

**MINUTES**  
**CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**SPECIAL MEETING, MAY 8, 1995**

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The Board of Commissioners ("the Board") of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met in special session in the home of Commissioner Betty Wilson, 268 Log Barn Road, Pittsboro, North Carolina, at 8:30 AM, on May 8, 1995.

Present: Chairman Uva Holland; Vice Chair Betty Wilson; Commissioners  
Margaret Pollard, Henry Dunlap, and John Grimes; County Manager  
Ben Shivar; and Clerk to the Board Sandra B. Lee; Congressman Fred Heineman  
and District Representative Francis De Luca

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 9:00 A.M.

**MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN HEINEMAN**

Congressman Fred Heineman met with the Chatham County Board of Commissioners at the home of Commissioner Betty Wilson to discuss issues of concern to the County's citizens. The main focus of the discussion was the proposed low-level nuclear waste site which will be located in Wake County near the Chatham County line.

Congressman Heineman stated that he planned to discuss the issue with Governor Jim Hunt in the near future and asked that the Board forward a resolution to him stating their opposition to the site. He stated that the federal budget will be released this week and some difficult budget-cutting decisions will have to be made.

Chairman Holland stated that the County was definitely opposed to the nuclear low-level waste site and that the Board would send the Congressman a resolution stating that fact within a few days.

Commissioner Pollard voiced her concern about Medicare and medical costs for older adults. She stated that she felt it was an opportune time to redesign prevention programs for long-term care for older adults.

Congressman Heineman stated that he was concerned about senior citizens and the future of Medicare. He assured the Board that Medicare would be improved, especially with regard to benefit cuts for aliens.

The County Manager asked the Congressman to look into the County receiving payments in lieu of taxes for lands taken for various purposes. He stated that there had been 40,000 acres removed from the tax books; that the County receives approximately \$31,000 for the land; and that the 1976 law authorized 150% times that amount.

The Board of Commissioners and Congressman Heineman decided that they would like to meet on a quarterly basis to discuss issues of concern.

The Chairman recessed the meeting and announced that the Commissioners would convene in the District Courtroom, located in the Courthouse Annex, Pittsboro, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting, at 11:00 A.M.

The regular meeting was called to order at 11:00 A.M. once a quorum of the Board arrived.

Present: Chairman Uva Holland; Vice Chair Betty Wilson; Commissioners Margaret Pollard, Henry Dunlap, and John Grimes; County Ben Shivar; and Clerk to the Board Sandra B. Lee

Manager

### **AGENDA**

The Chairman asked if there were additions, deletions, or corrections to the Agenda.

Commissioner Pollard moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Grimes seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The Chairman directed the Clerk to the Board to read the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Pollard moved to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda as read by the Clerk. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The Consent Agenda, with a vote on each item is as follows, and was read verbatim by the Clerk to the Board.

1. **Minutes:** Consideration of approval of Board Minutes for Special Meeting held April 24, 1995

The motion carried five (5) to zero (0). Note: This motion was later rescinded and a new motion made. For further action, see page 4 of the minutes.

2. **Tax Releases:** Consideration of a request for approval of Tax Releases

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

3. **Solid Waste Disposal Fees Releases:** Consideration of a request for approval of Solid Waste Disposal Fees Releases

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

4. **Solid Waste Disposal Fees Paid in Error:** Consideration of a request for approval of refunds for Solid Waste Disposal Fees paid in error

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

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

### **PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

There was no one who wished to speak during the Public Input Session.

### **EMERGENCY OPERATIONS**

- **Solicitation of Bids for the Private Operation of Emergency Medical Services:** Consideration of a

request for authorization to solicit bids for the private operation of the Emergency Medical Services

Commissioner Wilson moved to authorize the solicitation of bids for the private operation of emergency medical services. Commissioners Pollard seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

## **PLANNING AND ZONING**

### ***Subdivision Preliminary Plat Review***

**Request for Preliminary Approval for Daniel Ridge:** Consideration of a request for subdivision preliminary approval for Daniel Ridge

Commissioner Dunlap moved to accept the Planning Department and Planning Board recommendation that plat be granted preliminary approval as submitted with approval of the road names, and the final plat having right-of-way extensions labeled as "future public". Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Solid Waste/Recycling Issues**

**Siting of Solid Waste/Recycling Collection Center in Pittsboro:** Consideration of siting of a solid waste/recycling collection center in Pittsboro

Commissioner Dunlap moved to approve the site behind the Food Lion Shopping Center for siting of a staffed solid waste/recycling collection center in Pittsboro. Commissioner Grimes seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

**Grant Proposal and Contract Between Chatham County and McClees Consulting:** Consideration of grant proposal/project entitled "Economic Feasibility of Reusing Scrap Tire Chips"

Commissioner Grimes moved to approve the contract grant proposal and agreement with McClees Consulting for project coordination associated with the grant proposal/project entitled "Economic Feasibility of Reusing Scrap Tire Chips," pending final approval of the contract documents by the County Attorney, a copy attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. Commissioner Pollard seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

## **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**Funds Acceptance for the State Childhood Lead Poisoning Program:** Consideration of approval to accept additional State Childhood Lead Poisoning funds in the amount of \$277, Budget Amendment #42

Commissioner Pollard moved that the Health Department be awarded the supplemental \$277 from Childhood Lead Poisoning Funds to defray costs of investigations conducted in lead poisoning cases and approval of **Budget Amendment #42**. Commissioner Grimes seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

**Kellogg Foundation Application:** Consideration of a request to apply for grant funding from the Kellogg Foundation to assess community health needs and maximize community input in

## planning for public health in Chatham County

Commissioner Wilson moved that the Health Department be authorized to submit a grant proposal to the Kellogg Foundation for \$50,000 to conduct a comprehensive community diagnosis, and draft a long-range plan to address identified community health issues to be coordinated with the County's Strategic Plan Committee. Commissioner Pollard seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

### **Change in Medicaid Rates:** Notification of a change in Medicaid rates effective 4-1-95 through 6-30-95

Wayne Sherman, Health Director, explained that the Medicaid rates have been adjusted to utilize approximately \$2.8 million additional Medicaid funds based on the latest Medicaid cost study. He stated that beginning July 1, 1995, additional rate changes will be necessary; that the Health Department bills Medicaid for reimbursement of services received by Medicaid recipients; that the Health Department also uses the Medicaid rates to assess fees to non-Medicaid recipients for the same services rendered; that the adjustments will affect revenue for the last three months in FY 94-95; that of the thirty-one services offered at the Health Department, nineteen of these services reflect a rate increase; that based on these numbers, more than half of the Medicaid covered services will reflect an increase in revenue for the remainder of FY 94-95.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Commissioner Pollard moved to go into Closed Session (G. S. 143-318.11) for the purpose of discussing matters relating to land acquisition in the siting of a staffed, solid waste/recycling collection center. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Pollard moved to go out of Closed Session and into Regular Session. Commissioner Dunlap seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Grimes moved to rescind the earlier motion for approval of the Consent Agenda since the minutes were not ready for Commissioner approval. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried (5) to zero (0).

Note: The items on the Consent Agenda passed five (5) to zero (0). The items are listed on Page 2 .

Commissioner Grimes moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of the minutes of the special meeting held April 24, 1995. Commissioner Dunlap seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

2. **Tax Releases:** Consideration of a request for approval of Tax Releases

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

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

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Solid Waste Disposal Fees paid in error

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

## **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

### **MANAGER' S REPORTS**

The County Manager stated that he indicated at the last meeting that he would have a report on services provided by the County to illegal aliens as well as others newly arrived in the County and their various qualifications for different services. He stated that the report was not yet finished, but that it will be finished by the next meeting to be shown as an item on the agenda.

The Manager gave an update on the recommended budget. He stated that he hoped to have it available for a formal presentation at the next Board meeting on May 22nd; and that it will be, for presentation purposes, an abbreviated version of the final budget; that a rough draft of the budget is now in place which achieves a number of the objectives that the Board was looking for; that there were some assumptions that had to be made on which clarification will need to be made; that the public presentation will be a brief one; that a special workshop will need to be set at the next meeting in order to go into details on the budget; that at that meeting, any special meetings with department heads can be arranged; and that the final proposed budget document will be ready the first of June.

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS**

Commissioner Dunlap asked about the dates on which the Board will start meeting on the first and fourth Monday of the month.

The County Manager advised that the Board will revert to their original meeting dates of the first and fourth Monday with their first meeting on June 5, 1995 and will follow that schedule through the remainder of the year with the exception of July during which there will be only one meeting scheduled for July 17, 1995.

Chairman Holland asked that dates be set for quarterly meetings with Congressman Fred Heineman.

Commissioner Wilson moved that the Board of Commissioners arrange quarterly meetings at the convenience of Congressman Heineman. Commissioner Pollard seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

The following dates were set for Congressman Heineman's approval:

August 7, 1995 - 8:30 A.M. at Commissioner Wilson's home with Board of Commissioners' meeting to follow at 11:00 A.M.

November 6, 1995 - 8:30 A.M. at Commissioner Wilson's home with Board of Commissioners' meeting to follow at 11:00 A.M.

Commissioner Grimes informed the Board that there was a newspaper article in the *News and Observer* regarding a law suit filed in Johnston County against a hog farm owner by adjoining property owners regarding devaluation of their property.

Chairman Holland reminded the Board of the resolution which Congressman Heineman asked that the

Board authorize stating their opposition to the low-level radiation facility.

Commissioner Grimes moved that the County Manager prepare a resolution to send to Congressman Fred Heineman expressing the Board of Commissioners' opposition to the low-level nuclear waste facility site. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Grimes moved that there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0). and the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 P.M.

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Uva R. Holland, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Sandra B. Lee  
Clerk to the Board