

MINUTES

CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORK SESSION, SEPTEMBER 20, 1999

The Board of Commissioners ("the Board") of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met in the Henry H. Dunlap, Jr. Building Classroom, located in Pittsboro, North Carolina, at 4:00 P.M. on September 20, 1999.

Present: Chair Rick Givens; Vice Chair Uva Holland; Commissioners Margaret Pollard, Carl Outz, and Gary Phillips; County Manager, Charlie Horne; County Attorney, Robert L. Gunn; Assistant County Manager, Reneé Dickson; Finance Officer, Vicki McConnell; and Clerk to the Board, Sandra B. Lee

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 4:07 PM. The County Manager welcomed those in attendance.

AGENDA:

- 1) **JOCCA/Board of Commissioners' Discussion**
- 2) **Water Systems (Carbonton & Asbury)**
- 3) **Strategic Plan**
- 4) **Canoe Access**
- 5) **Other**
 - A. **Chatham County Flag Budget**
 - B. **Contributions to Flood Victims (Swap Shop)**
STAR Team; Pet Retrieval; Specific Needs
 - C. **Building Permit Waiver: Mr. Jackie Franks**
 - D. **Celebration of Withdrawal from Southeast Compact**

JOCCA:

Edith Hubbard, JOCCA Board Chair, gave a brief overview of Joint Orange-Chatham Community Action, Inc. (JOCCA) stating that JOCCA is a private, nonprofit organization established in March, 1966 by the Board of Commissioners of Orange and Chatham Counties; that it seeks funds, administers programs, and provides services to low-income families and individuals. She stated that JOCCA's mission is to help low income families, individuals, and communities to improve the quality of everyday life by working to change and eliminate the economic, social, and political institutions or constraints that impair their life chances.

Ms. Hubbard reviewed JOCCA programs including: 1) Senior Citizens Nutrition Centers; 2) Homeless Services; 3) Job Training and employment (Jobs Training Partnership Act Program, Summer Youth Employment Program, Welfare to Work/Chatham, DSS Work First); 4) Juvenile Crime Prevention Counseling; 5) Comprehensive Family Support; 6) Housing and weatherization. She reviewed JOCCA's accomplishments and their commitments as follows: 1) to provide oversight and leadership; 2) to provide financial support to meet the needs of low-income citizens; 3) to integrate JOCCA's programs into the human services structure; and 4) to encourage innovation in programs and services.

A discussion followed with JOCCA officials asking for the release of approximately \$15,000 in funding.

Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to release the funds appropriated for JOCCA based on the contingency that the audit is clear and to advance CBA funds until the State releases those funds. The motion carried four (4) to one (1) with Commissioner Outz dissenting.

Commissioner Holland asked that the JOCCA Board appear before the Board of Commissioners every other month and that the County Manager and staff keep the Board informed of JOCCA's work.

WATER SYSTEMS:

Carbonton and Asbury Communities:

Tim Carpenter, with Hobbs Upchurch & Associates, reviewed estimates for the first and second round of funding of high-unit cost grant applications. A copy of current projects and second round grant applications is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Pollard, to proceed with the current project as prepared with available budgeted funds. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

After further discussion, Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to proceed with the second round of high unit cost grant application with the inclusion of Bonlee-Bennett Road to Palmer Chapel Church Road (SR #1136) connecting to Providence Church Road. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

The Board expressed a desire to meet with the new Economic Development Director and the Economic Development Board sometime in the future to discuss water and other issues.

By general consensus, it was decided to consider the Moncure-Pittsboro Road, Highway #751, and the Staley-Snow Camp Road for possible water lines in the next round of funding.

Highway #64 Canoe Access:

Reneé Dickson, Assistant County Manager, explained that Wildlife Resources has agreed to assume ownership of the canoe access; that the Haw River Assembly and the Carolina Canoe Club have agreed to pick up light trash on a monthly basis; that the County's insurance premium will not increase but that additional liability for the County will be created; that the access will require no County staff maintenance; that flooding might ruin the access, but that the bridge would have to be flooded before the access would be flooded; and that Duke Forest called and inquired as to whether the County would assume ownership of the Highway #64 canoe access.

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to write a letter to be signed by the Chairman to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources accepting ownership and maintenance responsibilities for the Highway #15-501/Haw River Canoe access once it has been constructed. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0). A copy of the letter is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

RAFI-USA:

After discussion, it was determined that no motion was needed to deny the RAFI-USA request to

waive a building inspections permit fee of \$2,660.00. A copy of the RAFI-USA letter is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Hurricane Floyd Compensation:

The County Manager explained that during Hurricane Floyd, Chatham County was declared a disaster area; that County buildings were opened to provide safe shelter for citizens; that some County employees worked overtime staffing the shelters; and that in order to be reimbursed by FEMA, approval will need to be paid for overtime hours.

Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to follow the same procedure, as in Hurricane Fran, to pay overtime wages during emergency situations. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Contributions to Flood Victims:

The County Manager explained that plans were being made for the Chatham County STAR Team to travel to and assist hurricane victims in Kinston, NC. He further stated that County Swap Shops would be used as designated collection areas for Chatham County citizens wishing to make donations.

Celebration of Withdrawal from Southeast Compact:

The County Manager informed the Board of the upcoming bell ringing celebration of the withdrawal from the Southeast Compact. The ceremony will be held on October 9, 1999 at 6:00 PM on the Chatham County Courthouse lawn followed by a reception at the Chatham County Council on Aging.

Chatham County Flag Budget:

The County Manager asked for direction on funding for the dedication of the Chatham County flag ceremony.

It was decided, by consensus, to delay a decision on funding the flag ceremony until it can more accurately be determined to what extent funds will be needed.

Impact Fee Exemption Request by Jackie Franks:

After considerable discussion, Commissioner Pollard moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to deny the request by Jackie Franks for exemption of Impact Fees on the six mobile home spaces under protest. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0). A copy of Mr. Franks' letter is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Holland moved that there being no further business to come before the Board, the Work Session be adjourned. Commissioner Pollard seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Rick Givens, Chairman

ATTEST:

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