

**MINUTES  
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION  
NOVEMBER 2, 2009**

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The Board of Commissioners ("the Board") of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met in the Agricultural Building Auditorium, located in Pittsboro, North Carolina, at 9:00 AM on November 2, 2009.

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

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

**RECREATION MASTER PLAN**

Chairman Lucier asked if the Board agrees to adopt the Recreation Master Plan as a working draft and then adopt the final version as part of the budget deliberations in the spring.

By consensus, the Board wants to meet with the Recreation Advisory Board before the final approval.

Mike Cross, Commissioner moved, seconded by Carl Thompson, Commissioner, to adopt the Chatham County Parks and Recreation Comprehensive 2009 Recreation Master Plan as a working draft with the final version to be considered as part of the budget deliberations in the spring. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

**QUALITY SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BONDS (QSCB)**

The Finance Officer explained the specifics of the Quality School Construction Bonds (QSCB) and answered questions from the Board with regard to zero interest, terms, and length of bonds.

**H1N1 FLU PREPARATIONS**

Holly Coleman, Chatham County Health Director, reviewed the emergency plans for the Health Department in the event of a large outbreak of H1N1 flu virus. She presented a PowerPoint on the H1N1 Pandemic Influenza Response. Ms. Coleman introduced Beth Dickens, Preparedness Coordinator, and Pam McCall, Chatham County Nursing Director who assisted in the collection of data. Ms. Coleman answered questions from the Board.

Robert Logan, Chatham County Schools Superintendent, explained the specifics of the emergency plans and goals for the schools, decreasing the disease, and minimizing of social, educational, and economic activities. Dr. Logan introduced Sonya Dunn, Lead Nurse, who has been instrumental in the culmination of data and distributed a "History of Chatham County Schools Flu Preparedness Activities".

Ms. Dunn updated the Board on the principals on H1N1 prevention and the handling of the situation in the schools, if the need arises. She answered questions from the Board.

### **WESTERN WAKE PARTNERS WASTEWATER**

The County Manager explained the specifics of the Towns of Cary and Apex request regarding support of the Western Wake Partners' interest in allowing them to cross Chatham County's jurisdiction for an 8.5 mile outfall wastewater line to a discharge site just below Buckhorn Dam in Lee County.

Chairman Lucier invited those present to make comments. He stated that one of the issues is that they have not decided if the preferred route for the transmission line will go across Chatham County or be discharged into Harris Lake.

Tim Bailey, Town of Cary Engineer, explained their preferred option in their Environment Impact Statement (EIS) which is to discharge to the river requiring a pipeline through Chatham County.

A discussion ensued. Mr. Bailey answered questions from the Board.

Chairman Lucier commented on the plan and the regional approach and the interactions between Cary, Apex, and Chatham County.

Erv Portman commented regarding the problems of citizens, the progress made on the Joint Land Use Plan between Chatham County and Cary, and regional cooperation. He stated that they appreciate consideration of their request.

Commissioner Vanderbeck made comments regarding the request and the timetable.

Julie Robison spoke regarding the Joint Subcommittee and asked that both boards be prepared to address the timetable and set a date for November and December for the Subcommittee to meet. She asked the Board to clarify what information that might be helpful from the Partners in terms of working with community participation efforts and also what they can do to help facilitate it.

Chairman Lucier expressed appreciation for the efforts of everyone involved.

### **MAJOR CORRIDOR LAND USE APPROVAL**

Commissioner Kost explained the efforts of the subcommittee to work on the issues from the two joint Planning Board work sessions on the corridors. She stated that they came to a foundational decision point dealing with the conditional use process and the approval process for any development.

Jason Sullivan, Interim Planning Director, explained the specifics of the Major Corridor Land Use request. He reviewed the background of the major corridor overlay districts, stating that the overlay districts are proposed as an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and the current working draft requires that all non-residential uses and major subdivisions follow the conditional use permitting process.

Commissioner Kost asked if the County Attorney had had a chance to review this matter.

The County Attorney explained that it could be problematical requiring a conditional use for every use. He explained the way that the overlays traditionally work.

Jim Elza, Planning Board Member, prepared and explained a drawing of the specifics.

A discussion ensued. Mr. Sullivan answered questions from the Board and citizens.

Chairman Lucier asked the Board for Staff direction. By consensus, the Board agreed that it was worth pursuing and that they need to regroup to consider options.

**LUNCH**

The Chairman called for a brief lunch break with the meeting to resume at 1:15 PM.

**WATER DISTRICT FEES**

The County Manager updated the Board on the water district fees request stating that the question is how to best attract new customers in cases where individuals wish to tap on to existing Chatham County waterlines.

A discussion ensued regarding tap fees, being equitable to all citizens, eligibility, and current fees.

By consensus, the Board agreed to leave the tap fees at current rates, not make immediate changes, and to revisit the issue at a later date.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Tom Vanderbeck, Commissioner moved, seconded by Carl Thompson, Commissioner, 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 five (5) to zero (0).

**WORK SESSION**

Sally Kost, Vice-Chair moved, seconded by Mike Cross, Commissioner, to reconvene in the Work Session. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mike Cross, Commissioner moved, seconded by Carl Thompson, Commissioner, to adjourn the Work Session. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0), and the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

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George Lucier, Chairman

ATTEST:

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