

MINUTES

CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 03, 1998

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 August 03, 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, Finance Officer, Vicki McConnell, and Clerk to the Board, Sandra B. Lee

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 10:02 A.M.

AGENDA

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

Commissioner Wilson asked that Item #15, Appointment to the Chatham County Housing Authority, be deferred until a later date.

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 July 13, 1998

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

2. **Solid Waste Disposal Fees and Regular Tax Bills:** 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).

3. **Resolution #98-25 Supporting Legislation Repealing that Portion of General Statute Eliminating County's Ability to Make Decisions on Funding for Area Authorities:** Consideration of approval of a Resolution Supporting Legislation Repealing that Portion of General Statute 122C-115(d) Eliminating a County's Ability to Make Decisions on Funding for Area Authorities, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

4. **Resolution #98-26 to Request Legislative Delegation to Update Annexation Laws in NC:** Consideration of approval of Resolution to Request Legislative Delegation to Update Annexation Laws in North Carolina, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

5. **Resolution #98-27 for Addition of Road to the North Carolina System of Secondary Roads – Governors Drive in Governors Village, Phase One:** Consideration of a request for approval of Resolution for Addition of Road to the North Carolina System of Secondary Roads - Governors Drive in the Governors Village, Phase One, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

6. **Social Services Contracts:** Consideration of a request for approval of Department of Social Services contracts, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

7. **Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program Allocations:** Consideration of a request for approval of Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTAP) allocations in the amount of \$41,503 in Chatham County, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

8. **Notification of Medicaid Rate Change:** Notification of change in Medicaid rates effective July 1, 1998 for Chatham County Health Department, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Oli Devaud, Economic Development Director, stated that it had been an honor and pleasure to serve as Economic Development Director the last three years. He expressed appreciation for the opportunity of working with the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Pollard, speaking on behalf of the Board, stated that she appreciates the hard work efforts of the Economic Development Director. She stated that the Board is proud of the success he has brought to Chatham County, and that he is wished well on his next endeavor.

Faye Hall, JOCCA representative, introduced a group of students which were attending the Commissioners' meeting to see how government works at the local level. She informed the Board that the following students were part of a Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) which is designed to provide employment, training, work experience and wages to youth, ages 14-21, in Chatham County; that a youth is placed in a public agency with a supervisor who is willing to provide encouragement, direction, and general

workplace ethics; that JOCCA/JTPA provides the salary to youth, the workplace benefits from the youth's work, and counselors from the JTPA department monitor any problems that occur and document progress; that they had funding for only six youth in Chatham County this year which is considerably less than in years past; that JTPA funding provides preventive intervention for youth who may be the first generation in their families to be exposed to leadership positions in the community; that additionally, Community Based Alternatives (CBA) provided funding this summer for eighteen court-referred/at-risk youth; that each supervisor and each youth is highly complementary of the SYEP program which benefits the youth of the County (work experience), the participating agencies (work at no cost), and JOCCA. The following is a list of the participants attending the Board of Commissioners' meeting and their worksites:

Kena Cotton	Child Care Networks
Joey Marsh	Northwood High School
Tawana Marsh	JOCCA Central Office
Martina McSwain	Natural Resource Conservation

RAIL TO TRAILS PRESENTATION

Rail-Trails Presentation: Presentation of the Rail-Trails Program

Mr. Al Capehart, President of North Carolina Rail-Trails, explained that the Triangle Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, Inc. (TRTC) is a state-chartered non-profit organization whose purpose is to work with local and state government officials to preserve local abandoned railroad corridors for future transportation and other interim uses such as recreational trails; that the TRTC works within the Triangle J Council of Governments Service area of Durham, Orange, Wake, Chatham, Johnson, and Lee Counties; that the thirty-mile American Tobacco Trail project (ATT) is TRTC's most ambitious current project; that TRTC hosts periodic meetings of the Trail Management Committee, made up of state and local government officials, corporate advisors and interested citizens.

Barbara Osland, showed a video on the Rail-Trails and reviewed different public hearings that have been held on building the North Carolina Rail-Trails. She answered questions from the Board regarding Chatham's public hearing on the proposed public hearing.

TAX ADMINISTRATION

Appeal for Reduced Tax Value: Consideration of a request of an appeal for a reduced tax value

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Grimes, that the assessed value of the property remain at \$380,115.00.

Mr. William Robinson, Controller for Basic Machinery Company, Inc., stated that his company disagrees with the Chatham County Tax Department's revised appraisal of the property; that they feel that even though they received an improvement over the prior appraisal notification, the property remains overvalued at \$380,115; that \$361,000 was paid for the property which compares to the Tax Office's approximate \$415,000 before impairing the land for underground contamination; that they were unable to adequately determine the extensive state of disrepair of the building's roof prior to submitting their bid; that had they been aware that the cost to replace the roof would be nearly \$150,000, they would have either substantially reduced their bid accordingly or declined to bid at all; that they are not attempting to shirk their responsibility by avoiding a fairly administered tax; and that they do believe, however, that a more appropriate valuation would be \$310,000 given consideration of the foregoing facts.

After considerable discussion, Commissioner Grimes withdrew his second to the motion.

Further discussion ensued, and Commissioner Holland seconded the motion.

The Chair called for a vote. The motion carried three (3) to two (2) with Commissioners Grimes and Dunlap dissenting.

Lockbox Payment Processing: Consideration of a request to contract for lockbox payment processing

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to approve the use of the lockbox payment services and award the contract to BB&T, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Deputy Tax Collector Appointment: Consideration of a request to appoint Deputy Tax Collector

Commissioner Dunlap moved, seconded by Commissioner Grimes, to approve Carolyn Clark to the position of Deputy Tax Collector. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

The oath of the Deputy Tax Collector, sworn in by the Clerk to the Board on the afternoon of August 3, 1998, is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Creation of Public Health Education Specialist for Teen Center: Consideration of a request to abolish an Administrative Assistant II position and create a Public Health Education Specialist for the Teen Center in Siler City

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to approve the abolishment of an Administrative Assistant II position and creation of a Public Health Education Specialist position for the Teen Center. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Creation of Public Health Nurse I Position: Consideration of a request to abolish a 75% Public Health Nurse (PHN) II position and create a 75% Public Health Nurse I position

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to approve the abolishment of a PHN II position and the creation of a PHN I position. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Housing Authority Board Appointment: Consideration of a request to appoint a member to the Chatham County Housing Authority Board by Commissioner Wilson

This item was deferred until a later date.

Strategic Planning Steering Team Appointments: Consideration of a request to appoint members to the Chatham County Strategic Planning Team

Commissioner Pollard asked that the name of Gary Cox from the Goldston area be added to the list.

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to approve the following list of appointees to the Strategic Planning Steering Team:

Commissioner Holland:

Nancy Jenkins PO Box 963 Pittsboro, NC	Alternate:	Jack Walker 27443 Walker Chapel Hill, NC
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George Ferrell
55 McGee Road
Chapel Hill, NC

Brenda Joyce Thompson
1915 Lystra Road
Chapel Hill, NC

Commissioner Wilson:

John Ward
1313 Charlie Cooper Road
Staley, NC

Mark Ashness
Governor's Summitt
Chapel Hill, NC

Steve Seilkop
3942 Rivers Chapel Road
Siler City, NC

Commissioner Grimes:

Jeff C. Brewer
PO Drawer J
Siler City, NC

William B. Caraway 39522 Glen Glade Chapel Hill, NC	Alternate:	Donald L. Tarkenton PO Box 682 Siler City, NC
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Mark Teague
298 Harold Hackney Road
Siler City, NC

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

Date for Joint Meeting with Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and Orange County: Consideration of a request to set a date for a joint meeting with Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and Orange County

Preferred dates for the joint meeting with Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and Orange County and Commissioners Grimes and Pollard are September 16th, 22nd, and 23rd. The County Manager is to confirm the date.

Appropriate Use of Technology Policy: Consideration of a request to approve a policy for the appropriate use of technology

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to approve the adoption of **Resolution #98-28** "Technology Appropriate Use Policy", attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

MANAGER' S REPORTS

There were no reports from the County Manager.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS

- The County Attorney informed the Board that the Court of Appeals ruled in favor of the County in the Lee Hearn case, and that if the case is appealed, it will be appealed to the Supreme Court.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Pollard reported that she had picked a list of the innovative programs from across the country that she had found particularly interesting in Portland, Oregon; that she looks forward to receiving the most current, updated issue; and that she will leave it in the County Manager's Office. She also stated that there were some exciting presentations at the annual NACo meeting; that one that really stood out was that of Ray Anderson's presentation, "The Industrialist" of which she would like to receive the tape.

LUNCH RECESS

Commissioner Grimes moved, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap, to recess for lunch. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

WORK SESSION

Commissioner Grimes was absent from the afternoon Work Session.

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to reconvene for the afternoon work session. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

Water Rates:

Commissioner Dunlap moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to approve the new water rate schedule effective January 1, 1999, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0).

The Commissioners requested that the Water Advisory Committee and staff work together to analyze key policy issues and report results to the Board.

Fire Protection:

Bill Lowery, asked that the Commissioners discuss the appropriate development of fire protection ie: no fire protection for one acre lots but fire protection provided for cluster developments, at the developers expense.

Next Meeting:

It was decided, by consensus, that the next meeting will be held on August 12, 1998 at 9:00 AM in the Byrd's Administration Building Classroom.

ADJOURNMENT

- Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holland, that there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried four (4) to zero (0), and the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.

Margaret Bryant Pollard, Chair

ATTEST:

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