

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

The Board of Commissioners (“the Board”) of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met in the Agricultural Building Auditorium, 45 South Street, located in Pittsboro, North Carolina, at 9:00 AM on September 8, 2009.

Present: Chairman George Lucier, Vice Chair Sally Kost, Commissioners Mike Cross, Carl Thompson, and Tom Vanderbeck

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lucier called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA and CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Kost asked that the August 17th Regular minutes be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda for discussion of some minor corrections.

Commissioner Vanderbeck asked that Item #11, A Resolution to Declare the Month of October 2009 as "Chatham Habitat for Humanity Month" be deferred until the September 21, 2009 Board of Commissioners' meeting in order to check with Habitat for Humanity on some minor corrections.

Commissioner Thompson also asked that some minor corrections be made to the County Fair Resolution.

Commissioner Vanderbeck moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda with the noted requests as follows:

1. **Minutes:** Approval of Board Minutes for Chatham-Cary Land Use Plan Community Workshop Meeting held August 10, 2009, and Joint Meeting of the Board of Commissioners and Planning Board held August 11, 2009

The minutes of the August 17, 2009 regular meeting were removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda for discussion.

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

2. **Department of Social Services Contract:** Approval of Department of Social Services Contract with the Chatham County Sheriff to carry out specific functions related to programs administered by the Department of Social Services

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

3. **Chatham County Parks and Recreation Grant Application:** Approval to allow the Chatham County Parks and Recreation to apply for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation Grant to develop a concrete sidewalk from the restroom/concession doors to the parking area with a complete handicap parking slab for the Southwest Park

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

4. **Resolution Declaring Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale of Property:** Adoption of a **Resolution #2009-53 Declaring Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale of Property**

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

5. **Funds Acceptance Awarded to Health Department:** Approval of request to accept Circle of Parents funds in the amount of \$560.00 awarded to the Chatham County Health Department from the Chatham County Partnership for Children

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

6. **Funds Acceptance Awarded to Health Department:** Approval of a request to accept funds in the amount of \$45,000 from the State for H1N1 Phase I planning activities

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

7. **Funds Acceptance Awarded to Health Department:** Approval of a request to accept Women's and Children's Health Section Nutrition Services Branch funds in the amount of \$127.00

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

8. **Resolution Endorsing Durham Planning Commission Recommendation:** Adoption of **Resolution #2009-54 Endorsing the Durham Planning Commission's Unanimous Vote to Maintain the Present Location of the Normal Pool Elevation of the Jordan Lake Reservoir**

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

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

- A. New Chatham Road
- B. Rain Lily Trail

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

10. **Resolution Endorsing the Chatham County:** Approval of a Resolution Endorsing the Chatham County Fair

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

11. **Habitat for Humanity Month:** Adopting of a Resolution to Declare the Month of October 2009 as "Chatham Habitat for Humanity Month"

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda to be reviewed by Habitat for Humanity for minor changes and is to return to the Board for adoption on September 21, 2009

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Cindy Perry, Attorney, 31 Hillsboro Street, Pittsboro, NC, representing George Faget, stated that Mr. Faget is the owner of acreage adjacent to Jordan Lake on which he holds a family-oriented festival twice a year in order to provide funds to clean-up Jordan Lake.

George Faget, 7 Powerhill Place, Durham, NC, provided some background information for the Board and stated that he purchased approximately six years ago, the property known as Jordan Lake Farm with a historic 1865 farmhouse located in northern Chatham County which sits on a scenic twenty-acre environment adjacent to Jordan Lake initially to grow crops, but decided against it primarily due to the uncertainty of the weather; that he decided to put on a music festival to offer an idyllic and unique setting for the performing arts and music for all invited guests and patrons in their community; that they invite local, regional, national and international artists whose works stimulate, challenge and educate, to perform in a simple and creative environment; that they strive to provide live local music, as well as “Lawn Chair Theater” for entertainment; that all of their efforts will go to great causes, environmental, educational, sustainable, etc.; and that the Jordan Lake Arts & Music, LLC festival will be a fundraiser to benefit the “Save Jordan Lake” project.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

Minutes Correction:

Commissioner Kost presented several minor changes to the August 17, 2009 Regular Meeting for correction, noting that nothing changed the content, that the changes were for clarification only.

Commissioner Cross moved, seconded by Commissioner Vanderbeck, to approve the corrections to the August 17, 2009 Regular Meeting minutes. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Chatham County Fair Resolution:

Commissioner Thompson noted a couple of typographical errors in the resolution.

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Vanderbeck, to approve the **Resolution #2009-55 Endorsing the Chatham County Fair**, with the corrections. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

September Employee of the Month:

Carolyn Miller, Human Resources Director, presented the September 2009 Employee of the Month. She stated that the Employee of the Month program was instituted in FY 2009 to honor Chatham County employees for exemplary service to citizens and their fellow employees.

She stated that the September 2009 Employee of the Month is Beverly Buckner of the Preventive Health Division of the Chatham County Public Health Department. Ms. Buckner is a processing assistant, and has been employed with Chatham County for just under four years. An excerpt from her nomination form follows:

"Beverly Buckner always gives 100%. Beverly is always willing to help anyone, be it a client or co-worker. Not only is Beverly willing to help, she does it with genuine concern. If clinic runs late and the person assigned- needs to leave – Beverly offers to stay in their place. Beverly takes a personal interest in people. Something we all could learn from. It might be a favorite candy or trinket you've mentioned in a passing conversation that she finds. Beverly will say, "You're probably going to think I'm crazy, but I saw this and thought of you." Beverly doesn't see people and categorize them by division or department,

but as an equal and does her best to serve them. It's refreshing to see such genuine kindness in someone. I realize she's not the only kind person working for the county but her light shines brighter pretty bright. If Beverly is acknowledged in any way for anything, she usually replies, well I'm just trying to treat people the way I would like to be treated."

Ms. Miller stated that Beverly is always smiling while she works. She always goes beyond the call of duty- if you ask her to perform an extra duty, she'll do it plus more. Her attitude is always positive and she has the respect of all her co-workers. She is very thorough and seems to always put her whole heart and soul into her work. She will not stop until a job is done, no matter what it is or how long it takes. Her attendance is excellent. She always thinks of others before herself and brings goodies in to share with staff. She covers the front desk during lunch when most of the employees are out of the office. No matter who walks through the door, she is going to try her best to get that person what they need. I get so tickled sometimes when she pages "if there is anyone in the building, will you please call 8221". If anyone calls her phone needing help or information unrelated to medical records, she'll track down an answer for them no matter what.

Chairman Lucier expressed appreciation, on behalf of the Board, to Ms. Buckner for her work efforts.

Ms. Buckner stated that this was a wonderful nomination for her, but that the credit goes to her co-workers. She stated that they work as a team, and they are the reason that she doesn't mind making the extra effort.

Resolution Honoring Chatham County's Volunteers: Adoption of Resolution Honoring Chatham County's Volunteers (selected by United Way)

Chairman Lucier stated that United Way recognizes and honors the volunteers in Chatham County each year; that there will be a celebration on September 27th at which time the honorees will receive their certificates recognizing their contributions to Chatham County.

Vice Chair Kost moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to adopt **Resolution #2009-56 Honoring Chatham County's Volunteers** (as chosen by United Way). The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Stormwater Ordinance Revisions: Approval of a request to set date on which to hold public hearing on Stormwater Ordinance Revisions

Fred Royal, Environmental Resources Director, reviewed the Stormwater Ordinance revisions necessary for Minor Subdivision applications.

Mr. Royal answered questions from the Board.

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Vanderbeck, to set September 21, 2009 as the date on which to hold a public hearing to receive input on Stormwater Ordinance revisions necessary for Minor Subdivision applications. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

MANAGER'S REPORTS

American Tobacco Trail:

The County Manager explained that the American Tobacco Trail, is scheduled for completion in mid October, and that a staff tour of the trail will be held on September 29th at 4:00 PM and will take approximately two hours.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

NC 42/Truth Road Water:

Commissioner Cross stated that he spoke with Tim McNeill, Harnett County Chairman, at the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners' Conference who told him that their board would be willing to consider putting in a water line on Truth Road if Chatham County would contract that area as their service area. He stated that they would provide the installation/water service and the customers would pay their water fees directly to Harnett County.

Commissioner Cross moved, seconded by Commissioner Vanderbeck, to ask staff to pursue contracting with Harnett County to provide for the installation of water service in the NC 42/Truth Road area. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Green Building Task Force:

Commissioner Vanderbeck stated that the Green Building Task Force presented a draft construction and demolition ordinance to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and he will keep the Board informed with its progress.

Interfaith Council:

Commissioner Thompson reported that the Interfaith Council has changed its name from Interfaith Council to Interfaith Ministries of Chatham County because of the conflict in the similarities of names with Orange County; that they raised several thousand dollars; that they have applied for grants from Carolina Meadows and Galloway Ridge.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Vanderbeck moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to adjourn as the Chatham County Board of Commissioners and convene as the Chatham County Board of Adjustment. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

George Lucier, Chairman

ATTEST:

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