

**MINUTES**  
**CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**BUDGET INPUT SESSION, APRIL 29, 1997**

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The Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met in special session for the purpose of receiving public comment on the Manager's Recommended Budget in the North Chatham Elementary School, Multi-purpose Room, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, at 7:00 PM on April 29, 1997.

Present: Chairman Margaret Pollard; Vice Chairman Betty Wilson;  
 Commissioners John Grimes, Uva Holland, and Henry  
 Dunlap; County Manager Charlie Horne; and Assistant  
 County Manager Reneé Dickson

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:03 P.M.

Commissioner Pollard, Chairman, welcomed those in attendance.

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Charlie Horne, County Manager, Reneé Dickson, Assistant County Manager, and Vicki McConnell presented the proposed fiscal year 1997-98 budget.

Department heads in attendance were as follows:

**Tax Administration** - Ken Joyner

**Finance Department** - Vicki McConnell

- 1) **Purchasing** - Jenny Williams
- 2) **Information Service** - Emily Foushee

**Recreation** - Tracy Burnett

**Library** - Barbara Garcia

**Elections** - Tammy Kernodle

**Register of Deeds** - Reba Thomas

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**PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

**Dick Kosiba**, 664 Fearington Post, Pittsboro, NC, spoke of the need for the County to build an indoor swimming pool that would be centrally located in the County in order to best meet the needs of a vast population of County people.

**Charley Stewart**, 10 Jordan Woods, Route 4, Pittsboro, NC, spoke as an advocate for recreation as

president of the Chatham Soccer League. He addressed two points as follows: 1) Continuing to work with the schools and school facilities; 2) Recreational facilities for the County. He stressed the need to begin the "Recreational Master Plan" in the fiscal year 1997-98 instead of waiting until 1998-99.

**Tim Hubbard**, PO Box 939, Pittsboro, NC, with the Chatham Soccer League, stated that he has seen an increase in soccer enrollment and anticipates a growing trend. He stated that the league needs a centralized location in which to play.

**Percy Beverley**, 99 Chatham Drive, Chapel Hill, NC, spoke of the need for new softball and baseball diamonds in the County.

**Theresa West**, 154 Forest Creek Drive, Pittsboro, NC, spoke regarding several issues as follows: 1) The schools purchase extra land at the next new construction site in order to build a new recreational center; 2) Implementation of the "Recreational Master Plan" in the year 1997-98.

Ms. West then directed comments regarding the proposed Astoria developments and added that Chatham County must encourage environmentally friendly businesses and developments.

**Mary C. McClure**, 23109 Umstead, Chapel Hill, NC, stated that before extensive development or recreational areas are implemented, the County needs adequate soil maps to provide accurate information as to ground conditions. She praised the GIS system the County will be implementing.

**Everett Billingsley**, 1002 White Cross Road, Chapel Hill, addressed three concerns as follows: 1) A computer terminal in each of the County libraries that would access the Board of Election's office; 2) Praise for the GIS system, noting the County has been slow in its implementation; 3) Implementation of the "Recreation Master Plan" during fiscal year 1997-98.

**Robert Brandt**, 21 Fearrington Post, Pittsboro, NC, addressed the recreational needs of the County. He noted that the soccer field at North Chatham Elementary School is in terrible shape; that it is impossible on which to play; that a parent's group has raised funds to improve it; that possibly the County help by appropriating additional funds; and that he would be willing to pay a few extra cents in taxes if it meant improved recreational opportunities.

**Kevin Hine**, 73219 Burlington, Chapel Hill, NC, praised the new waste treatment programs and the investments in technology the County has made. He stated the he, too, would like to see the "Recreation Master Plan" implemented for the next fiscal year. He suggested that the County look into forming private partnerships to take care of some of the County recreational needs.

An unidentified citizen suggested providing discount passes for those who use the recreational facilities at Jordan Lake, perhaps on a graduated scale, so that all might be able to enjoy the lake.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Grimes that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0) and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

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Margaret Bryant Pollard, Chair

ATTEST:

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