

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET INPUT SESSION, MAY 27, 1997

The Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met in special session for the purpose of holding a budget workshop with the Chatham County Board of Education in the Agricultural Extension Service Conference Room, Pittsboro, North Carolina, at 5:00 PM on May 27, 1997.

Present: Chairman Margaret Pollard; Vice Chairman Betty Wilson;
Commissioners John Grimes, Uva Holland, 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 5:06 P.M.

Commissioner Pollard, Chairman, welcomed those in attendance.

Tax Department

Ken Joyner, Tax Administrator, reviewed various billing options for the tax department as follows: 1) Post cards; and 2) Paper copies and attached envelopes. He also explained resolutions to be presented to the Board of Commissioners at their June 2, 1997 meeting entitled: 1) Resolution to Oppose Current Property Tax Legislation and 2) Resolution to Oppose the Court of Appeals "Homes for the Aged" Ruling.

North Chatham Water System Extensions

Charlie Horne, County Manager, explained that the Board of Commissioners passed a resolution to proceed with the engineering services component of the North Chatham Waterline Extension Project. He asked that the contract for these services be formally approved by the Board.

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Grimes to approve the contract for engineering services for the North Chatham Water System Extensions by the engineering firm of Hobbs, Upchurch, & Associates, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Chatham County Group Health Insurance

Charlie Horne introduced the Chatham County Benefits Advisory Group and stated that in an effort to enhance the benefits package available to Chatham County Employees, the Benefit Advisory Focus Group reviewed a proposal to obtain better group health insurance for all enrollees; that better coverage at an affordable rate was the ultimate goal desired and the group believed that the product offered by Healthsource North Carolina, Inc. was the plan to accomplish this goal.

Group members explained that Healthsource is a Point of Service Product that offers flexibility to employees to switch between a preferred Provider Option (PPO) and a Primary Care Physician (PCP) Options as necessary; that PPO is a service that allows enrollees to visit the physician of their choice, requiring that

they meet a deductible; that the PCP is a managed care product requiring the enrollee to visit their designated physician with no deductible to meet; that the Healthsource Plan allows all enrollees prescription coverage and health care coverage when out of the network area; that with this plan, the child provision has been modified to apply to employees with children; that

Healthsource has offered group life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment benefits with Provident Life & Accident Insurance Company at an annual rate of \$9,386, matching current County benefits.

The group answered questions regarding insurance, deductibles, copay, and other criteria.

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to approve the contract for the new County health care plan with Healthsource North Carolina, Inc., attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Education Budget

Dr. Larry Mabe, Superintendent of Chatham County Schools, advised the Board of the impact that charter schools will have upon the Chatham County School System. He stated that the schools will lose \$386,005 due to charter schools; that initial allotments will be adjusted based on actual enrollment data reported by the Charter School on July 1, 1997; that even though the charter schools will not offer vocational education, that the charter schools will still receive \$20,528 in vocational funding from the system. He answered further questions from Board members.

Recess

- Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to recess the meeting. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0), and the meeting was recessed at 6:46 PM.

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Margaret Bryant Pollard, Chair

ATTEST:

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