

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 13, 1995

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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 February 13, 1995.

Present: Chair Uva Holland; Commissioner Betty Wilson; Commissioner John Grimes; Commissioner Margaret Pollard; Commissioner Henry Dunlap; County Manager Ben Shivar; County Attorney Robert L. Gunn; and Clerk to the Board Sandra B. Lee

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 10:02 a.m.

AGENDA

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

The County Manager recommended one additional item to consider setting a public hearing for the University Water Shed for the February 27th meeting, to be added to the end of the agenda.

Commissioner Dunlap asked to add a discussion of the Crutchfields Crossroads Collection Center to the agenda.

Commissioner Pollard asked to add a discussion of renaming a road to the agenda.

Commissioner Pollard moved to approve the agenda with the noted requests. Commissioner Wilson 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 Grimes moved to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda as read by the Clerk, on condition that everything is correct on the missing page of the minutes. Commissioner Pollard seconded the motion. 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 Regular Meeting held January 23, 1995

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

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

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, copies attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

4. **Solid Waste Disposal Fees Paid in Error:** Consideration of a request for approval of refunds of Solid Waste Disposal Fees paid in error, copies attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

5. **Naming of Private Roads in Chatham County:** Consideration of a request from citizens for the naming of the following private roads:

- 1) Merry Oaks Cemetery
- 2) Bob Dixon Road
- 3) Bruce Burns Road

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

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

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

7. **Resolution #95-3 for Addition of Streets:** Consideration of a resolution for the addition of streets in the Highland Forest Subdivision, a copy attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

8. **Resolution #95-4 Endorsing CrimeStoppers:** Consideration of a resolution endorsing CrimeStoppers, a copy attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

9. **Out-of-Town Travel for Detective, Social Worker, and Social Work Supervisor:** Consideration of a request for approval of out-of-town travel for Detective, Social Worker, and Social Work Supervisor

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

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Jacob Bass, 617 Barnsley, Ferrington Post, Pittsboro, NC, voiced his concern regarding his property revaluation increase by 36% from \$230,600 to \$313,400. He informed the Board of the problems he had incurred with Tax Management Associates, Inc. during the past eleven weeks. He stated that he had placed numerous telephone calls to Charles Long, Director of Appraisal Services with Tax Management Associates, Inc. but that none of his calls were returned; that he had been informed that his house had been reappraised during a drive-by visit; that he has the form to request an appeal which will be mailed by the end of February; that he wants a fair reduction of his taxes; that he is surprised that the County has an organization like Tax Management doing such lax work and is supported by the County Manager; that he is prepared to take his case to the NC Property Appeal Board.

The County Manager stated that it was his recollection of his conversation with the Ferrington Homeowners Association that the County emphasis was on the appeal process and that they had been told that was the process that had to be taken. At some time after the claims are filed on the March 1st deadline, there may be some opportunity to resolve some situations prior to it going to the Board of Commissioners,

but not prior to that time. But that it would be inappropriate, probably illegal, to make any adjustments prior to the filing of the required forms and review by the tax office.

Jim Diggs, Route 6, Box 375, Chapel Hill, NC asked what is happening to our address numbering system; He stated that the Chapel Hill Telephone Directory changed all of the numbers in the telephone book; that the telephone bills were delivered to the

new, non-authorized addresses and were then returned by the postal service. He stated that he is seeking information as to what is happening with the addressing system and what is wrong with it.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Public Hearings

Public Hearing on Close Out of 1991 Community Development Block Grant: Consideration of public comment on the close out of 1991 Greenhill Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

The Planning Director explained that the 1991 Community Development Block Grant has not been closed out and that a public hearing will be held when it is closed out.

Public Hearing on 1995 Community Development Block Grant for Scattered Sites Project: Consideration of public comment on the 1995 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for scattered sites project

The Planning Director explained that the 1995 Community Development Block Grant cannot be applied for because the deadline was not met for the 1991 grant and the State requires 100% close-out, not only of the activities but of all money.

CHATHAM COUNTY SERVICE PRESENTATIONS

Service Pin Presentation and Resolution of Appreciation for Economic Development Director: Presentation of service pins for employees with 10-19 years of service to Chatham County and presentation of Resolution of Appreciation for Melanie O'Connell Underwood for her service as Economic Development Director

Kim Bush, Human Resources Manager, thanked the Board for allowing her to thank and congratulate another group of Chatham County employees for their dedicated service to the County. She stated that she felt it was important to take the time to let people know that they are appreciated and that their work is recognized. She asked the Chairman and the County Manager to help with the presentation as follows: Fayedene A. Johnson, 18 years of service, Department of Social Services; Reba Thomas, 18 years, Register of Deeds; Vicki McConnell, 18 years, Finance; Sylvia Mitchell, 18 years, DSS; John Seagroves, 17 years, Sheriff's Department; Robert Hall, 17 years, DSS; Edward Goldston, 17 years, Public Works; James Spell, 17 years, Tax Assessor; Emily Foushee, 16 years, Finance; Johnnie Lorbacher, 16 years, Sheriff's Department; Ruth Horton, 16 years, DSS; Robert Andrews, 16 years, Sheriffs Department; Anthony Dimeo, 16 years, Sheriff's Department; Frances Wilson, 16 years, Tax Collector; Glendon Hackney, 15 years, Sheriff's Department; Daisy Womble, 15 years, DSS; Murphy Burnett, 15 years, Public Works; Wylma McCrary, 15

years, DSS; Keith Megginson, 15 years, Planning Department; James Alston, 14 years, Public Works; Leroy Collins, 14 years, Public Works; Gywmn Johnson, 14 years, Health Department; Elizabeth Cassedy, 14 years, DSS; Anna White, 14 years, Health Department; Patricia Poole, 13 years, Health Department; Bennie Goins, Sr., 13 years, Sheriff's Department; Sharon Brookbank, 13 years, DSS; Joseph Elmore, 13 years, Emergency Operations; Dennis Jordan, 12 years, Sheriff's Department; Elizabeth Eubanks, 12 years, Sheriff's Department; Patricia Petrie, 12 years, DSS; Mildred Sauls, 12 years, Sheriff's Department; George Mason, 12 years, Sheriff's Department; Sandra Tabayoyon, 12 years, DSS; Margaret Cooper, 11 years, Sheriff's Department; Kaye Ferguson, 11 years, DSS; Sue Fields, 11 years, Health Department; Cynthia Snipes, 11 years, DSS; Isaac Gray, Jr., 11 years, Sheriff's Department; Angela Ellis, 11 years, Emergency Operations; Therlow Eubanks, 11 years, Sheriff's Department; Boyd Harris, 11 years, Sheriff's Department; James Minter, 11 years, Public Works; Patty Fox, 11 years, DSS; Charles Perry, 11 years, Sheriff's Department; Virginia Ryan, 11 years, Health Department; Howard McLeod, 10 years, Public Works; Carolyn Roper, 10

years, DSS; Rebecca Wilkie, 10 years, Sheriff's Department; Alfreda Marsh, 10 years, Sheriff's Department; Charles Hackney, 10 years, Sheriff's Department; Gary Blankenship, 10 years, Sheriff's Department; Ethel Reece, 10 years, DSS; Annie Alston, 10 years, Tax Assessor; Shirley White, 10 years, Register of Deeds.

Ms. Bush read a poem by Douglas Mallock, "Be the Best Bush you Can Be!"

Chairman Holland read a resolution **#95-5 Resolution of Appreciation for the Service of Melanie O'Connell Underwood**, recognizing her years of service as Economic Development Director of Chatham County, a copy attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Ms. Underwood thanked the Board for the opportunities they have given her. She stated that she has grown personally and professionally while working for Chatham County.

PRESENTATION BY PETER BATTIS

Presentation by Peter Battis, Director of Chatham Counseling Center: Consideration of a proposal for additional Mental Health Outreach Program

Peter Battis, Director of Chatham Counseling Center, stated that in keeping with the legislature's intention to improve crisis prevention services to identified high risk adult clients, Chatham Counseling Center proposes to use the State and County funding to create a "mini-PACT" (Program for Assertive Community Treatment) program. He stated that they intend to create two case management positions who will each have a caseload of five high-risk clients and ten rest home clients; that high risk clients will be chosen by these criteria: (1) Frequent presentation in crisis; (2) History of multiple hospitalizations; (3) Not effectively served by traditional OP services; (4) Dual diagnosis; that the two case managers will combine efforts with a therapist and psychiatrist to form "mini PACT" teams which will continually evaluate the status of their high-risk clients, develop outreach and other services for each client, and maintain coverage for these clients from 8 am to 8 pm; that case managers will receive in-house training in all three disability areas.

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve the program and authorize them to proceed. Commissioner Pollard seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Funds Acceptance from Smart Start: Consideration of approval to accept Smart Start funds of \$11,880 to continue De Madres a Madres Program (From Mothers to Mothers) in Chatham County, Budget Amendment #25

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve the Chatham County Board of Health and the Health Director recommendation to accept the Smart Start funds to continue De Madres a Madres Program (From Mothers to Mothers) in Chatham County and approval of **Budget Amendment #25**. Commissioner Pollard seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Funds Acceptance from Smart Start: Consideration of approval to accept Smart Start funds in the amount of \$28,835 to implement Family Ties Project in Chatham County, Budget Amendment #26

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve the Chatham County Board of Health and the Health Director recommendation to accept the Smart Start funds to implement the Family Ties Project in Chatham County and approval of **Budget Amendment #26**. Commissioner Pollard seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Funds Acceptance for Immunization Action Plan: Consideration of approval to accept additional state funds of \$5,047 for Chatham County's Immunization Action Plan, Budget Amendment #27

Commissioner Pollard moved to approve the Chatham County Board of Health and the Health Director recommendation to accept the additional state funds for Chatham County's Immunization Action Plan and approval of **Budget Amendment #27**. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Funds Acceptance for Maternal Outreach Services: Consideration of approval to accept grant funds of \$19,399 to enable the Health Department to offer Maternal Outreach Services, Budget Amendment #28

Commissioner Pollard moved to approve the Chatham County Board of Health and the Health Director recommendation to accept the grant funds to enable the Health Department to offer Maternal Outreach Services and approval of **Budget Amendment #28**. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Funds Acceptance for Environmental Health Services: Consideration of approval to accept additional state funds of \$2,109.45 for Environmental Health Services, Budget Amendment #29

Commissioner Grimes moved to approve the Chatham County Board of Health and the Health Director recommendation to accept additional state funds for Environmental Health Services to be used for rewarding the Environmental Health Specialists with boots and jackets with any remainder to be used for office supplies or otherwise put into Fund Balance, and approval of **Budget Amendment #29**. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Funds Acceptance for Nutrition Services: Consideration of approval to accept grant funds of \$5,000 to provide nutrition services to the school-based health center at Horton Middle School, Budget Amendment #30

Commissioner Pollard moved to approve the Chatham County Board of Health and the Health Director recommendation to accept funds to provide nutrition services to the school-based health center at Horton Middle School and approval of **Budget Amendment #30**. Commissioner Grimes seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

Criminal Justice Partnership Program Grant Application: Consideration of the Criminal Justice Partnership Program Grant Application

Deborah Giles, thanked the Board for the opportunity to explain the County-based, community-driven, community-correction's plan. She explained that the community-correction's plan necessity has been driven by changes in the State's sentencing laws; that a grid was developed to define the levels of punishment received based on the type of crime and the amount of points received based on prior conviction levels and that the objective of structured sentencing is to take the guess work out of sentencing. She thanked Chairman Holland and the County Manager who have been actively involved throughout the process of putting together the program.

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve the grant application for the Criminal Justice Partnership Program and authorize the chair to sign the application, a copy attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. Commissioner Pollard seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

The Chair called for a five minute recess in the meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Recommended Changes in Guidelines for the Chatham County Guaranteed Loan Program for Small Businesses: Consideration of recommended changes in the guidelines for the Chatham County Guaranteed Loan Program for Small Businesses

Commissioner Pollard moved to approve the recommended changes in the guidelines of the Chatham County Guaranteed Loan Program for Small Businesses, a copy attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

EXTENSION SERVICE

Grant Acceptance from United Way: Consideration of \$30,000 grant acceptance from United Way of Chatham County to fund an interpreter/volunteer coordinator to provide and coordinate translating and transportation services for United Way agencies working with the Latino Community, Budget Amendment #24

Commissioner Pollard moved to accept grant funds from United Way of Chatham County to fund an interpreter/volunteer coordinator working with the Latio Community on a contractual basis and approval of **Budget Amendment #24**. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

Workshop Dates for Budget Review: Consideration of dates for Commissioners to hold Workshop for Budget Review

The Manager explained that one of the purposes of developing the Preliminary Needs Assessment was to get as much direction and feedback from the Commissioners to the Staff so that they could have guidance in preparing the budget. Once this is done, it will be turned around and given to the Department Heads with

instructions as to what the Commissioners are looking for with regard to budget preparation. He stated that he needs to know if the Board is interested in any type of presentations from Department or Agency Heads to be called in to the Manager's Office by Wednesday, February 15, 1995.

Commissioner Grimes moved to set a special meeting for budget deliberations on February 22, 1995 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and February 23, 1995 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm., if needed. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Family Violence and Rape Crisis: Consideration of a request for a special allocation for shelter operating expenses for the 1994-95 fiscal year

The County Manager stated that this item had appeared before the Board some months ago and he now feels that their financial position has somewhat changed. He stated that it appears that their absolute deficit is approximately \$6,541.00, and that they are now requesting from the County \$13, 741.00 which includes the \$6,541.00 shortfall, the extra amount to be used for the refilling of one counseling position.

Jo Sanders, stated that the amount needed to stay afloat without refilling the counseling position is \$6,541.00; that not having the counseling position will have a drastic impact on their service delivery; that violence in the home is the beginning of the picture; that an investment in their services really impacts the quality of life in the whole community and that it is well known that violence in the home spreads over into the community and is one of the major causes of violence in the community.

Commissioner Grimes moved to authorize the remainder of the County payments to the agency. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Trapping of Foxes: Consideration of a local bill to allow the trapping of foxes

Commissioner Wilson moved to hold a public hearing on the trapping of foxes on February 27, 1995 to begin at 7:00 pm. and the public hearing on rezoning the University

Lake watershed to begin at 7:30 pm. Commissioner Dunlap seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Wilson moved to go out of Regular Session and into Closed Session for the purpose of negotiating price for the acquisition of real property.

Commissioner Dunlap asked to amend the motion to include litigation. Commissioner Pollard seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

After discussion of the first item, Commissioner Grimes asked to be excused from the remainder of the meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

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

Commissioner Dunlap moved to go out of Closed Session and into Regular Session. Commissioner

Pollard seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

Commissioner Dunlap moved to authorize the staff to negotiate for purchase the secondary site for the proposed Crutchfields convenience center site, provided that mutually agreeable terms could be reached. Commissioner Pollard seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Appointment of Commissioners to all Boards and Committees: Consideration of appointments of Commissioners to all boards and committees

Commissioner Wilson moved to appoint Commissioner Pollard to the Board of Health. Commissioner Dunlap seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

Commissioner Pollard moved to appoint Commissioner Wilson to the Economic Development Board. Commissioner Dunlap seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

Commissioner Dunlap asked to be excused from the remainder of the meeting.

Commissioner Pollard moved to excuse Commissioner Dunlap from the remainder of the meeting. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

MANAGER' S REPORTS

- The County Manager informed the Board that he had been negotiating for someone on an interim basis for the showing of property, meeting with perspective clients,

and helping the County with some of the duties of the Development Office since Melanie O'Connell Underwood will soon be leaving.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Pollard asked about the renaming of Raymond Street.

The Manager stated that this issue would be on the February 27, 1995 agenda.

Commissioner Pollard asked how the Economic Development position is progressing.

The Manager stated that he expects the issue to come up on the next agenda. He stated that the sub-committee of the Economic Development Committee has recommended that the position be formed as a non-profit position as in much the same manner as Lee County has done.

After further discussion, it was suggested that a meeting between the Commissioners, the Economic Development Committee, and the person with whom the Mangaer is negotiating to temporarily take over the position take place. It was decided that the meeting should be held prior to the regularly scheduled Board of Commissioner's meeting at 4:30 pm on February 27, 1995.

Commissioner Holland questioned where the County stands on the redistricting issue.

The Manager explained that the County had received a draft of the legislation from Michael Crowell. He stated that it has been sent to the County Attorney for review and will be included as part of the County package to take to the legislators in March.

Commissioner Wilson questioned the issue of impact fees.

The Manager explained that he and the Planning Director are comparing the differences in impact fees to see if the one they have has weak points that need to be changed. He stated that once that is in order, consultants will probably need to be hired to develop the data, the rationale, and justification for the fees. He stated that this will be a mammoth undertaking.

ADJOURNMENT

- Commissioner Wilson moved that there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Pollard seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0) and the meeting was adjourned at 3:48 pm.

Uva R. Holland, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra B. Lee
Clerk to the Board