

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 07, 2010

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 June 07, 2010.

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

Absent: Commissioner Carl Thompson

Staff Present: Charlie Horne, County Manager; 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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Cross delivered the invocation after which Chair Kost invited everyone present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kost welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

Chair Kost asked that consideration be given to the following:

- ❖ Item #7, Approval of a request to adopt Resolution Honoring Galloway Ridge, be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda after Board of Commissioners’ Priorities.
- ❖ Board of Commissioners’ Priorities be moved to follow the Public Input Session

Commissioner Lucier moved, seconded by Commissioner Vanderbeck, to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda with the noted changes as follows:

1. **Minutes:** Approval of Board Minutes for Regular Meeting held May 17, 2010 and Minutes for the Work Sessions held May 17, 2010 and May 03, 2010

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

2. **Green Building and Sustainable Energy (GBASE) Advisory Board Member Recommendations:** Approval of Green Building and Sustainable Energy (GBASE) Advisory Board Member Recommendations

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

3. **Naming of Private Roads in Chatham County:** Approval of a request to name private roads in Chatham County as follows:

A. Medical Park Drive B. Henrys Watch Lane C. Laurel Springs Way

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

4. **Board of Social Services Reappointment:** Approval of reappointment of Gloria Maldonado to the Board of Social Services by the Board of Commissioners

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

5. **Home and Community Home Care Block Grant Appointment:** Approval of appointment of Susan W. Ferguson to the Home and Community Home Care Block Grant Board by the Board of Commissioners

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

6. **Healthy Foods Policy:** Approval of a request to adopt a Healthy Foods Policy for all Chatham County government departments

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

7. ~~**Galloway Ridge Resolution:** Approval of a request to adopt Resolution Honoring Galloway Ridge~~

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda for discussion.

8. **Bureau of Justice Assistance Edward Byrne Memorial Local Grant:** Approval of a request to apply for a grant from the Bureau of Justice Association (BJA) to be used for the purchase of 27 tasers for the Sheriff's Department

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

9. **2010 COPS Hiring Program Grant:** Approval of a request to apply for a grant from the Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) to fund a full-time School Resource Officer and a full-time Sex Offender/Community Police Officer at the Sheriff's, application attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

10. **Broadband Consulting Agreement:** Approval of agreement for Broadband work with Action Audits, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

11. **Agriculture Advisory Committee Appointment:** Approval of a request to appoint Esta Cohen to the Agriculture Advisory Committee by Commissioner Lucier

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

12. **Chatham County Cooperative Extension Director Appointment:** Approval of a request to appoint Sam Groce as the Chatham County Cooperative Extension Director

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

13. **Resolution of Greetings:** Approval of a **Resolution #2010-29 of Warm Greetings and Best Wishes to be presented by Town of Pittsboro Mayor, Randolph S. Voller, throughout Europe as he travels as a Marshall Memorial Fund Fellow**

The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Jeffrey Starkweather, 590 Old Goldston Road, Pittsboro, NC, because of the American Tobacco Trail opening this past weekend, he was inspired; that he bicycled in a different place and one of his favorites, southwest Chatham County; that he bicycled fifty miles to Bonlee, Harpers Crossroads, Carbondon, and Goldston; that the western part of the County is a bicyclist's dream; that there is a public hearing scheduled on the "Occupancy Tax" and he would like to request staff look into something related to that; that he thought the hotel people made a good point, with at least one of them mentioning a 1% increase as being reasonable; that he believes 3% brings in approximately \$28,000 based on the current occupancy; that he suggests looking into a 1% increase and using that amount to do something that would benefit the hotels and kick off something to promote Chatham County as the bicycle Mecca for tourists; that Chatham County is the oasis of green, surrounded by concrete deserts; that we have the potential to be a great bicycle Mecca where people come from the Triangle and all over the country; that his wife and he do bicycle vacations; that they would not consider going any place without a map in advance including tourist attractions, hotels, restaurants, etc.

He stated that Chatham County has a wonderful map, but it has not been funded for several years and is no longer available; that he doesn't know how much it would cost, but before a decision is made regarding the occupancy tax in the budget, he would request that it be researched to find out what it would cost to have a map done; that he went on a bicycle fund raiser in which approximately two hundred people rode their bicycles through Chatham County and almost everyone there was from outside the County; that the people were not given a map in order to return for a ride; that on the 26th, there is to be a Habitat fundraiser; that he is asking for consideration to show the owners of the bed and breakfasts that the Board is doing something to bring business to them; and that he can see where they would see a 1% as an investment in their business.

Commissioner Lucier stated that he doesn't know if he agrees with Mr. Starkweather regarding the additional occupancy tax, but that he does agree that something needs to be done with a map but needs to include more than just bicycle routes; that he thinks that the County has failed to promote ecotourism; that the County has tremendous natural resources; that he thinks the map needs to include all of the other kinds of related activities one can do in terms of tourism and take a broad view of it.

Mr. Starkweather continued by saying that research on what rural areas grow economically has said that one of the key things is having outdoor amenities such as bicycling, canoeing, hiking, and rivers; that Chatham County has those but we are not really using them as an asset; and that a statistical analysis has been done which shows that there is a direct correlation to bike shops and economic development.

Chair Kost while attending the dedication of the American Tobacco Trail, she thought about how it had been the course for a large marathon in which over 3,000 runners from all over the country came to participate; that most of the promotions of the event were geared toward Wake County; that if the tobacco marathon happens again, we need to promote Chatham County; and that she is certain that Chatham County would have benefitted more than it did if it had had the resources to promote it.

Commissioner Lucier suggested that Mr. Starkweather, as a member of the Economic Development Corporation suggest that they take a look at the issue along with the Travel & Tourism Board of which Commissioner Vanderbeck is a liaison; and that they get both of those groups working together to come up with some ideas.

Commissioner Vanderbeck stated that if we stick to bicycles and add greenways, there may be funding within DOT for the maps.

COMMISSIONERS' PRIORITIES

Employees of the Year: Presentation of Employees of the Year

Carolyn Miller, Human Resources Director, explained that this is the second year that the Employee of the Year has been awarded; that the Personnel Committee, made up of different departments, is responsible for selecting an employee(s) of the month; that from those who are selected as employee of the month, the employee of the year is selected; that the committee met in May to select the employee of the year; that it was a unanimous decision; and that the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Employees of the Year are Lisa Braxton, Wendy Pulliam, and Tracy Baldwin of the Communications Division of Emergency Operations. Together, they have been with Chatham County for over 25 years.

An excerpt from her nomination form follows:

“On Friday, January 22nd, a woman called Chatham County 911—Telecommunicator Lisa Braxton took the call. The caller was headed north on US 1 and was near Old US 1 (exit 84). She reported that her boyfriend was chasing her, and told her that if he caught her, he would shoot her. She was terrified. When asked, she reported that she was driving 90 miles per hour in an attempt to get away from him.

As the caller continued north, Lisa ascertained what she was driving, what his car looked like, and where she was headed. Soon, the caller headed into Wake County. Wendy Pulliam, on another console, began contacting the Wake County Sheriff's Office for assistance.

Not long after the caller passed New Hill-Holleman Road (exit 89), she spotted her boyfriend's car in the rear-view mirror coming up behind her. As you can imagine, her anxiety level increased tremendously. Lisa continued to stay on the line with her, despite the fact that she was now in Wake County. The caller was advised to take the next exit, which was Hwy 55. When she exited, she turned right and headed toward Holly Springs. Her boyfriend was behind her at the time.

As this is transpiring and Lisa is working to keep the caller calm and focused, Wendy was on the line by now with Apex police. They informed her that the caller was headed toward the Holly Springs jurisdictional area, but that they had officers stationed at the US 1 and Hwy 55 intersection. While Wendy contacted local law enforcement in Wake County, Tracy Baldwin was on yet another line with the State Highway Patrol.

Not knowing whether law enforcement assistance was available ahead of the caller on Hwy 55, Lisa advised the caller to make a U-turn and head back to the US 1 and Hwy 55 intersection where we knew Apex PD was stationed. It was difficult, to say the least, as the caller was not familiar with the area, and we were in Chatham County, not Wake County.

Lisa was consistent, patient, and clear with the caller, who did make the U-turn. Her boyfriend did as well, and they made their way back toward US 1. Soon, the caller reported that she saw “blue lights” up ahead. After that, her boyfriend made his move and attempted to shoot her in her vehicle. He fired four shots at her car and missed her. He crashed his car into a bystander's car, and as law enforcement approached, he shot and killed himself. The caller was cut by flying glass, but was otherwise unharmed. Our call ended when the caller was able to make it to a safe location near law enforcement. All told, this incident lasted approximately 11 minutes.

This is play-by-play rendition of what occurred, but what is not apparent in this narrative is the anxiety and terror in the woman's voice as the situation escalates. Not only must our telecommunicators deal with dangerous and difficult situations, but they must also do everything they can to keep an emotional caller focused and as calm as humanly possible. The actions taken by our staff to ensure this woman's safety in light of a number of unknown variables ultimately saved her life.

As a side note, Ms. Lee (the victim) called and talked with Janet Scott, Deputy EM Director/Communications Director on January 26th. She saw the press accounts, and the questioning of the decision to have her turn around. She wanted to let our staff know that she felt that if she had not turned around and went back to law enforcement, she would be dead. She has a five-year old daughter, and was thankful for the assistance she received from our communications division during this harrowing experience.”

Chair Kost expressed her appreciation on behalf of the Board of Commissioners stating that it was quite an honor to be selected as Employee of the Year; that the Board is very proud of all of their employees stating that they feel they have the best of the best; and that this recognition is for what they do every day.

Lisa Braxton stated that Chatham County is a wonderful place to live and she has lived her all her life. She stated that she loved working in the 911-Center and helping people; that it helps when you have the support of great bosses like Janet Scott and Tony Tucker.

Tracy Baldwin thanked her bosses, the Emergency Operations Staff, and coworkers.

Efficiency Contest Participants: Recognize employees who contributed to the Efficiency Contest with ideas for cost-savings in the different departments

Sybil Tate, Performance Manager, stated that in preparation for the 2011 budget, Chatham County Employees were asked to submit ideas that could increase efficiency and save money. Winning ideas would save at least \$1,000 during FY 2011 and foster innovation.

Tina Stone, Tax Administrator, explained the proposed electronic listing service and introduced her staff.

Donna Holland, Buildings and Grounds Maintenance worker, explained her proposed cost savings regarding mat replacement.

Staff ideas saved \$9,619 as follows:

Install 7 energy efficient hand dryers: Vicky Geutgemann

- Cost: Installation and purchase of 7 hand dryers = \$3,500
- Savings: \$756 in hand towel purchases, \$378 in labor (payback 3.1 years – dryers come with a 10-year warranty)
- Annual Savings: \$1,115

Mat Replacement: Donna Holland

- Cost: \$0
- Savings: Negotiated contract to clean mats on an as-needed basis, instead of every week
- Annual Savings: \$6,500

Electronic Listing: Stacey Stuart, Pam King, Kimberly Lemons, Mayra Espinoza

- Cost: \$18,000 (Actual cost should be less, range: \$18,000 - \$11,880)
- Savings: \$11,040-temp salaries, \$5,000-current listing service, 10% of the requested Administrative Assistant salary \$3,964 – reduce need for one requested staff
- Annual Savings: \$2,004

Introduction of New Chatham County Cooperative Extension Director:

Jim Cowden, Central Regional Director of Extension Service, stated that it was his pleasure to introduce Sam Groce as the new Chatham County Cooperative Extension Director. He stated that Mr. Groce, as a “hometown boy”, has 17 years experience; that he has been doing livestock work and other things and will continue those in addition to his new duties as County Extension Director; and that there will be administration, community rural

development, livestock work, and other things. He asked that the Board of Commissioners give him their support.

Sam Groce, new Chatham County Cooperative Extension Director, expressed appreciation to the Board for this new honor and privilege. He stated that having grown up in Chatham County, he can't help but remember his grandfather who introduced him to his love of agriculture; that Cooperative Extension is more than just agriculture; that they offer a lot and bring a lot to the citizens of Chatham County; that he loves the County; that his daughter is fifth generation on their farm which is part of his great grandparents farm; that he wants to see the County hold on to its agricultural traditions; that the only way to do that is for the farmers to remain economically viable which he hopes they can do with developing markets and helping producers do a better job; that they have come a long way; that Chatham County is the number one beef cattle county in the State of North Carolina; that twelve years ago, Chatham County was number three in the State; that the County hasn't grown a lot, but it has held its own and remained steady; that he has seen the number of livestock producers retiring but they have not been selling their farms; that one trend he has noticed in working with folks is that even though they are retiring and not selling their land, they're holding onto it and waiting for their children to come home; and that they have a great staff and they appreciate the support that the Board of Commissioners has given Cooperative Extension over the years.

Commissioner Lucier congratulated that Mr. Groce. He stated that he attended the interviews of the leading Cooperative Extension candidates; that his presentation of his vision and his management of the Cooperative Extension Service was outstanding; that he knows the importance of the extension service, how well-respected Mr. Groce is among the farmers, and what he has done in terms of helping develop the Farmland Preservation Plan which recognizes the importance of agriculture and its role as a centerpiece in economic development. He stated that he looks forward to continuing his working relationship with him.

Galloway Ridge Resolution: Approval of a request to adopt Resolution Honoring Galloway Ridge

Chair Kost suggested a couple of minor changes to the Galloway Ridge Resolution.

Commissioner Vanderbeck moved, seconded by Commissioner Lucier, to adopt **Resolution #2010-30 Honoring Galloway Ridge** with the noted changes, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

PLANNING AND ZONING

Public Hearing

Continuation of a Public Hearing on the Design Guidelines: Continuation of a public hearing to receive input on the Chatham County Design Guidelines from the April 19, 2010 Board of Commissioners' meeting; and Consideration of a request to adopt a

Jason Sullivan, Chatham County Planning Director, explained that this item is a continuation of a public hearing held on April 19, 2010 by the Board of Commissioners. The Board postponed closing the hearing until the Appearance Commission could review the Environmental Review Board's recommendations to the plant list. The proposed Design Guidelines and a table showing the changes between the old and new standards were included with the agenda abstract for the April 19 hearing.

He stated that the County Attorney advised the Board of Commissioners that it would be appropriate to adopt the Chatham County Design Guidelines since they are now referenced in the Zoning Ordinance. Previously the document was reviewed by the Planning Board and Board of Commissioners, but not officially adopted. The Planning Board reviewed the revised Design Guidelines at their May 2009 meeting and recommended approval. At the end of this document is a "Plant List" and members of the Chatham County Environmental Review Board (ERB) requested an opportunity to review the list and make recommendations

on which plants they felt were invasive and should be removed from consideration and likewise would suggest others if needed. Commissioner Kost asked the Appearance Commission (CCAC) if they would support the recommendations and they agreed to review their suggestions.

The ERB reviewed the plant list at their meeting on April 15, 2010 and made the recommendations listed below. Cynthia VanDerWeile, Sustainable Communities Department, also reviewed the plant list and made recommendations to the Appearance Commission. The suggested changes were to delete the following from the list:

1. Dawn Redwood - Needs larger area than a streetscape or parking lot
2. Sawtooth Oak - Known to be invasive in Uwharrie National Forest and is on a watchlist
3. Heavenly Bamboo - Rank 2 invasive threat level by NC Native Plant Society
4. Thorny Elaeagnus - Not recommended by NC Botanical Garden and known to be invasive in Triangle area
5. Barberry - Considered a threat level 2
6. Golden raintree - Known to be invasive in Chapel Hill area from plantings along US 15-501; can see heavily
7. Wintercreeper, Euonymus - Considered Rank 2 threat level and very common invasive plant in urbanizing areas of the Triangle
8. Ajuga - Known to be invasive in the NC Piedmont
9. Japanese Barberry - Considered a threat level 2

The Appearance Commission reviewed the recommendations at their May 12th meeting and of the nine (9) plants recommended to be deleted, they recommended keeping 1, 3, 5, and 8 and agreed with the other deletions. There were a few official name changes recommended to some of the plants, which agreed were upon by all parties. There were no other changes suggested by the ERB or Appearance Commission.

Planning staff also updated some wording as requested during the Commissioners meeting on April 19 to specify the final approval authority for site plans. The changes and/or additional wording follow:

1. In the Mission Statement, added the term "general use non-residential" to cover all types of projects, in addition to the conditional use permits.
2. Section 3.A - changed the word "Approve" to "Recommend approval" in both #1 and #2, changed the word "Disapprove" to "Recommend rejection" in #3.
3. Corrected section number references to properly reflect the sections for lighting and signage in the Zoning Ordinance.
4. Section 3.C - changed the wording "Preliminary approval" to "Preliminary recommendations".
5. Added a statement at the end of Section 3.A - "Final approvals for all conditional use projects shall be given by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners. Final approvals for all general use non-residential projects shall be approved by planning staff as recommended by the CCAC and in connection with the landscaping requirements outlined in the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance".
6. Added a statement at the end of Section 3 - "Preliminary and Final site and project plans may be reviewed at the same time, where the CCAC deems appropriate". This was done because there are times when the project is small enough that other reviews or site plans will not be needed or required. For larger projects this may not be an option. These reviews are handled on a case by case basis and are often determined as the project request moves forward.

The Chair asked if there was anyone present who would like to make comments.

There was no one who wished to speak. The Chair closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Lucier stated that it was his understanding that there has been on-going negotiations between the Environmental Review Board (ERB) and the Appearance

Commission on the list of invasive plants and that neither group is completely satisfied; that the list is acceptable to him and that he is satisfied.

Chair Kost stated that she agrees; that Chatham County is very fortunate to have the Appearance Commission as it includes professional landscapers who know what works and that she fully supports the recommendations.

Commissioner Vanderbeck moved, seconded by Commissioner Lucier, to approve **Resolution #2010-31 Approving the Chatham County Design Guidelines**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

COURTHOUSE UPDATE

Update on the Chatham County Historic Courthouse:

The County Manager explained that samples have been taken from the top of the historic courthouse walls to test the mortar with regard to the extreme on-going heart; that the moisture barrier has also been placed around the external walls to keep water out and minimize the continuing deterioration of the wall structure; that they also have preliminary design about concluded for shoring up the walls; that the top three or four brick layers will probably have to be removed to stabilize the top for installation of the cupola; and that they are continuing to work with insurance adjusters.

Chair Kost explained that there was a small incident regarding the Courthouse Annex on Saturday.

The County Manager explained that a student driver somehow made a U-turn and came down into a corner of the tax office on the west side of the building; that it is between the exterior ground wall and the walkway; that there was some damage to the interior wall; and that there was no permanent damage other than the building will have to be repaired.

Commissioner Vanderbeck stated that he arrived just after the incident happened and was thankful that no one was hurt.

Chair Kost stated that the Courthouse Task Force begins their work on June 14th; that originally the 14th was scheduled for the forum for community input but the facilitator has requested that the Courthouse Task Force meet first; and that the next step will then be the forum.

MANAGER' S REPORTS

Waste Management Position:

The County Manager explained that they have interviewed a candidate for the Waste Management Position which holds a professional engineer degree; that they believe that he is qualified to perform much more than solid waste requirements; that staff can negotiate up to a Step 4; however, beyond that, the Board would need to consider an increase.

Commissioner Vanderbeck moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to authorize the County Manager to extend an offer above mid-range for the position of Solid Waste Manager. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

Chair Kost stated that she had asked the County Manager to look at that policy as it may be within the flexibility that the Board wants to provide the Manager so that it does not require Board action to make this type of exception.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Legislative Goals Committee:

Commissioner Cross explained that on Wednesday, the Legislative Goals Committee, with the Triangle J Council of Governments, will be going to the Legislature with the House Speaker and President Pro Tem with the Senate and other members to carry forward the same goals that our Board proposed to TJCOG; and that it will be an all-day affair

Chair Kost asked if the goals were available on the TJCOG website.

Broadband:

Commissioner Vanderbeck stated that on the Board's Consent Agenda, the Board moved to hire a consultant to start making the plans for extended broadband and come up with a Chatham County plan; that it should be known that there is a Senate vote tonight at 7:00 PM that, if it goes through without any changes, would probably impede our ability to provide the broadband services for our County. He would suggest if anyone is able to get up with our senator (Senator Atwater) to ask him to strip the moratorium from the bill.

Andrews Store Road:

Chair Kost stated that the work has begun on the Andrews Store Road improvements; that money was diverted from an additional turning lane that would be from the Uniboard site; that Uniboard had been promised a turning lane to handle the additional truck traffic with the plant expansion; that Speaker Hackney was able to help in securing the funding for the Uniboard project which will help it move forward this month.

Joint Land Use Plan Committee:

Chair Kost explained that work was continuing on the Joint Land Use Plan with Cary; that there will be another meeting on Friday, June 11th at the Jordan Lake Visitor's Center beginning at 8:30 AM. She stated that she hopes there will be an agreement on the land use plan as far as the Subcommittee is concerned; that it will then be coming back for a public hearing in the August/September time frame.

Agriculture Advisory Board Appointment:

Commissioner Lucier recognized Esta Cohen who was appointed to the Agriculture Advisory Board.

Zoning Board of Adjustment Appeal:

Set public hearing date for the Zoning Board of Adjustment on an appeal of a determination by the Zoning Administrator

Jason Sullivan, Planning Director, explained that the County has received an appeal which needs to be scheduled within 45 days of the day of receipt; and that the Board of Adjustment has to meet by July 3, 2010 to hear the appeal.

Commissioner Lucier moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to set June 21, 2010 at 1:00 PM as the date and time for the Zoning Board of Adjustment to hear an appeal of a determination by the Zoning Administrator. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

Resolution Authorizing Negotiation for Installment Financing Contract Using Qualified School Construction Bonds:

The Finance Officer explained that the American Recovery Reinvestment Act of 2009 established the Qualified School Construction bonds (QSCB) Program to assist school districts in funding the construction, rehabilitation, or repair of public schools or the acquisition of land for such facilities. The Chatham County Board of Education applied for

and the State Board of Education approved the allocation of QSCB authority in the amount of \$4,396,129 for Chatham County projects. The County will use these funds to pay the capital costs of (1) roof replacement at Jordan-Matthews High School, Horton Middle School, Chatham Central High School, Bennett Elementary School, Bonlee Elementary School, J.S. Waters Elementary School, SAGE School and Silk Hope Elementary School, (2) restroom renovations at Jordan-Matthews High School, Moncure Elementary School, Horton Middle School, Chatham Central High School, Bennett Elementary School, Bonlee Elementary School and J.S. Waters Elementary School, and (3) auditorium sound and lighting upgrades at Jordan-Matthews High School and Chatham Central High School and, if necessary, (b) to enter into a deed of trust and security agreement related to the County's fee simple interest in the real property on which Silk Hope Elementary School is located that will provide security for the County's obligations under the Contract.

The resolution must be adopted before the County can proceed with the borrowing of funds through the QSCB program. This resolution authorizes the County to negotiate the financing contract, directs the Finance Officer to file an application with the Local Government Commission, directs the County to retain special counsel, and sets a public hearing date of June 21, 2010 on the proposed borrowing.

She further explained that they sent out a Request for Proposals (RFP) and received a response from two banks which both proposed the rebate option which means that the County will pay market rate to the bank; that we will then fill out a form and the federal government will send the County a check for the difference; that is a little risk in that if the federal government ever decides that they are not going to honor the rebate program, the County will have to pay market value; and that the highest of the two was close to 6.5%.

The Finance Officer answered questions from the Board.

Commissioner Lucier moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to adopt **Resolution #2010-32 Authorizing Negotiation for Installment Financing Contract Using Qualified School Construction Bonds**. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0). The resolution is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Commissioner Lucier moved, seconded by Commissioner Vanderbeck, to set June 21, 2010 as the date on which to hold a public hearing on the proposed financing using qualified school construction bonds. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

Chair Kost stated that she felt that this was a prudent move to use the financing for these projects and move them forward.

Commissioner Lucier stated that the roofing work has to be done; that the restrooms are in poor shape and some do not even have hot water; that this has been something that they have wanted to do through their Capital Outlay Projects and this provides a mechanism in which they can pay for it over time at a very low interest rate; and that the other projects include the upgrade of the auditoriums at Jordan Matthews and Chatham Central High Schools.

Approval of Co-Chairs of the Historic Courthouse Task Force:

Chair Kost explained that at the last Board of Commissioners' meeting, the Board authorized her to work with Commissioner Thompson to identify chairs/co-chairs for the Historic Courthouse Task Force. She stated that Mimi Hanner and Taylor Hobbs have agreed to co-chair.

Commissioner Vanderbeck moved, seconded by Commissioner Lucier, to appoint Miriam (Mimi) Hanner and Taylor Hobbs as co-chairs of the Historic Courthouse Task Force. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lucier moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0), and the meeting adjourned at 9:54 AM.

Sally Kost, Chair

ATTEST:

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