

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 2, 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 September 2, 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 10:00 A.M.

AGENDA

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

Charlie Horne, County Manager, asked that a Closed Session be added to the Agenda for the purpose of discussing Industrial Development..

Commissioner Holland moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to include a Closed Session to the Agenda for the purpose of discussing Industrial Development.

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to approve the Agenda. 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, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, 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 August 18, 1997

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

2. **Resolution #97-31 in Recognition of Community Health Centers Week – September 14-23, 1997:** Consideration of Resolution #97-31 in Recognition of Community Health Centers Week – September 14-23, 1997, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

3. **Resolution #97-32 in Support of the Rutherford County Delegation to the General**

Assembly Requesting Authority to Impose Impact Fees and Sales Tax as it Relates to Rest Home Industry Growth in Rutherford County: Consideration of Resolution #97-32 in Support of the Rutherford County Delegation to the General Assembly Requesting Authority to Impose Impact Fees and Sales Tax as it Relates to Rest Home Industry Growth in Rutherford County, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Richard Taylor, 1214 University Drive, Durham, NC, stated that he was concerned regarding the location of a substance abuse treatment facility in the Cole Park area; that everything in the last several years has been located in Orange County; that 38 acres of land has been purchased on which to locate this substance abuse facility; that he wonders how this development will effect the community; that he is concerned about possible contamination of water on the property; and that he has concerns regarding the qualifications of persons in management positions regarding substance abuse. He stated that he would like to meet with Mr. Thomas Maynard, Director of the Orange-Person-Chatham Mental Health System.

Commissioner Wilson presented the Board with an update and notes from previous meetings.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

Renaming of Farrington Road: Consideration of a request from citizens for the renaming of Farrington Road

Commissioner Dunlap moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to change the name and readdress a portion of Farrington Road (SR #1008) to Farrington Point Road, changing the portion beginning at 4340 (Farrington Point Bridge) and continue north to 8130, at which point the name changes to Mt. Carmel Church Road. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Resolution #97-33 Appointing Review Officer: Consideration or approval of Resolution #97-33 Appointing Review Officer, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to adopt **Resolution #97-33 Appointing Review Officers**, as follows:

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| Lynda Smith | Mapper |
| Mary Ringle | Mapper |
| Tina Stone | Tax Assistant |
| Kim Horton | Property Appraiser |

A copy of the resolution is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

TAX ADMINISTRATION

- **Penalty Release on Discovery Bill** Consideration of a request for a penalty release on a discovery bill by Paul and Cheryl Whitewood on their boat

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to drop the discovery penalty on the 1994 Bayliner Cierra 2355 boat owned by Paul and Cheryl Whitewood. The motion carried four (4) to one (1), with Commissioner Dunlap dissenting.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority Appointment: Consideration of one member to the Industrial Facilities and Pollution control Financing Authority

Commissioner Holland moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to reappoint John Bowler to the Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing, term to expire July 1, 2003. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Personnel Advisory Committee Appointments: Consideration of appointments to the Personnel Advisory Committee

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to appoint the following members to the Chatham County Personnel Advisory Committee:

Private Sector Human Resource Professionals:

Gaynell Albright of Basic Metal – Primary Appointment
Terrie McLaurin of Charles Craft, Inc. – Alternate #1
Athena Tillman of Palm Harbor Homes, of NC, Inc. – Alternate #2

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

Fire Communications System: Consideration of rejection of all fire communications upgrade bids

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to reject all bids for upgrading the fire communications system. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Budget Process Review and Setting Calendar Dates: Discussion of 1996-97 Budget Process and the setting of dates for 1997-98 Budget Process

Commissioner Holland moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to set three community meetings one each to be held in Pittsboro, Siler City, and North Chatham. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to approve the calendar, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Chatham County Boards and Committees Follow-Up: Consideration of Boards and Committees follow-up

A discussion ensued regarding the make-up of boards and committees within the County. The staff is to prepare a list of committees required by State Statute, by County ordinance, and appointments or recommendations by individual Commissioners by the October 6, 1997 Board of Commissioners' meeting.

Change of Administrative Assistant Position to Administrative Support Position in Utilities Department: Consideration of a request to abolish the Administrative Support Assistant position to create an Administrative Support position in the Utilities Department

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to abolish the position of Administrative Support Assistant (Salary Grade 7) and replace it with the position of Administrative Support Specialist (Salary Grade 9). The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

MANAGER' S REPORTS

The County Manager informed the Commissioners of the following:

(1) **Dump Truck:** The County presently owns a dump truck needed by the Board of Education. When discussed during a budget work session with members of the School Board, it was decided that ownership of the unutilized County dump truck could be transferred to the Board of Education.

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to approve the transfer of a 1990 dump truck from the County to the Chatham County Board of Education. The

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

(2) **Public Hearing for Moncure Industrial Area:**

Commissioners Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to schedule October 6, 1997 for a public hearing to receive public comments on a conditional use rezoning for property in the Moncure area, meeting to begin at 2:00 PM with a work session and continue with a Board of Commissioners' meeting at 6:00 PM. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Grimes, to ask the Planning Board to hold a special meeting to consider the rezoning issue on October 21, 1997. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

(3) **Chatham/Lee Health Departments:** Dialog is continuing on issues regarding the merging of the Chatham and Lee County Health Departments. Staff has been asked to continue looking into cooperative opportunities between the two counties, whether it may be a full merging of services. He stated that plans will be made to bring the two Boards of Health and Commissioners together in the future.

(4) **Mt. Carmel Church Road:** The Manager asked if the Commissioners would like to take any action on the widening of the Mt. Carmel Church Road by the Department of Transportation.

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to send a letter to the North Carolina Department of Transportation (DOT) requesting that they keep the Board of Commissioners informed of the study and any proposed changes underway by DOT on the multi-laning of Mt. Carmel

Church Road from Highway #15-501 to Highway #64, a copy attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Pollard stated that the General Assembly discussed welfare reform and the possibility of having counties involved in establishing how they would like to approach welfare reform; that she had written a letter to Representative Howard and to Senator Bill Martin asking that they consider Chatham County as one of the selected counties; that if Chatham was not in the selection, it appears that the window of opportunity would be removed; that a briefing of the process has been received and it was found that the process would be a little more complicated than first thought; that it is now known what the County will need to do if the County wants to proceed with its own plan and help determine how this process is going to work; that she feels it provides an opportunity for the County and may help in the streamlining process.

Commissioner Grimes stated that after having discussed this issue with Representative Howard, he learned that there will be no mandates from the State that will not be funded; that all requirements set forth by the State will be funded by the State; that it is his understanding that what they want to do is to have money available so that each county can set up a system of interconnecting computers between the different services; that the county will be responsible for providing the computers and the different services can "talk" with each other immediately through their computers; that this is an opportunity to help facilitate self-sufficiency; and that he feels Chatham County has an excellent chance to be selected because of its diverse population.

The County Manager congratulated the Commissioners for being proactive and thinking about how the dynamics will work. He stated that there is a tendency to withdraw and to react in a way that is reactionary; and that the County has the opportunity to be able to perform.

Welfare Reform Legislation:

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to seek to participate in the Welfare Reform Legislation process. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

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CLOSED SESSION

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Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to go out of Regular Session and into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Industrial Development. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

REGULAR SESSION

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to recess for lunch. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0) and the meeting was recessed at 12:03 PM.

LUNCH BREAK

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Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to reconvene the meeting for the afternoon Work Session. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

COMMISSIONER WORK SESSION

Agenda:**Water Feasibility and Water Rate Considerations**

Commissioner Dunlap moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to expand the Chatham County Water Advisory Committee to ten members, keeping the existing five members and adding five additional members, to be selected one by each Commissioner with each member to have staggered terms. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Sponsorship of Conditional Use Permit Application:

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to sponsor a conditional use permit application for industrial property in the Moncure area. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

ADJOURNMENT

- Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, 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 4:16 PM.

Bryant Pollard, Chairman

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ATTEST:

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