

**MINUTES  
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING, JUNE 16, 1994**

The Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met in special session in the Town of Pittsboro Meeting Room, located in the Courthouse Annex, Pittsboro, North Carolina, at 9:00 a.m., on June 16, 1994.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Chairman Henry H. Dunlap, Jr.; Vice Chair Uva Holland; Commissioner Margaret Bryant Pollard; County Manager Ben Shivar; County Attorney Robert L. Gunn; and Clerk to the Board Sandra B. Cape

**Absent:** Commissioners Mary Hayes Holmes and E. T. Hanner

**Note:** County Attorney Robert L. Gunn was not present for the first two hours of the meeting; however, he joined the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 9:00 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL**

The Manager stated that the scheduled executive session to discuss personnel would not be held at 2:00 p.m. this date due to the fact that the aggrieving employee had requested a postponement. He stated that a future date could be considered by the Board at its June 20 meeting.

**AMBERLY DEVELOPMENT/CARY ANNEXATION**

The Board discussed the joint meeting among the Chair, Vice Chair, County Manager, and representatives from the Town of Cary to discuss the proposed Amberly Development; community public meeting in Chatham County regarding the proposed development and annexation; possible collection of impact fees to benefit future school; State law regarding annexation by cities into adjoining counties; securing local legislation in this area; and the development's potential impact on Chatham County.

**STAR TEAM**

The Manager stated that the STAR Team would appear at the first meeting in July to make its presentation.

**CHATHAM COUNTY FY 1994-95 BUDGET**

**Schools**

Assistant to the County Manager Renee Dickson informed the Board on how Chatham County compares with other counties on expenditures and ability to pay with regard to school funding capital expense and current expense, not including debt service. The Board requested that she investigate surrounding counties debt service and report to the Board at its next meeting.

**Tax Rate**

The Manager stated that the Tax Assessor had adjusted projected revenues from ad valorem tax due to additional information obtained after the preliminary budget request was submitted to the Manager's office. He noted that projected revenues from ad valorem tax base gross is actually 5.7% rather than 2.5% as originally reported. He noted that this will generate an additional \$348,981 at a tax rate of \$0.75 per \$100. The Manager explained that when this was calculated, it was left at the tax rate increase originally proposed. He stated that if the tax rate is reduced, it would generate less revenue. The Manager recommended that the tax rate increase be decreased by one cent,

representing a tax rate increase of three cents for a rate of \$0.74 per \$100.

**Health Department**

The Assistant to the Manager stated that two positions were not listed in the Budget, a Public Health Nurse in Home Health to go from 90% to 100% and a Clerk Typist in Environmental Health to go from 25% to 50%. She noted that the dollar amounts would not change since the funds were included in the preliminary budget.

The Manager noted that a \$20,000 grant would not be received as anticipated; therefore, this change will appear in the final budget.

**Sheriff's Department**

The Manager stated that an increase of \$3,000 in "Supplies" would show in the final budget.

**Cooperative Extension**

The Manager stated that an increase would appear in "Copier Payments" in the final budget.

**Rescue Squad**

The Manager noted that there would be changes in "Day Time Service Pay" and "Holiday Pay" in the final budget.

**Animal Control**

The Board discussed fees proposed by the Animal Control Division of the Health Department with regard to licensing for dogs and cats, anticipated revenues from proposed programs, and responsibilities and method of collection for proposed fees.

**Health Department**

The Board discussed Medicare/Medicaid projected revenues.

**Fund Balance**

The Board discussed fund balance which is currently at 16%. The Manager stated that the staff is attempting to decrease the County's dependency on fund balance so that it could be increased next year.

**Mental Health**

The Board discussed the 5% increase over last year's request which is to cover salary increases and other expenses. The Board discussed the need for an out-reach person for Chatham County and the possibility of budgeting funds which would be designated specifically for an out-reach Mental Health person for Chatham County.

**Emergency Medical Services**

The Manager stated that the request was for six (6) additional EMT I personnel to cover Pittsboro on a 24-hour/7 days a week due to the uncertainty of the volunteer program. The Board discussed changes for Goldston and East Chatham, as well as the purchase of an ambulance and fees paid for medical examiner.

**Cooperative Extension**

The Board discussed the recommendation for a full-time 4-H person and noted that the State intended to transfer an experienced 4-H person from another county. They noted that the proposed transfer might be more costly than hiring a less experienced person.


**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Pollard moved that the Board recess from special session and go into executive session. Commissioner Holland seconded the motion. The motion carried three (3) to zero (0).

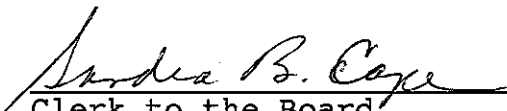
Commissioner Holland moved that the Board go out of executive session and return to special session. Commissioner Pollard seconded the motion. The motion carried three (3) to zero (0).

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Henry H. Dunlap, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Clerk to the Board

