

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 07, 1997

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 7, 1997.

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

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 10:04 A.M.

AGENDA

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

Commissioner Wilson asked that a discussion regarding a resolution of appreciation for Ms. Christine DeVaux be added to the Agenda as Item #7A.

Commissioner Holland asked that an appointment to the Land Use Planning Committee be added to the Agenda as Item #16A. She also stated that her absence at the March 12, 1997 meeting was due to illness and be so noted in the minutes.

Charlie Horne, County Manager, asked that the Work First Presentation scheduled for 11:15 AM be moved to 11:45 AM; that a budget presentation be added to the Agenda as Item #6A; that a discussion of a moratorium preparation regarding the telecommunications tower be added to the Agenda as Item #10A

The Clerk asked that the wording in Item #19 be corrected to read “Scheduling of Board of Equalization and Review: Consideration to set the 1997 Board of Equalization and Review dates for May 5, 1997 and May 12, 1997”.

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, 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 Grimes moved that several grammatical errors be corrected in Resolution #97-14. Commissioner Holland seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda as read by the Clerk.

1. **Minutes:** Consideration of approval of Board Minutes for regular meeting held March 17, 1997 and Board Minutes for Work Session held March 12, 1997

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

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

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

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

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

4. **Tax Lien Advertisement:** Consideration of a tax lien advertisement as required by G.S. 105-369

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

5. **Resolution #97-14 in Support of a Chatham County Comprehensive Strategic Plan:** Consideration of a resolution in support of a Chatham County Comprehensive Strategic Plan, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

6. **Resolution #97-15 in Support of Reducing the Share of Non-Federal Payments for Medical Assistance and Social Services for Certain Economically Disadvantaged Counties:** Consideration of a Resolution in Support of Reducing the Share of Non-Federal Payments for Medical Assistance and Social Services for Certain Economically Disadvantaged Counties, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

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

CHATHAM COUNTY BUDGET PRESENTATION

- Charlie Horne, County Manager presented an over view of the budget process. Vicki McConnell, Finance Director, presented the revenue outlook and forecast, and Reneé Dickson, Assistant County Manager summarized the capital improvements five-year plan.

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to the staff for the compilation of the budget document.

CHATHAM COUNTY VOLUNTEERS RESOLUTION

Resolution #97-16 of Appreciation for Chatham County Volunteers: Consideration of a Resolution of Appreciation for Chatham County Volunteers

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to approve **Resolution #97-16 of Appreciation for Chatham County Volunteers**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

RESOLUTION #97-18 HONORING CHRISTINE DEVAUX

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to compose and adopt a resolution to be presented Saturday, April 12, 1997 in honor of Ms. Christine DeVaux, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

CHATHAM COUNTY HISTORIC POET LAUREATE DECLARATION

Resolution #97-17 Declaring George Moses Horton the Historic Poet Laureate of Chatham County: Consideration of a Resolution Declaring George Moses Horton the Historic Poet Laureate of Chatham County

Commissioner Grimes asked that several grammatical corrections be made to the resolution honoring George Moses Horton.

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to approve **Resolution #97-17 Declaring George Moses Horton the Historic Poet Laureate of Chatham County**, as corrected and attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

APPEARANCE COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

Annual Report from Appearance Commission: Presentation of annual report from the Appearance Commission by Chris Ketchel

Chris Ketchel, member of the Appearance Commission, stated that the Appearance Commission is a dedicated group of volunteers that is willing to relieve some of the pressures of growth and development that will be placed upon the County in the near future; that a lot had been accomplished during the past year; that one of the main projects is that of the "Welcome to Chatham County" signs; that strides are being made with the Department of Transportation for highway beautification, especially along the new highway corridors; that a scenic byway application is being processed; that commercial development design guidelines are being reviewed; that they eagerly await the affirmation, guidance, and input of the County Commissioners, the Planning Board, and the Land Use Development Committee for efficient interaction regarding County

guidelines and ordinances. He stated that the Appearance Commission looks forward to serving the Board of Commissioners regarding their requests in these areas.

PLANNING & ZONING

Scheduling of Public Hearing for Astoria Planned Unit Development: Consideration to schedule another public hearing for Astoria Planned Unit Development

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Grimes, to set April 21, 1997 on which to hold a public hearing for the Astoria Planned Unit Development. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

COMMUNICATION TOWERS MORATORIUM

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to have the County Attorney prepare a resolution providing for a moratorium and that the moratorium shall not preclude the approval of any applications for rezoning or conditional use permits for communications towers which have previously been submitted to and are now pending before the County and that the resolution provide that the moratorium will be effective for a period of six months. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

TAX ADMINISTRATION

Integrated Software Package for Tax Office: Consideration of Integrated Software Package for the Tax Office

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to approve the purchase of ONE/TAX package from Cox & Company in the amount of \$85,000. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Declare County Property as Surplus: Consideration to declare County property as surplus

- Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Grimes, to declare the list of County property as surplus, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Acceptance of Maternity Care Coordination Grant Funds and Establishment/Employment of a Maternity Care Coordinator: Consideration to accept Maternity Care Coordination Grant Funds and approval to establish and employ a Maternity Care Coordinator (MCC) utilizing the grant funds, **Budget Amendment #30**

- Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to accept the \$9,000 MCC Grant Funds and approve the establishment and employment of a 75% Social Worker II and approve **Budget Amendment #30**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

The Chair called for a five minute break.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

800 MHZ Radio Trunking Capabilities for Chatham County Emergency Operations Center: Presentation on 800 MHZ Radio Trunking Capabilities for Chatham County Emergency Operations Center

Mike Szpunar, E-911 Communications Director, stated that he was asked to look at different communications systems and ways to improve the communications system they now have. He introduced Doug Wilson with North Carolina Communications and Marty Clayton with Lobex North Carolina who explained the 800 Mhz Trunking Radio System Plan for County wide portable and mobile coverage.

WORK FIRST PRESENTATION

Work First Presentation: Presentation of Work First Report

Ethel Burns, Chatham County Department of Social Services Supervisor, explained that since July 1, 1996, regulations have changed which affect Work First. She stated that the focus has gone from education and training to straight employment; that the basic significant change has been in the increase in the mandatory population and minimum hours of participation; that with the working relationship between the Department of Social Services and JOCCA, Inc., caseloads have increased from 55 to 103; that they currently have 28 clients employed, 21 in training, 9 in sanctions, and 24 in the assessment process; that a major barriers deal with transportation, day care, lack of employment skills, and work ethics.

Faye Hall, JOCCA, Inc., stated that she felt fortunate to work closely with the Department of Social Services with this program. She stated the program and the staff have progressed. She introduced two clients who work at the job link career center.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Economic Development Commission Ex-Officio Member Appointment: Consideration to add a new ex-officio member to the Economic Development Commission

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, moved to appoint the President of Central Carolina Community College as an ex-officio member of the Economic Development Commission. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Land Use Development Committee Appointment: Consideration to appoint a new member to the Land Use Development Committee

Commissioner Holland moved, seconded by Commissioner Grimes, to appoint Gennieve Parker (236 Caley Wilson Road, Apex, NC 27502) to the Land Use Development Committee. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Grimes asked to have the staff address the size of the Land Use Development Committee.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

Reclassification Appeal from MAPS Study: Consideration of classification appeal from MAPS Study

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to approve the reclassification of the Code Enforcement Director from Grade 20, Step 5 to Grade 21, Step 5, effective October 14, 1996. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to approve the reclassification of the utility Maintenance Supervisor from Grade 14 to Grade 16, effective July 1, 1996. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

JOCCA, Inc. Pre-Application to the NC Department of Human Resources for Funding: Consideration of support and endorsement to submit a pre-application to the NC Department of Human Resources, Office of Economic Opportunity, for funding consideration under FY 1997 Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESGP)

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Grimes, to approve the funding pre-application to the NC Department of Human Resources for funding consideration under FY Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESGP). The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Scheduling of Board of Equalization & Review: Consideration to set the 1997 Board of Equalization and review dates for May 5, 1997 and May 12, 1997. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Grimes, moved to schedule the Board of Equalization and Review dates for May 5, 1997 and May 12, 1997, if needed. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Budget Amendment for Cooperative Extension: Consideration of a budget amendment for Cooperative Extension, **Budget Amendment #29**

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to approve the **Budget Amendment #29** to increase the Cooperative Extension budget and appropriate fund balance by \$9,904. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Beard House Renovation: Consideration of Beard House renovations

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to approve the Beard House project, adopt a Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse and adopt **Budget Amendment #31** to provide funds for the project. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Support of Local Area Telephone Service in the Siler City Exchange: Consideration to support local area telephone service in the Siler City exchange

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, that the County's Congressmen and Senators be lobbied to extend the local area telephone access between Chatham County and Raleigh. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

MANAGER' S REPORTS

The County Manager informed the Commissioners of the following:

1) **Budget Topics Change:** There is a change to the budget schedule in that the "Human Services" discussion to be held in Siler City has been changed to be discussed at J. S. Waters. "Enterprise Funds" will be discussed in Siler City.

2) **Manager Evaluation:** The Manager asked that his performance review be conducted either on April 21, 1997 or during the month of May.

3) **EMS Contract:** The Manager's Office received an inquiry from Central Carolina Hospital regarding the EMS contract. The Manager stated that because the bids are already well-known, an unfair advantage would be created to allow another party to be able to bid on the contract.

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to accept no further proposals for Emergency Medical Services after this date. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing litigation. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

REGULAR SESSION

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to go out of Closed Session and reconvene in Regular Session. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

- There were no Commissioner reports.

LUNCH RECESS

- Commissioner Holland moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to recess the meeting the meeting to the Byrd's Classroom for lunch and the Commissioner Workshop.

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COMMISSIONER WORKSHOP AGENDA

- 1) Sewer Feasibility Study Update and Direction - Next Steps
- 2) School Funding - Capital Needs (\$33 million)
- 3) JOCCA Request - Supplemental request for current year (\$45,000)
- 4) Strategic Plan Development Committee

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap, that there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0), and the meeting was adjourned at 5:01 P.M.

Margaret Bryant Pollard, Chair

ATTEST:

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