

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
JULY 20, 2009

The Board of Commissioners (“the Board”) of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met in the Henry H. Dunlap Building Classroom, 80 East Street, located in Pittsboro, North Carolina, at 1:00 PM on July 20, 2009.

Work Session

Present: Chairman, George Lucier; Vice Chair, Sally Kost; Commissioner, Mike Cross; 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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman George Lucier called meeting to order at 1:04 PM.

Gerald Totten, Board of Equalization and Review Member, updated the Board of Commissioners on the hearing of 555 revaluation appeals and praised the efforts of the Tax Administrator and staff.

The Chairman thanked Col. Totten for his service on the Board of Equalization and Review and stated that he was happy that he liked the card sent to him by the Board of Commissioners.

Impact Fee Update by Consultant: Report from the consultant on the study undertaken and level of fees that can be justified:

Julie Herlands explained the specifics of the TischlerBise report on school impact fees.

The Board and staff asked questions regarding the TischlerBise Report.

Vice Chair Sally Kost stated that the public needs to provide feedback and should have a public hearing. The Board agreed.

The County Attorney is to look at possible ways to have exemptions to the Impact Fee for lower income residents.

Former Commissioner Patrick Barnes spoke .

By consensus, the Board agreed to set September 21, 2009 as the date on which to hold a public input session.

Johnson Controls Update: Update from Steve Zip of Johnson Controls on the study Johnson Controls has completed and subsequent recommendations for Chatham County energy efficiency measures

The County Manager introduced Steve Zip of Johnston Controls and opened the floor for their presentation.

Steve Zip commenced the presentation

Craig Fisher resumed the presentation explaining water meters (drive-thru meters) versus what the County now has. He also described the different air vents/air conditioners/automatic turn on and off controls.

BREAK

The Chairman called for a short break.

Presentation by David Wasserman with the North Carolina Department of Transportation to provide an update on the US #64 Phase 2A Study:

David Wasserman, with the NC Department of Transportation, provided an update on the US#64 Phase 2A Study. The purpose of the study is to develop short-term and long-term alternatives to transition US #64 to a freeway and expressway.

Mr. Wasserman received comments and answered questions from the Board.

Ed Johnson, Director Capital Area MPO of the Department of Transportation, answered questions.

Scott Walston also made comments.

Library and Central Carolina Community College Bids: Bid results for the library and Central Carolina Community College will be presented and recommendations for contractor(s)

The Assistant County Manager, Renee Paschal, explained the specifics of the alternates of the library and Pittsboro community college building bids.

Louis Cherry, Architect, spoke regarding the benefits of a green roof.

Vice Chair Sally Kost moved, seconded by Commissioner Tom Vanderbeck, to proceed with the bid, subject to review by the County Attorney and satisfaction by the staff, and to approve Alternate 1 (Seat Walls) and Alternate 2 (Additional Trees) and move Alternate 3 (Green Roof) and Alternate 4 (IWS Alternative Wastewater System) for discussion at the August 17, 2009 Board of Commissioners' meeting.

Budget Critique: Review and critique of recently completed budget work. County Staff seeks Commissioner feedback regarding what worked well, what needs improvement and any other thoughts the Board of Commissioners may have which improves the budget process.

Chairman George Lucier asked that the Board continue with the discussion of the Department Evaluation Process and that the Budget Critique be considered last on the agenda.

Departmental Evaluation Process:

Sybil Tate, Management Analyst, presented a power point and stated that they are looking for opportunities that will prepare the County for the future, focusing on efficiency and quality.

Consideration of providing comments to the Town of Cary on a pending annexation on Pittard Sears Road. The Town of Cary has received an annexation request for approximately 39.77 acres in the joint plan area for property in Chatham County adjacent to the existing town limits.

This item was moved to the Regular Agenda for discussion at the Board of Commissioners' evening meeting.

Mid-Carolina Work Force Development Committee: Discussion of recent administrative changes from Mid-Carolina Council of Governments to Central Carolina Community College and the representative appointment process by Chatham County

Chairman George Lucier asked Jeffrey Starkweather about those serving on the Mid-Carolina Work Force Development Board.

Chairman George Lucier asked about the Economic Development Commission Board. Staff is to check on the requirements for the different positions. He asked who makes the nominations and who staffed the board.

A discussion ensued.

RECESS

The Chairman recessed the meeting at 4:59 PM to the Manager's Conference Room for dinner.

The Board discussed the Mid-Carolina Workforce Development Board appointments.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Tom Vanderbeck moved, seconded by Vice Chair Sally Kost, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0), and the meeting was adjourned at 5:48 PM.

George Lucier, Chairman

ATTEST:

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