

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 20, 2009

The Board of Commissioners ("the Board") of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met in the District Courtroom, 12 East Street, located in Pittsboro, North Carolina, at 6:00 PM on July 20, 2009.

Present: Chairman George Lucier, Vice Chair Sally Kost, Commissioner Mike Cross, and Commissioner Tom Vanderbeck.

Staff Members Present: County Manager Charlie Horne, County Attorney Jep Rose, Assistant County Manager Renee Paschal, Clerk to the Board Sandra B. Sublett, and Deputy Clerk to the Board, Elizabeth Plata.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Mike Cross delivered the invocation after which Chairman Lucier invited everyone present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 6:04 PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA and CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Vanderbeck asked that Item #6, approval of a grant application for the Solid Waste/Sustainable Communities for the "Climate Showcase Communities" to fund a Zero Waste Coordinator position within Waste Management be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda after the Public Input Session for discussion and that consideration of providing comments to the Town of Cary on a pending annexation on Pittard Sears Road (from the afternoon Work Session) be added to the Agenda after the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Tom Vanderbeck moved, seconded by Vice Chair Sally Kost, to Consent Agenda with the noted requests as follows:

1. **Minutes:** Approval of Board Minutes for Regular Meeting held June 15, 2009 and Work Session held June 15, 2009

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

2. **Tax Releases and Refunds:** Approval of tax releases and refunds

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

3. **Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget Amendments:** Approval of Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget Amendments

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

4. **Chatham Trades, Inc. Contract:** Approval of a contract between Chatham County and Chatham Trades, Inc.

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

5. **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Reappointment:** Approval of a request to reappoint Ernest Clemmons to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board by Commissioner Vanderbeck

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

6. **Grant Application for "Climate Showcase Communities":** Approval of a grant application for the Solid Waste/Sustainable Communities for the "Climate Showcase Communities" to fund a Zero Waste Coordinator position within Waste Management

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda for discussion.

7. **Naming of Private Roads in Chatham County:** Approval of a request from citizens for the naming of private roads in Chatham County as follows:

A. Kilgore Hill Road B. Riverwalk Trail C. Jessamine Lane

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

8. **Designation of Responsible Party to Conduct Building Inspections of Public Schools:** Approval of a request to designate the Chatham County Building Inspection Department as the responsible party for conducting periodic electrical inspections of public schools including those within the Town of Siler City's jurisdiction

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

9. **Triangle Area Rural Planning Organization Reappointment:** Approval of a request to reappoint Tom Vanderbeck as the Triangle Area Rural Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) representative for Chatham County. RTAC members serve two year terms and are eligible for reappointment.

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

10. **Department of Social Services Contracts:** Approval of Department of Social Services Contracts as follows:

- A. **Carol J. Holcomb, Attorney at Law**
- B. **Chatham Transit Network**
- C. **Child Care Networks, Inc.**

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

11. **Deputy Finance Officer for Department of Social Services Appointment:** Approval of appointment of Jennie Kristiansen, Department of Social Services Program Administrator, Deputy Finance Officer, for the purpose of signing Department of Social Services trust account checks

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Helen McNeil, 1704 North Chatham Avenue, Siler City, NC, thanked the Board for allowing her the opportunity to speak. She introduced Mr. Matthews and turned the floor over to him for comments.

Frankie Matthews, 828 Lane Jordan Road, Siler City, NC, President of the Neighborhood Community Center, Siler City, NC, voiced concern with regard to delinquent property taxes.

A discussion ensued.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

Grant Application for "Climate Showcase Communities": Approval of a grant application for the Solid Waste/Sustainable Communities for the "Climate Showcase Communities" to fund a Zero Waste Coordinator position within Waste Management:

Sybil Tate explained that the County would conduct a baseline County-wide greenhouse gas inventory and develop a strategic action plan for reducing greenhouse gas emissions with this grant.

Commissioner Tom Vanderbeck moved, seconded by Vice Chair Sally Kost, to approve the grant application for the Solid Waste/Sustainable Communities for the "Climate Showcase Communities" to fund a Zero Waste Coordinator position within Waste Management. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

FY 2009-2010 RURAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDING AGREEMENT

Public Hearing:

Scott Ford spoke regarding the specifics of the FY 2009-2010 Rural Operating Assistance Program Agreement.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments.

There was no one present who wished to make public comments.

The Chairman closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Tom Vanderbeck moved, seconded by Vice Chair Sally Kost, to approve the recommendations for the allocation of FY 2009-2010 Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) funds as presented. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

VOTING DELEGATE TO NCACC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Vice Chair Sally Kost moved, seconded by Commissioner Tom Vanderbeck, to appoint Commissioner Mike Cross as the Voting Delegate to NCACC Annual Conference to be held in Catawba County, August 27-30, 2009. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

PLANNING AND ZONING

Public Hearing:

Public Hearing to Rezone Acreage: Public hearing to receive public comments on a request to rezone a portion of parcel #18402 (consisting of approximately 30 acres), owned by Joanna Bright and Walter Anthony Bright, Trustees, from R-1, Residential, to Light Industrial

Bill Causey, 2734 River Forks Road, Sanford, NC, adjacent property owner, spoke in opposition of the rezoning to light industrial.

Kathleen Hundley, 136 Rocky Falls, Sanford, NC, asked that the Board refrain from individual rezoning requests and consider the long-term benefits of a Major Corridor Ordinance along the major corridors in the County.

Sonny Keisler, 3006 River Forks Road, Sanford, NC, encouraged the Board to refrain from rezoning any properties within the Highway 15-501 R-40 corridor south of Pittsboro until a major highway corridor ordinance has been completed and enacted.

Debby Wakefield, 1412B River Forks Road, Sanford, NC 27330, encouraged the Board to refrain from rezoning to light industrial.

Anthony Bright, 1305 Walter Bright Road, Sanford, landowner, offered comments to explain his request to rezone the property.

Barbara Ford, Planning Board Member, asked questions of Mr. Bright.

The Chairman closed the public hearing.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

Consideration of Providing Comments to the Town of Cary on a Pending Annexation on Pittard Sears Road (deferred from the afternoon Work Session to the Regular Agenda)

Jim Hinkley, Planning Board Chairman, spoke regarding the request.

Jason Sullivan, Assistant Planning Director, explained the specifics of the request.

Chatham County and Town of Cary Joint Meeting:

Commissioner Kost referenced a community workshop to be held on August 10, 2009 at North Chatham Elementary School Multipurpose Room from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

MANAGER' S REPORTS

The County Manager had no reports.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Green Building Task Force:

Commissioner Tom Vanderbeck stated that the co-chairs of the Green Energy Task Force had had good response with regard to the schools and their collaboration with the County to develop a comprehensive energy plan which is required for local governments when they are seeking federal stimulus block grants through the State Energy Office.

Commissioner Tom Vanderbeck moved, seconded by Commissioner Mike Cross, to join in local governments for membership for the initial first year, at a cost of \$1,200.00, contingent on the Sustainable Communities Director's acceptance of it.

RECESS

Commissioner Tom Vanderbeck moved, seconded by Commissioner Mike Cross, to recess as the Board of Commissioners and convene as the Chatham County Zoning Board of Adjustment. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

REGULAR SESSION

Commissioner Tom Vanderbeck moved, seconded by Commissioner Mike Cross, to reconvene as the Board of Commissioners. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Mike Cross moved, seconded by Commissioner Tom Vanderbeck, to go into Closed Session. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

REGULAR SESSION

Commissioner Tom Vanderbeck moved, seconded by Vice Chair Sally Kost, to reconvene as Board of Commissioners. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

RECESS

Commissioner Mike Cross moved, seconded by Vice Chair Sally Kost, to convene as the Southeast Chatham Water District Board. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

REGULAR SESSION

Commissioner Tom Vanderbeck moved, seconded by Vice Chair Sally Kost, to reconvene as the Board of Commissioners. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Sally Kost moved, seconded by Commissioner Tom Vanderbeck, to adjourn. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

George Lucier, Chairman

ATTEST:

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