement, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be approved and also approve a refund to the Moncure Fire Department. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Crawford, Commissioner Cross, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty

15-1525

Vote on a request to approve a three year contract for the County Manager.

A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Vice Chair Cross, that the County Manager's Contract, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Crawford, Commissioner Cross, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty

APPROVAL OF AGENDA and CONSENT AGENDA

The Board moved Item 15-1371 to the January 19, 2016 Board of Commissioners Meeting.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Mike Cross, seconded by Commissioner Karen Howard, that the Agenda and Consent Agenda be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty

[15-1517](#)

Vote on a request to approve the November 16, 2015 Regular Session Minutes and the November 23, 2015 CIP Work Session Minutes.

Attachments: [11.16.2015 Draft Minutes](#)
 [11.23.2015 Draft Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Cross, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty

[15-1506](#)

Vote on a request to approve Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget Amendments

Attachments: [Budget Amendment 2015-2016 Dec](#)

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Crawford, Commissioner Cross, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty

[15-1413](#)

Vote on a request to approve consideration to waive the competitive bid process, and award the piggyback bid for the upgrade of Airbus Patriot to Airbus Vesta Hardware and license, and authorize Renee Paschal to execute contract.

Attachments: [Wireless Communications Quote \(Piggyback\)](#)
[HenryCountyAward](#)
[NCGS 143-129](#)

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Crawford, Commissioner Cross, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty

[15-1437](#)

Vote on a request to approve rezoning for Parcel No. 78290, being all of 14.23 acres, located at 7733 Moncure Pittsboro Rd., Haw River Township, from R-1 Residential to NB Neighborhood Business.

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

A motion was made by Vice Chair Cross, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that Resolution #2015-47 Adopting a Consistency Statement for the Approval of Rezoning Property to Neighborhood Business for Par 5 Development Group, LLC Parcel No. 78290, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Crawford, Commissioner Cross, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty

A motion was made by Vice Chair Cross, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that the Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of Chatham County for Rezoning to Neighborhood Business for Par 5 Development, LLC Parcel No. 78290, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Crawford, Commissioner Cross, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty

[15-1516](#)

Vote on a request to approve the preliminary and final plat approval of Briar Chapel - Civic Site, consisting of one (1) non-residential lot on 3.683, located off Mann's Chapel Road, SR-1532 and Great Ridge Parkway, parcel #2617.

Attachments: [More Information from Planning Department Website](#)

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Crawford, Commissioner Cross, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty

[15-1501](#)

Vote on a request to approve Preliminary Plat of Briar Chapel, Phase 15 North, consisting of 50 lots on 20.32 acres, located off Andrews Store Road, SR-1528 and US 15-501 N, Baldwin Township, parcel #82828.

Attachments: [More Information form Planning Department Website](#)

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Crawford, Commissioner Cross, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty

[15-1493](#)

Vote on a request to accept \$6,437.11 NACCHO Retail Program Standards Mentorship Program Funds.

Attachments: [\\$6,437.11 Sub-Award Cost Reimbursement Funds - Check](#)

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Crawford, Commissioner Cross, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty

[15-1494](#)

Vote on a request to accept \$1,962.06 AFDO Retail Program Standards Grant Program Funds.

Attachments: [\\$1,962.06 FDA Retail Grant Funds Check](#)

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Crawford, Commissioner Cross, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty

[15-1495](#)

Vote on a request to accept \$20,000 Maternal and Child Health Funds

Attachments: [\\$20,000 Maternal and Child Health Funds](#)

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Crawford, Commissioner Cross, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty

[15-1496](#)

Vote on a request to approve the award to the vehicle upfit bid on seventeen new vehicles to Mr. Communications in the amount of 113,145

Attachments: [FORMALBIDTAB-wVENDORS CONTACTED](#)

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Crawford, Commissioner Cross, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty

[15-1499](#)

Vote on a request to approve the Tax Releases and Refunds.

Attachments: [November 2015](#)
[November 2015](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Cross, seconded by Commissioner Howard, 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 - Chairman Crawford, Commissioner Cross, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty

[15-1502](#)

Vote to approve Proposed Project Ordinance

Attachments: [Project Ordinance Northwood HVAC](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Cross, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that the Project Ordinance, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Crawford, Commissioner Cross, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty

[15-1504](#)

Vote to approve Solid Waste & Recycling Office Project Ordinance as Amended

Attachments: [Project Ordinance Solid Waste Facility Amended](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Cross, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that the Project Ordinance, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Crawford, Commissioner Cross, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty

[15-1505](#)

Vote to approve Courthouse Annex Renovations Project Ordinance as Amended

Attachments: [Project Ordinance Annex Renovations Amended](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Cross, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that the Project Ordinance, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Crawford, Commissioner Cross, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty

[15-1509](#)

Vote on a request to adopt a Resolution to Approve Amendments to the Chatham County Personnel Policy

Attachments: [Resolution Amending PP December 2015](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Cross, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that Resolution #2015-48 Approving Amendments to 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 - Chairman Crawford, Commissioner Cross, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty

[15-1510](#)

Vote on a request to approve proposed Amendment to the Chatham County Retiree Health Insurance Policy

Attachments: [Retiree Health Insurance Policy--12-2015 Draft Revision](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Cross, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that this Policies and Procedures be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Crawford, Commissioner Cross, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty

[15-1511](#)

Vote on a request to approve the Chatham County Travel Policy

Attachments: [Travel Policy-Draft](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Cross, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that this Policies and Procedures be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Crawford, Commissioner Cross, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty

[15-1513](#)

Vote on a request to adopt a Resolution Approving NCDOT Encroachment Bond

Attachments: [Resolution](#)
 [NCDOT Bond](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Cross, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that Resolution #2015-49 Approving NCDOT Encroachment Bond, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Crawford, Commissioner Cross, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty

[15-1492](#)

Vote on a request to approve Lease for Elections office and authorize the county manager to sign the Lease.

Attachments: [Elections Lease Asarum Ventures 2016-2020](#)

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Crawford, Commissioner Cross, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty

[15-1521](#)

Vote on a request to approve an Appointment to the Planning Board

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Crawford, Commissioner Cross, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty

End of Consent Agenda

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

John Alderman, 244 Redgate Road, Pittsboro, submitted the following comments:

Soil, groundwater, saprolite, and bedrock associated with the ST Wooten facility on Sugar Lake Road are now highly contaminated with industrial pollutants, and these pollutants are expanding outward from their sources. Although some contaminated soil has been removed from the site, significant pollution remains. For many years, residents in the vicinity of the ST Wooten facility on Sugar Lake Road have urged business owners and government officials to demonstrate their commitment to protect public health through removal of the contamination. The removal remains insufficient, so frustration with the process has increased. Since multiple appeals to business owners and government officials have not sufficiently protected citizens, I ask that Chatham County consider the following:

- 1. North Carolina's zoning statute grants power to Chatham County to "promote health, safety, morals, or the general welfare" through zoning.*
- 2. ST Wooten's unpermitted, relatively permanent, and expanding pollution of Chatham County's groundwater does not promote the health, safety, morals, or general welfare of local citizens, so ST Wooten has violated the intent of North Carolina's zoning statute.*
- 3. Since the intent of the statute has been violated, it should be possible to confiscate ST Wooten's industrial property on Sugar Lake Road through eminent domain.*
- 4. ST Wooten's compensation should be based on the taxable value of the property (\$488,979) minus the cost of removing as much of the remaining pollution as possible within the limits of current technology. They should also remove all industrial equipment, supplies, and buildings from the property.*

Citizens throughout the United States feel increasingly disenfranchised as polluting businesses appear to be held in higher regard than citizens. We must rely upon bold, creative, and aggressive leadership from our Board of Commissioners to protect Chatham County citizens and to demonstrate that local government can still protect our most valuable asset - citizens' health.

Debby Wakefield, 384 Rainy Day Farm Drive, Sanford, submitted the following comments:

I am going to ask six questions.

- 1. Has Dr. James Goodnight withdrawn from financing the Chatham Park development?*
- 2. Has Chatham Park met with the new Chatham County Manager and other Chatham officials and asked if Chatham County would borrow funds to help finance improvements such as infrastructure and schools in Chatham Park?*
- 3. Would the funds requested by Chatham Park be repaid through a special Chatham Park tax district that could raise the funds needed to repay the loans?*

4. Has Chatham Park approached the Town of Pittsboro asking it to help finance water and/or sewer improvements in Chatham Park?
5. Is Chatham Park paying the former Mayor of Pittsboro, the Honorable Mr. Randy Voller to act as a community relations specialist with the responsibility of helping to arrange local financing?
6. Before agreeing to any financial help for Chatham Park, would the Chatham County Board of Commissioners insist that Chatham Park implement the conservation recommendations of the 2014 Lawrence Report and provide much better protection for critical habitats, steep slopes, streams, the Haw River and Jordan Lake?

Please provide any answers you may have to the addresses given to the Chatham County Manager's office.

In closing, I understand Superior Court Judge Ridgeway recently dismissed the Pittsboro Matters lawsuit concerning Chatham Park. The dismissal was based, in large part, on judicial reluctance to overrule local government decisions. For this reason it is more important than ever for the Chatham County Board of Commissioners to do all it can to protect all environmental resources that will be impacted by Chatham Park. Thank you for your assistance.

William Fischer, 591 Red Gate Road, submitted the following comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak and bare my soul about this. We came to Chatham County before zoning and we have watched all the nervous energy and financial energy. I can remember a conversation I had with Earl Thompson who was the Chair at that time. Earl said "if you want zoning let me work with you". I gave it some consideration and came to the conclusion that the deal here is to give up a little bit of our freedom about what we want to do with our land in order to keep things like this cancer we have down on Sugar Lake Road from happening. Zoning would hopefully protect us from that sort of thing. This operation that is causing all this uproar pays \$3,400 a year in taxes, less than a whole lot of houses. For that they have destroyed Mt. Gilead Road, if they go to the maximum they are allowed right now there will be a truck running every minute. When this thing began when zoning came in you might see a car every fifteen minutes on Mt. Gilead Road, it is just a little farm to market road. It has now become the de facto route to Raleigh for everybody from southern Orange County and northeast Chatham. There is an awful lot of traffic. These trucks come awfully fast and somebody is going to have an awful accident on account of it. I was sitting here before you called the meeting to order and I already heard one person sitting behind me say "if this thing is approved a sign is going in my yard the next day." I have got everything that I've worked for all my life tied up in my little piece of Chatham County. I don't want to use the word betrayal, but I am begging because it is all I have. They are destroying it, they don't care, they are awful neighbors, they don't tell the truth, they tell a lot of half-truths. Just keep that in mind. The first sign has already been declared and it is going to cost the County an awful lot of money just in depressed property values. We have already lost a sale on Red Gate Road where I live because the people were going to buy the land and then they said they couldn't do it because of the pollution. Thank you very much.

George Lucier, 628 Redbud, Pittsboro, submitted the following comments:

At your last commissioners meeting, ST Wooten officials stood before you and said they were good neighbors. I am here to tell you that I don't believe that is true. This

is why.

14 Reasons Why ST Wooten Is Not a Good Neighbor

- 1. Wooten knew about the TCE contamination when they purchased the property from Lee Paving yet they have taken no responsibility for the cleanup.*
- 2. Although the asphalt plant was present before some of the residential development, it was a very small operation until 2002 when ST Wooten significantly expanded production capability by installing a new plant so the plant is much more of a problem than it used to be. Lee Paving only produced 9000 tons asphalt per year, a small fraction of the current plant's capacity.*
- 3. Substantial new development has occurred in the area since the TCE contamination was discovered but there has been no effort to notify homebuyers or developers of the contamination by ST Wooten and government entities.*
- 4. In 2012, ST Wooten attempted to rezone an adjacent 17 acre parcel as Heavy Industry so that they could significantly expand their heavy industrial activities in the middle of a residential area showing no concern about the health and safety of residents and no concern about their property values.*
- 5. In 2002 and again in 2012 ST Wooten attempted to construct a concrete plant showing little interest in the concerns of nearby residents who would be impacted safety, traffic and property value declines*
- 6. In 2002 ST Wooten promised to residents to limit asphalt production to 395000 tons per year but then turned around and got a permit for 1,200,000 tons per year. Truck traffic on Sugar Lake Rd would average almost one truck per minute to accommodate the 395000 ton limit.*
- 7. In 2002 ST Wooten promised to establish a citizen's advisory group to address concerns of residents. This has never happened.*
- 8. ST Wooten's permit allows them to release 100 tons of pollutants a year into the air including 4000 pounds of TCE. Since only about 13 pounds of TCE had been recovered from the groundwater, it is ridiculous to emit that much TCE in the midst of a residential area.*
- 9. TCE contamination of groundwater in an adjacent property exceeds levels considered safe by 57 fold. Yet ST Wooten has relied solely on DOT for cleanup with no evidence of concern for residents who are at risk from the advancing plume.*
- 10. ST Wooten has sued Chatham County and threatened to sue a Planning Board member who tried to change the non-conforming zoning language to require BOC approval for expansion of heavy industry activities.*
- 11. ST Wooten let their soil and erosion control permit lapse although it is now renewed.*
- 12. ST Wooten drilled a water supply well on their new property even though this hampered DOT's TCE cleanup activities.*
- 13. ST Wooten pays only \$3400 in property tax each year, much less than many of the residences that are impacted by the asphalt plant operations. They only employ 2 workers at the Chatham site and it is not clear if Chatham gets any sales tax from them.*
- 14. There is considerable evidence that ST Wooten has used Diesel Fuel on their truck beds and that this has further contaminated soil with chemicals that NCDOT do not claim clean responsibility for. They now use a product whose ingredients are protected by confidential business information although many of the formulations contain gasoline distillates. No safety information (persistence, bioaccumulation, health studies) is available for these products and ST Wooten has made no effort to monitor their dispersal in the environment.*

Jane Gallagher, 628 Redbud, Pittsboro, submitted the following comments:

Jim Crawford, you mentioned that you were getting used to people yelling at you. I

hope you don't get used to yelling at people. These people that sit here are not yellors. I am a very peace loving science type that is not an activist type. This represents frustration that we have been impacted with over the last fifteen years. Seth Wooten, Sr., Mr. Petty I don't have evidence of this, but some people sat in that church and Sr. who was retired said "I would never want to live next to an asphalt plant; I would rather live next to a hog plant." He lives in Wilson County where all the confined animal feed operations are. His lawyers pulled him down, of course, but he was very open and honest about that. You have 180 people, if you count two per residence, living within a half mile of something that was 9,000 tons per year. That is a few trucks a day. They said they weren't going to expand; they were just going to put in a new plant. The attorney said they were just putting in a new, cleaner plant, a drum plant versus a batch plant. Your attorney sat there, we didn't have a chance to rebut him, and said it was cleaner. He did not say that the voc's, which are the chemicals that come out of there, are nine times higher in a drum plant than a batch plant. If you don't believe me, I have an email from the air permit guy that issued that permit. It is not true, SO2 maybe, NO2 maybe, but you have one hundred tons. I just ask you to sit and think about living in a place within a half mile with your children fifteen years ago and understand the frustrations that now if you pull the blind you see mounds of shingles and asphalt and you're sitting on contaminated water. Please try to get them to go back to their promise of 395,000 tons per year. It is in part of the consent order. The diesel fuel, one of the commissioners said that is a fabrication. I sent you the trade journal, the name, the page, the number, the picture of the person spraying and I contacted DOT and they said yes, you are correct, there is petroleum contamination of soil unrelated to any past asphalt testing activities. It is beyond their mandate to address other parties spills or petroleum products. They have to do their part; not one red cent have they paid to remove soil. They need to remove the soil. It seeps just like TCE into the water. God knows what they have replaced it with. It is not EPA certified. What is in that? Please get the MSDS sheet that will tell you at least if it bio accumulates. What is that, can we test it? Please meet with people in the proper arena and tell them what you can do and what you can't do, there is a lot of misinformation. Please ask Wooten to put some money aside for testing residents within half a mile: \$12,500 is what it is going to cost by a state certified lab. They owe it to people not to have to wait two or three years. Three people have gotten do not drink your water notices with no guidance. Somebody went to Home Depot, somebody got a water softener and somebody got a person that deals with this regularly. This isn't really fair. Have some strategy and have some courage to talk to people and have a public meeting. DOT is the least of the bad actors, it is ST Wooten. We get barbecues every time they want to do something different but they refuse to listen to a certified email asking for public comment. Think for a minute and pretend you are there within a half mile listening to the trucks coming and going. You have heard them all night long. Thank you for listening.

Joseph Drust, 178 Henry's Ridge Road, submitted the following comments

I would like to thank you all for allowing me to come back to the Board. It was just three years ago that I recently received a letter from the state telling me that my well may be contaminated with TCE. I was a new homeowner in Henry's Ridge. We had no knowledge of the plant being within .43 miles from our residence. As we closeout Henry's Ridge, I think the last lots are being developed now, there are some of my neighbors who are closer than I. I listened to George and Jane and they have spoken to this Board and I have spoken to some of you before and there are new ones and I have tried to do some research myself because I was caught off guard. I would like to ask the Board to go back and look at some of the things that George discussed, which were some of the Board minutes from 2002 and later on in 2003

where they discuss litigation regarding ST Wooten versus the County. These are online and I am not an attorney so I may have misunderstood some of the documents but they address some of the items that George raised about the consent judgment with ST Wooten. I think at the last meeting the Chairman said the Board may not have authority or power to do anything about this. The Board was sympathetic to us homeowners but can't really do much about it. I would like to suggest that the Board of Commissioners ask the attorneys to review those cases and since we have now moved from 2002 to 2016 a lot of things have changed and it may be worthwhile to have those readdressed. I would also like briefly to make a comment concerning the previous Board member, Chairman Emerson, who stated he knew there were a lot of unhappy people in the community and I would suggest to you that that was in 2002 and I would think that you are going to have a lot more unhappy people as a result of not taking action. Thank you. We appreciate your efforts but I think the statutes of the State of North Carolina provide a lot of authority to the local Boards. We need to exercise those on behalf of the citizens.

John Wagner, 210 Jessamine Lane, Pittsboro, submitted the following comments:

I appreciate the opportunity to talk to all of you tonight. I want to thank you very much for your efforts to deal with planning and zoning for this whole county so we can avoid the kind of mess that you all inherited with Wooten. It is a disaster. I am not familiar with all the technical issues in terms of what you are able to do but I encourage you to investigate legally and in terms of every capability that you have as county commissioners to deal with the fact that Wooten is endangering the health of neighbors. They have violated court orders. They have been bad neighbors in every possible way. It makes no sense to allow any expansion and you should look into every possible way that you can make them pay for their part of the contamination that they have caused. It needs to be cleaned up, it not only is endangering the nearby wells but that plume is going to keep expanding and will get into the Haw River and effect the stream life and the creeks and the river itself. Having heavy industrial activity like this with the truck traffic, the noise, the contamination and the continual expansion they have done even without permits means that this is not an industry that needs to continue. We need to figure out how it can be stopped in Chatham County and closed down. Thank you.

Betsy Clarke, 551 Hills of the Haw Road, submitted the following comments:

I live in Hills of the Haw development, not far from Henry's Ridge so we are not far from the Wooten plant. If you drive by the road it is two miles. I would really like to second what Mr. Wagner said. I would like to see the expansion stopped. I would like to see the contamination of the ground and the ground water and the wells and the air stopped and cleaned up. It is a very bad thing to be contaminating the ground water of an area where communities live. Many years ago someone put PCP all over the roads in North Carolina and they scraped it all up and had to put it somewhere and they put it in a landfill and that landfill is just a half mile from my mother-in-law's house. They built that and said we swear we have good technology, it will never leak, it will not contaminate your wells. In two years it had contaminated all the wells in a half mile and they lost the value of their property. They had to move and it was a big loss to them. I don't think I want to see that continue to happen in North Carolina and particularly in our county and anywhere near where I live. It sounds like there are some ways that the Board may get the power to force them to clean it up or force them to move to an industrial park. I would like to see you do everything that you can to make that happen. I think we cannot have any more contamination of toxic substances continue. Thank you.

Sharon Garbutt, 595 Pokeberry, submitted the following comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak. I live right off of Mt. Gilead Church Road and I am fairly close to the Wooten plant. I drive up and down Mt. Gilead every day and I have heard really serious allegations with the Wooten plant. I would like to ask that the County do an investigation, I don't know exactly what sort of powers you have, but to find out to what extent Wooten is still polluting that site. They knew it was polluted when they bought it and now there is pollution on top of pollution, ongoing in a residential area. That is just plain wrong. The County really needs to get a handle on this. I am asking you to please figure out what they are doing every day out there. If I understand the chronology right, Wooten bought the land at a time when Lee Paving was producing about 9,000 tons of asphalt per year. They then got a license for 1.2 million tons per year and agreed because of a court decision to 395,000. If you compare that 395,000 tons to 9,000 tons, that is a huge increase. When they were grandfathered in, when Lee Paving was grandfathered in, if they are producing 9,000 tons and then suddenly you jump to 395,000 tons, I don't believe they are there yet but with all the development we anticipate in Chatham County they will be there really quick. That is a huge leap. I am not sure DEQ, if it was DEQ at that time, when they permitted that 1.2 million, if they took into account the number of trucks it is going to take to get that 1.2 million tons out of the Wooten plant. We know now, I imagine that will mainly be done by diesel trucks. Diesel trucks put off a very toxic pollution. I have done a lot of work in the area of fracking. That is one of the major sources of pollution. Even around a fracking site with all the pollution it does just because of the fracking, is the pollution from the trucks. I think that ought to be a major concern for this Board, for everyone who lives in the area. The other thing is the physical danger that many trucks will present to the people in the surrounding area. I believe the speed limit on Mt. Gilead Church Road is 55mph. If you have a truck full of asphalt every minute running down that road at 55 mph I can guarantee you that you'll have increased EMS costs in this county. Please consider both pollution and find out what is really going on there and consider also the dangers of those trucks to remove far more asphalt than has ever been produced there before. Thank you.

Brenda Moore, 223 Bartlett Drive, submitted the following comments:

I represent our group on Bartlett Drive off of Mt. Gilead Church Road. I haven't lived there very long. I don't know a lot of the technical background of Wooten. I can just testify to this sort of quality of life impact that it has had on me as a resident of our street, a cul-de-sac right near Sugar Lake. There is noise, smell, all night operations, and the backup beeping at night at three o'clock in the morning. There is asphalt odor and the traffic is a big concern with the trucks. The bits of asphalt that are hitting on the road from these fast moving trucks are a hazard to cars. From that standpoint I support anything we can do to investigate the situation and prevent them from operating.

John Salay, 28 Creekstone Drive, submitted the following comments:

I live on Creekstone Drive which is across from Sugar Lake. The ST Wooten plant was something that I wasn't too aware of ten years ago when I built my forever home from scratch. I am a father, I have two kids and raising those children knowing that there is a plume heading my way is quite disturbing. I read the full report about what they discovered. I wanted to come up here and ask you guys what you would do if

you had kids drinking well water knowing that there is contamination flowing in your direction. It is not just you, it is all your neighbors, it is the value of your property and all your tangible assets you have worked hard all your life for. It is also your future. I plan on retiring in that home. I don't know how long I am going to be able to do that with those plans knowing that nothing is being done. I am here today to ask you for your help. I know you guys have a limited amount of power but please consider your family and what you would do in this situation and also consider how it looks from our perspective knowing that nothing seems to be getting done yet we've got a lot of new roads all built by ST Wooten all over town. Looks great, I drive on them every day, but at the same time you have this plant grandfathered in making all sorts of money, nothing seems to be being done about the contamination yet we have beautiful roads all over town. Just consider that. Thank you.

Ralph Anthenien, 147 Bartlett Drive, submitted the following comments:

I would like to thank everyone for coming here and listening to our concerns. I am also on Bartlett Drive. I also was somewhat aware of the plant's existence when I moved in. I became significantly more aware three years ago when they proposed their expanded operation with the concrete. I would encourage the Board to go back and review the minutes of the meeting almost three years ago today, December 17. Many of the same things have been said tonight as there were three years ago. It appears little has been done, both in terms of remediation and in asking Wooten to own up to or be held accountable for their past actions or their past promises. It appears the only thing that has really happened in the last three years is the plume has grown. Wooten has bullied this Board in threatening to sue it and individual members. It has bullied the local residents in its disregard for their health and their property values. I would encourage the Board to do what should be done, stand up to bullies and hold them accountable. Thank you.

Dan Camara, 495 Henry's Ridge Road, submitted the following comments:

I am happy for the opportunity to stand before you and share a couple of comments. It seems to me listening to everybody here, I don't have a technical background in this area, but I do know just as a homeowner and as a father and grandfather of children that drink from a well, it is very concerning and I am scared. I am afraid for the health of my children and my family, our neighborhood. I know that the plume is moving in our direction. I implore you as a Board of Commissioners, I think you are our last stop for citizens. We don't know where else to go. I implore you to do all that you can on our behalf to protect us and keep us safe. As Chatham Park starts to come on board, I don't know what direction that will go, but you will play a big role in that. This is a terrific opportunity, I think, to show the citizens that you will do the right thing, that you will protect us as these things come down the pike and development continues to happen, that the citizens will be considered first and you will keep us safe. I implore you to do all that you can to find out what your powers are to make that happen. Thank you.

BOARD PRIORITIES

[15-1520](#)

Update on Air Quality Monitoring at Brickhaven Coal Ash Site.

Attachments: [Coal air PPT](#)

Dan LaMontagne, Assistant County Manager, presented a PowerPoint Presentation on the Brickhaven Coal Ash Air Quality Monitoring. (Presentation Attached).

Mr. LaMontagne stated the results of the initial test did not show any health concerns. The County hopes to take another sample late this week or early next week. The report will be available on the County website.

This Agenda Item was received and filed.

[15-1498](#)

Vote on a request to approve application for Recreational Trail Program (RTP) grant for \$100,000 plus 25% match for Haw River Trail design, trail improvements and bridge construction.

Attachments: [internal grant approval form Recreational Trail Program for Haw River Trail](#)

Tracy Burnett, Parks and Recreation Director, reviewed the specifics of the request.

The County Manager stated if the bids come in higher than what is budgeted staff will come back to the Board. The County can send the grant money back if it comes in significantly higher.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hales, seconded by Commissioner Howard, to approve the County's application for the Recreational Trail Program Grant. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Crawford, Commissioner Cross, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty

[15-1371](#)

Vote on a request to approve the Governor's Club Property Owner's Association, Inc. for a text amendment to the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance, Section 7.2 Definitions and Section 10.13 Table of Permitted Uses to change the definition and allowances for Family Care Homes within the R1, R2, R5, and O & I zoning districts.

Attachments: [More Information from Planning Department Website](#)

This Agenda Item was postponed until the January 19, 2016 Board of Commissioners Meeting.

[15-1518](#)

Vote on a request to approve Appointments to the Climate Change Advisory Committee

The County Manager stated the Town of Pittsboro has appointed John Bonitz to the committee and Siler City is working on their appointment.

The Board agreed Goldston should also be offered an appointment on the Committee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Commissioner Hales, to approve the recommended appointments to the Climate Change Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Crawford, Commissioner Cross, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty

[15-1490](#)

Review and Update Commissioner Liaisons for County Boards & Committees

Attachments: [Board of Commissioner liaison table oct. 13 2015.pdf](#)

Debra Henzey stated a liaison needs to be assigned to the Climate Change Committee.

Vice Chair Hales stated she was assigned to the Work First Committee and she wanted to know if they still met. Ms. Henzey will follow up.

Vice Chair Hales agreed to be the liaison to the Climate Change Committee.

The Board agreed to continue with their current liaison assignments.

[15-1503](#)

Vote on a request to approve awarding Certificates of Appreciation for Long-Time Volunteer Committee Service

Attachments: [certificate for long time volunteer members.pdf](#)

The Board asked to substitute "extended service" for "long time" service.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Cross, seconded by Commissioner Howard, to approve awarding Certificates of Appreciation for Extended Volunteer Committee Service. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Crawford, Commissioner Cross, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty

[15-1508](#)

Vote on Revisions to Advisory Committee Policy & Addendum A

Attachments: [addendum A revisions for dec 14 15.pdf](#)
[advisory committee policy revised by BOC proposed changes dec 14 2015.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Cross, seconded by Commissioner Howard, to approve the revisions to the Advisory Committee Policy and Addendum A. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Crawford, Commissioner Cross, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty

MANAGER' S REPORTS

The County Manager stated the Commissioner meetings with staff will happen every other month and the commissioners will rotate in sets of two.

She stated she met with the Town Managers last week on affordable housing. Siler City only had one elected official at the Joint Elected Officials Meeting so the Managers felt like they really needed to hear the topic and have some discussion time. Both Managers felt they should go back to their Boards with the information that was discussed. The Managers have another meeting set for January. The County Manager stated she has also been in discussions with Dennis Streets at the Council on Aging about a possible clearing house for home repairs.

She stated for the retreat Debra Henzey will do the survey of the goals and Peg Carlson will facilitate a session on Board to Board and Board to Manager Relations.

The Board agreed to have the staff presentations on January 12th and do the goal setting and manager expectation discussion on January 19th and cancel the retreat on January 13th. The Board will also limit the Work Session on January 19th to allow more time for the retreat.

She stated staff is suggesting that bottled water be provided to residents in Moncure with contaminated wells using the coal ash funds. The Board agreed to provide the bottled water but only until those residents have access to county water.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Cross stated the Moncure Fire Department had spoken with the financial institutions and the actual debt is \$984,817 instead of the \$900,000 the Board originally approved to pay using the coal ash funds. Commissioner Cross asked the Board to approve amending the \$900,000 to \$984,817.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Mike Cross, seconded by Commissioner Walter Petty, to approve using the coal ash funds to pay the Moncure Fire Department debt in the amount of \$984,817. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Crawford, Commissioner Cross, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Chairman Crawford stated the MPO has approved a lot of improvements on Highway 751. Many intersections will see upgrades in the coming years.

Commissioner Howard stated the EDC will be meeting in the morning to appoint the new Director.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Karen Howard, seconded by Vice Chair Mike Cross, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Crawford, Commissioner Cross, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty