

**MINUTES**  
**CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**WORK SESSION**  
**APRIL 05, 2010**

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The Board of Commissioners (“the Board”) of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met in the Henry H. Dunlap Building Classroom, 80 East Street, located in Pittsboro, North Carolina, at 9:00 AM on April 05, 2010.

Present: Chair, Sally Kost; Vice Chair, George Lucier; Commissioners Mike Cross, Carl Thompson, and Tom Vanderbeck

Staff Members Present: Jep Rose, County Attorney; Renee Paschal, Assistant County Manager; Vicki McConnell, Finance Officer; Sandra B. Sublett, Clerk to the Board; and Elizabeth Plata, Deputy Clerk to the Board

***Agenda***

1. ~~**Chatham County Partnership for Children Presentation:**~~  
~~Presentation by Genevieve Megginson on “The State of Children in Families Living and Working in Chatham County~~

This item is to be scheduled for a later date.

2. **Workforce Development:** Each member county of the consortium needs to adopt a resolution granting approval for the name changes of the Local Workforce Investment Area and the Local Workforce Development Board consenting to the amendment of the Consortium Agreement and designating a chief elected official for each county.
3. **Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Piedmont Food & Agricultural Processing Center:** Discussion and consideration of an interlocal agreement among Alamance, Orange, Durham, and Chatham Counties for a value-added food processing facility to be housed in Hillsborough

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the Work Session to order at 10:19 AM.

**CHATHAM COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN**

This item is to be scheduled for a later date.

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

The Chair explained that the County Manager and she were scheduled to meet with the Workforce Development parties last Monday, but due to the fire issues with the Historic

Chatham County Courthouse, the meeting was cancelled. She stated that this item was a last minute Agenda item addition because they need the agreements signed; that the agreement changes the name of the Local Workforce Investment Area from Mid-Carolina Workforce to Triangle South Workforce Development Board; that it formalizes Central Carolina Community College (CCCC) as the administrative entity and the grant recipient; and that the Chair would be designated as the chief elected official.

Commissioner Lucier asked Jeffrey Starkweather if the advisory board had been continuing to meet on a regular basis. He stated that prior to last year, the Board had little input and participation in this which was a mistake, and that that has now changed as the Board has appointed 5-6 people to serve on the Board.

Mr. Starkweather stated that the meetings have been going fine, as the entire atmosphere has changed; that they are listening better; that the advisory board came up with the new name; that Chatham County designed the logo through Lesley Landis which they are using for Triangle South; and that having the community college bring it out of Sanford is a big help.

Commissioner Lucier stated that Stephanie Williams is the overseer and that she had done a great job.

Chair Kost asked if, her designation as the chief elected officer, will mean that she will need to attend the meetings. Mr. Starkweather stated that they will operate under the Chair's authority.

Commissioner Lucier stated that he met twice with the group and the main activities was when they were in the process of changing the administrative entity to Central Carolina Community College; that the only meeting he attended was with the advisory board during which they were discussing this change and answer questions as to why they were doing this; that his approach was to appoint five to six advisory board members to look after Chatham County's interest and let them know if there was something they needed to do to help. His advice to Chair Kost was to do the same thing.

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Lucier, to adopt **Resolution #2010-22 of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners Granting Approval for the Name Change of Local Workforce Investment Area and Local Workforce Development Board, Consenting to the Amendment of the Consortium Agreement and Designating a Chief Elected Official for the County of Chatham**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Lucier asked if the four chief elected officials signed when they changed the administrative entity to the community college. He stated that the County Attorney should probably take a look at it to make sure that nothing is inconsistent is there with what is in today's material. He stated that there was some angst from the previous administration entity about what was done. His concern was that this agreement did not do anything to negatively impact it.

### **INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR PIEDMONT FOOD & AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING CENTER**

Chair Kost stated that the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Piedmont Food and Agricultural Processing Center lays out financing and the structure of how the agreement is going to work; that the plan was to originally make it a nonprofit; that Orange County is going to house it and the director will be an Orange County employee; that the first year there is grant funding and they hope by the third year it will self-sustaining; that the Board of Commissioners will need to appoint members to the steering committee at a later date to include a County Commissioner, the County Manager, the Cooperative Extension Director, and a person representing the farm community.

Commissioner Lucier stated that the County Manager had attended some of the meetings; that he has been on the steering committee representing the Commissioners; that

Commissioner Vanderbeck was on the committee before he was; and that he is uncertain of the carry-over.

The County Attorney stated that he thought the committee would need to be reappointed.

Chair Kost stated that she thought the Ag Advisory Board should be consulted to make a recommendation. Commissioner Lucier stated that he would bring this up to them at the meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup> stating that one option was to make it the chair of the Ag Advisory Board or that person's designate.

Commissioner Vanderbeck stated that it would be better to have continuity with whoever takes this on.

Commissioner Lucier stated that if there is just the chair of the board, they may or may not be interested; that if they have a formal designate, they may take it more seriously; and that this is what he had in mind.

Chair Kost asked if the County Attorney had had a chance to review the agreement.

Mr. Rose replied that he had. He stated that it originally went through the non-profit process; that then during the grant funding issue, it came up about Governor Easley; that they did not want to use a non-profit so they had to return to the counties and the interlocals; that they will not have to pay anything during the fiscal year; that there is a possible look-back in the following fiscal year for a deficit in FY 2011; that they say there will be no deficit, but he thinks that may be a possibility.

Chair Kost asked if the maximum out-of-pocket for Chatham County was \$30,000 under any circumstance.

Mr. Rose replied that was correct for the fiscal year unless one of the other counties drops out; however, they have to give a one-year notice. He further stated that Orange County has more authority than anyone else; that they are providing the building, all the bookkeeping, and monthly reports; that they will pay attention to the steering committee for recommendations; and that Noah Ranells is going to be in charge.

Commissioner Vanderbeck asked if there was a possibility to get other funds. Commissioner Lucier stated that was correct; that they are still seeking other funds; and that there is a possibility that they will get them which will lessen any potential monies that Chatham County might have to pay in the future.

Commissioner Vanderbeck stated that with the local food movement and what this is going to bring to the people in the area in order to be able to market and develop local, value-added products to be used in selling in and around the area. He stated that he thinks there is a very good chance for success.

The County Attorney stated that Orange County has already approved the agreement; that if Orange County drops out or one of the others, it automatically terminates; that if Durham, Alamance, or Chatham County drops out, we would assume a larger percentage or we could drop out.

Commissioner Lucier moved, seconded by Commissioner Vanderbeck, to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Piedmont Food and Agricultural Processing Center. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

#### **Recreation Land Transfer Agreement:**

The County Attorney stated that the Recreation Land Transfer Agreement, approved on February 15, 2010 subject to some Chair suggestions, has been signed. He stated that they have sixty days from the completion of the approval by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) of the sub-grade of Andrews Store Road; that he believes that

they are now working on the road; and that this was what was needed to approve the road closing.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:37 AM.

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Sally Kost, Chair

ATTEST:

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Sandra B. Sublett, CMC, NCCCC, Clerk to the Board  
Chatham County Board of Commissioners