

**MINUTES**  
**CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR MEETING, MAY 04, 1998**

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The Board of Commissioners ("the Board") of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met in regular session in the District Courtroom, Pittsboro, North Carolina, at 9:00 A.M. on May 04, 1998.

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 9:00 A.M.

**AGENDA**

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

The County Manager asked that Item #7, Strategic Plan Steering Team Appointments be deferred until a later date.

Commissioner Pollard asked that a Scheduling of a Date for the County Manager's Evaluation be added to the Agenda as Item #8A and that a Resolution Concerning the Department of Transportation's Proposed Improvements to a Portion of North Carolina State Road #1008 in Chatham County be added to the Agenda as Item #8B.

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to approve the Agenda with the noted requests. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- The Chairman directed the Clerk to the Board to read the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Holland 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 April 20, 1998

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

2. **Tax Releases:** Consideration of a request for approval of Tax Releases, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

3. **Refunds for Solid Waste Disposal Fees:** Consideration of a request for approval of refunds for Solid Waste Disposal Fees and regular tax bills paid in error, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

4. **Increase in Facilities and Officer Fees Resolution:** Consideration of **Resolution #98-14 Increase in Facilities and Officer Fees Under G.S. 7-A-305 and G.S. 15-209**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

#### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

### **PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

**Charlie Bolton**, 970 W. R. Clark Road, Pittsboro, NC, Chairman of the Chatham County Democratic Party, spoke concerning a resolution regarding the process for filling vacancies on the County Board of Commissioners. He stated that it asks the General Assembly to consider changing the way it fills vacancies in that it appoints the person recommended by the county executive committee of the appropriate political party of which the commissioner being replaced was a member.

### **BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

**Appearance Commission Appointment:** Consideration of a request to appoint a member to the Appearance Commission

This item was deferred until the next Board of Commissioners' meeting.

**Judicial Center Design Team Appointments:** Consideration of a request to appoint members to the Judicial Center Design Team

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland to establish the Judicial Center Design Team Committee and approve the structure of the committee to be limited to eleven members. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

~~**Strategic Plan Steering Team Appointments:** Consideration of a request to appoint members to the Strategic Plan Steering Team~~

This item was removed from the Agenda.

### **RESOLUTION CONCERNING DOT IMPROVEMENTS TO STATE ROAD #1008**

**Resolution Concerning the Department of Transportation's Proposed Improvements to a Portion of North Carolina State Road #1008 in Chatham County**

Mr. Bob Atwater stated that he appreciated the opportunity to work with County Attorney, Bob Gunn and County Manager, Charlie Horne and their efforts to incorporate citizen concerns and that he appreciated the Commissioners responding to their concerns in this area.

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to approve **Resolution #98-15 Concerning DOT's Proposed Improvements to a Portion of NC State Road #1008 in Chatham County**. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

### **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS**

**Manager's Recommended Budget Presentation:** Presentation of the 1998-99 Manager's Recommended Budget

Charlie Horne, County Manager presented an over view of the Fiscal Year 1999 Recommended Budget. He thanked Reneé Dickson, Assistant County Manager, Vicki McConnell, Finance Officer, and everyone in the organization who helped review, recommend, revise, trim, and prioritize the budget.

Reneé Dickson, Assistant County Manager, explained that the Recommended Budget funds all priorities identified by Commissioners for Fiscal Year 1999 which includes funding of Commissioner identified positions, and no tax increase.

Vicki McConnell, Finance Officer, reviewed County revenue and fund balance.

### **BUDGET HEARINGS**

Budget hearings, set for the following dates and times, were reviewed:

May 7, 1998	Siler City Courtroom, Siler City, NC	7:00 PM
May 11, 1998	Superior Courtroom, Pittsboro, NC	7:00 PM
May 13, 1998	North Chatham Elementary School, Pittsboro, NC	7:00 PM

**Scheduling Date for Evaluation of the County Manager:** Scheduling a date for the evaluation of the County Manager

By consensus, May 20, 1998 was scheduled as the date on which to hold the evaluation of the County Manager.

### **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

There were no Commissioner reports.

### **WORK SESSION**

**Work Session with David Lawrence with the Institute of Government**

**David Lawrence**, discussed facets of the County's emerging water system. He presented the

Commissioners with handouts describing the various organizational ways of establishing water systems, organizing operations and financing, copies attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. He reviewed the five mechanisms available to provide water throughout the entire County, describing advantages and disadvantages.

**Fred Hobbs**, with Hobbs, Upchurch, and Associates, stated that he was available to answer any questions the Board may have regarding water; that he is very mindful of the concerns that Commissioners and citizens have and is concerned that the work and planning for the future are done properly. He discussed the organization of other counties with county commissioners sitting as district boards.

Chairman Pollard called for a ten-minute break.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

- Commissioner Dunlap moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing personnel. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

### **REGULAR SESSION**

- Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to go out of Closed Session and reconvene in Regular Session. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

### **WATER BOARD**

- The County Manager announced that if there are specific recommendations to the staff regarding information needed by the Water Board, it will be provided by data (memorandum, letter, etc.), and that if upon review of the data there are other questions, staff may be requested to come in and answer the questions after which they will leave.

### **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 10:52 AM.

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Margaret Bryant Pollard, Chair

ATTEST:

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