

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 09, 1996

The Board of Commissioners ("the Board") of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met in regular session in the District Courtroom, located in the Courthouse Annex, Pittsboro, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting, at 10:00 A.M. on April 09, 1996.

Present: Chair Uva Holland, Vice Chair Betty Wilson; Commissioners Margaret Pollard, John Grimes, and Henry Dunlap;
County Attorney Robert L. Gunn; Assistant County Manager Renee Dickson; and Clerk to the Board Sandra B. Lee

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 10:08 A.M.

AGENDA

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

County Attorney/Interim County Manager Robert Gunn asked that Item #10, Customer Service Standards for Cable Telecommunication Providers, be removed from the Agenda. He stated that Willis Smith had called and indicated he had not seen a copy of the corrected Customer Service Standards which contained typographical errors; that the Customer Service Standards was approved at the March 25, 1996 Board meeting and the corrected copy was to be reapproved at the April 9, 1996 meeting; and that he had asked that the matter be deferred until the April 22, 1996 Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Clerk to the Board, Sandra B Lee, asked that Item #9, Appointment to the Planning Board, be removed from the Agenda.

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to approve the Agenda with the noted requests. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

CONSENT AGENDA

The Chairman directed the Clerk to the Board to read the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda as read by the Clerk. The Consent Agenda, with the 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 March 15, 1996; Special Meeting held March 25, 1996; Regular Meeting held March 25, 1996; and Water Feasibility Workshop held March 27, 1996

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

2. **Tax Releases:** Consideration of a request for the approval of Tax Releases, copies attached hereto and by reference made a part thereof.

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

3. **Solid Waste Disposal Fees and Regular Tax Bills:** Consideration of a request for approval of Refunds for Solid Waste Disposal Fees and Regular Tax Bills paid in error, copies attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

4. **Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse:** Consideration of a request whereby issuer declares its official intent to reimburse itself with the proceeds of the obligations for any of the expenditures incurred by it prior to the issuance of the Bonds, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Mrs. George Womble, 1855 Pea Ridge Road, New Hill, NC, spoke regarding her concerns about the proposed hydro-electric plant lines to be located on their property. She stated that the property contains pine trees planted for harvesting and prime farmland; that they are concerned about the lines coming through the center of their property when they could follow the Jordan Lake right-of-way and follow the CP&L power line. She asked for the Commissioners help by writing a letter on their behalf requesting that the power company find a better route.

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to write a letter on behalf of the George Wombles, directing that the letter be sent to the hydro electric company requesting an alternate path route be chosen for the hydro-electric power line. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0), and a copy of the letter is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Public Hearing

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): Public Hearing to receive public comment on application to the North Carolina Department of Commerce for small cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Olie Devaud, Economic Development Director, stated that this was the first of two required public hearings on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). He introduced Mr. Larry Jarvis with The Wooten Company to make the presentation and facilitate public comment.

Larry Jarvis, representative of The Wooten Company, stated that Waste Reduction Products Corporation (WRPC) requested that Chatham County sponsor a one million dollar business loan from the Community Development Block Grant Fund (CBDG) for their company which planned to locate in Goldston. He stated that the purpose of the required public hearing is to explain the Small Cities Program in North Carolina and offer the public the opportunity to make comments on their needs and priorities. He explained that within North Carolina all counties, with the exception of Wake and the entitlement cities who receive their allocation directly from HUD, are eligible to apply for competitive funds from the Department of Commerce Finance Division; that they focus on three categories as follows: 1) Community Empowerment; 2) Scattered Site Housing; 3) Business Loans; that the overall focus is placed on service, employment or renovation for low and moderate income families; that at this point, only generic needs are being discussed; and that there will be a specific discussion of needs at the next public hearing on April 22, 1996.

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

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Strategic Plan Development Committee Appointments: Consideration of two appointments to the Strategic Plan Development Committee

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to appoint John McSween to the Strategic Plan Development Committee. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Grimes, to appoint Stanley Pomeranz to the Strategic Plan Development Committee. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Planning Board Appointment: Consideration of appointment to the Planning Board by Commissioner Holland

This item was removed from the Agenda.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

Customer Service Standards for Cable Telecommunication Providers: Consideration of approval of Chatham County Customer Service Standards for Cable Telecommunication Providers

This item was removed from the Agenda and is to be considered at the April 22, 1996 Board meeting.

INTERIM MANAGER' S REPORTS

Robert Gunn, Interim County Manager/County Attorney, stated that the Legislative Delegation Meeting, with each member present, was held on April 2, 1996 at the Fearington House Restaurant,

Pittsboro, North Carolina, during which items of mutual concern were discussed, and the legislators were asked to look after the County in the upcoming session of the General Assembly, particularly from a physical standpoint.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Presentation of Annual Report of the Chatham County Child Fatality Prevention Team (CFPT)

Wayne Sherman, Chatham County Health Director, stated that as required by law, a Child Fatality Prevention Team (CFPT) was established in each county to confidentially review all non-child protective service fatalities of children in age from 0-18 years and make recommendations for preventative actions. He stated that the Chatham County CFPT has been meeting since March, 1994, as one of the pilot counties for this initiative;

that membership of the CFPT is mandated by law and consists of sixteen representatives of public agencies, non-public agencies, and the community; that the CFPT meets quarterly to review all non-CPS deaths to identify deficiencies in the delivery of services to children and families and to propose and advocate recommendations for changes that will prevent future child deaths; that since its inception, the CFPT has reviewed eight deaths including one seven-month old Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) one seventeen year old suicide; one newborn fetal death (unknown), two extreme premature newborns, one three-day old (congenital malfunction), and one five-day old (intracranial hemorrhage/respiratory distress syndrome); that based on a review of the deaths, the CFPT wished to make recommendations to prevent future childhood deaths as follows:

- 1) To help prevent future SIDS deaths, the public needs to be educated regarding the proper placement of sleeping children
- 2) To maintain access to quality prenatal maternity services and substance abuse counseling for drug-using, pregnant women
- 3) To provide genetic counseling for parents of children with birth defects
- 4) To assure the availability of grief counseling
- 5) To assure comprehensive STD education
- 6) To help deter teenage pregnancy, assure the effective teaching of the curriculum-approved sex education program in the schools
- 7) To address teen suicide, strengthen the training of teachers, counselors, and staff to recognize potential problems and deal with resulting grief

Commissioner Grimes encouraged the Health Director to check with Duke University Medical Center to find out more information on their out-patient, drug-related program, if they are sponsored by state and federal funding, and if the County would be able to work with them in conjunction with this program.

Commissioner Pollard asked that the CFPT take a look at automobile accidents, particularly single-person accidents involving teenagers.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Medical Services Contract for Jail: Consideration of a contract for medical services for the Chatham County Jail

Sheriff Don Whitt stated that the Sheriff's Department is requesting the approval of a new contract for medical services for the Chatham County Jail. He stated that the newly, proposed contract for medical services with Michael J. Tyler, MD will be more cost effective than the previous contract with James D. Strickland, MD; that Chatham Family Physicians has proposed a baseline monthly fee of \$500.00 and \$10.00 per patient as opposed to the current \$1,000.00 baseline fee and \$30.00 fee per patient after twenty patients per month. He noted two changes to be made in the contract: 1) to pay provider \$10.00 for each examination and delete the wording "after 20 inmate exams a month"; 2) term of contract: May 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997 instead of May 1, 1995 to April 30, 1996 as stated.

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to approve the contract with noted changes with the Chatham Family Physicians, Michael J. Tyler, MD, for medical services for the jail. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Wilson expressed her appreciation to Robert Gunn for his time, energy, and hard work efforts on behalf of the County during the interim period as County Manager.

Robert Gunn thanked the Commissioners for their support, and stated that he had enjoyed working with the Board and the Staff during the interim session.

Commissioner Pollard stated that she had spoken with Margaret Jordan-Ellis and they had been trying to think of ways in which to clean-up the Devil's Tramping Ground; that this is one of the sites that the journalists coming to Chatham County will tour; that they felt they might be able to get help from the people working community service hours; that they need trucks to haul the debris away; that since the Commissioners have already made an investment and they will want to assure its success; that if anyone has any ideas, they will be appreciated.

Renee Dickson stated that she had talked with Ms. Jordan-Ellis; that Ms. Jordan-Ellis was of the opinion that the Devil's Tramping Ground site be removed from the press tour; and that Ms. Dickson had notified Geiger of this change.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW

Vicki McConnell, Finance Director, stated that the Tax Department had received only forty-four appeals to be heard before the Board of Equalization and Review; that at five-minutes per appeal, the Board would complete their review in one day; and that their wait may vary from ten to fifteen minutes. She asked for direction from the Board as to what information they would like to receive in their review packets before beginning the appeals.

The Board voted, by consensus, that they wanted no information from Kim Horton, other than factual information, prior to hearing the individual appeals.

Robert Gunn stated that copies of the actual appeals should be prepared and ready for the Commissioners at the time of the appeal.

RECESS

Commissioner Grimes called for a five-minute recess.

WATER AND SEWER ISSUES WORK SESSION

Water and Sewer Issues Work Session: Work session to be held on Chatham County Water and Sewer Issues

- 1.) Discussion of Jordan Lake allocation
- 2.) Discussion on water and sewer projects

Commissioner Wilson asked to be excused from the remainder of the meeting to return to the hospital bed-side of a critically ill family member for which she is responsible.

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Grimes, to excuse Commissioner Wilson from the remainder of the meeting. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

The Board of Commissioners discussed water and sewer issues including Cary's request for the County to co-apply for an increased Jordan Lake allocation, including the various water projects identified by the water board, and the need for integration of land-use planning, economic development, and utility extensions.

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, that the Commissioners not consider a co-application with Cary, to instruct the staff to start preparation for the County's own application, and to proceed to the state with a Notice of Intent.

After further discussion, Commissioner Grimes withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap, to hold separate meetings with OWASA, Durham, to include DEHNR and COG staff, and invite the chairpersons of the Planning Board, the Strategic Plan Development Committee, Economic Development, and Water Boards to discuss water issues of mutual concern and benefit. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to send a letter to Cary requesting an extension of time. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

The Commissioners asked for the following dinner meeting dates with OWASA and Durham:

OWASA	April 24, 1996	6:00 PM
Durham	May 1, 1996	6:00 PM
Alternate Date	April 29, 1996	6:00 PM

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Grimes, to authorize the staff to proceed with the Request for Proposals to bid out water lines in north Chatham, with the award to come back to the Board of Commissioners for approval. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

LUNCH RECESS

The Chairman called for a motion to recess for lunch.

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to recess the meeting for lunch. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0), and the meeting was recessed at 12:28 PM.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:51 PM.

CONTINUATION OF WATER AND SEWER ISSUES

Olie Devaud, Economic Development Director, provided a list to the Commissioners of desirable locations in Chatham County, providing locations for business development, a copy attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

ADJOURNMENT

After further discussion and review of water and sewer issues, Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Grimes, that there being no further business to discuss, the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0), and the meeting was adjourned at 3:51 PM.

Uva R. Holland, Chairman

ATTEST:

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