

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
JUNE 06, 2011

The Board of Commissioners (“the Board”) of the County of Chatham, North Carolina met in the Agricultural Building Auditorium, 45 South Street, Pittsboro, North Carolina at 4:00 PM on June 06, 2011.

Present: Brian Bock, Chairman; Walter Petty, Vice Chair;
Commissioners Mike Cross, Sally Kost, and Pam Stewart

Staff Present: Charlie Horne, County Manager; Jep Rose,
County Attorney; Renee Paschal, Assistant
County Manager; Vicki McConnell, Finance
Officer; and Sandra B. Sublett, Clerk to the
Board

Work Session

The Chairman called the Work Session to order at 4:00 PM. He explained that there had been some confusion with regard to having public input during the Work Session. He further stated that although the Work Session will be abbreviated, there will still be public input if anyone wishes to speak.

Carolina Meadows Water Meters:

Nick Robinson, Attorney, explained that on behalf of Carolina Meadows Retirement Community in Chatham County, he was present to represent a long-time, big tax-paying, citizen of Chatham County. He stated that an issue that has been in the background, since at least 2006, has been that the County let Carolina Meadows know that they have been interested in replacing the 350 or so separate water meters there at the various structures at Carolina Meadows with three master meters, Carolina Meadows would now need four master meters as they are getting ready to build the new villas that were approved last year as part of an amendment to the conditional use permit. Carolina Meadows has waited patiently for this. Galloway Ridge also has master meters instead of individual meters. Carolina Meadows would like to see the conversion to master meters and has requested that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Chatham County Public Works Department to make that change. He stated that Carolina Meadows felt it was important to bring it to the Board’s attention now explicitly even though it has been discussed for years because they know that the County is in the process of getting ready to replace a lot of existing individual water meters with drive-by reading meters. A couple of big benefits to the County replacing the 351 water meters with the four master meters would be that each one of the individual meters is currently located at the structure inside Carolina Meadows. If the master meters are moved out to the public road, it means that the County can no longer be charged with the responsibility of maintenance and repair for the service lines that run from the master meter at the public roadway into the subdivision. This turns maintenance and repair for all of the service lines in perpetuity over to Carolina Meadows and takes it away from the County. He requested that if the Board of Commissioners is not ready to consider it today, that they do so at the next Board of Commissioners’ meeting given that the County is ready for replacement of the individual meters.

Commissioner Kost stated that she was at Carolina Meadows a couple of weeks ago and saw a meter reader there. She stated that she asked him how long it took to read all of the meters as there are 250 meters. She asked who would incur the cost of changing the meters, if it would be a County expense, and if we know how much it would be.

Mr. Robinson stated that in past talks, Carolina Meadows has been willing to incur that expense.

Chairman Bock asked that this item be placed on the next agenda with a recommendation from staff.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Cross moved, seconded by Commissioner Petty, to go out of Work Session and convene in Closed Session for the purpose of discussing matters within the attorney/client privilege. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

WORK SESSION

Commissioner Cross moved, seconded by Commissioner Stewart, to adjourn the Closed Session and reconvene in Work Session. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kost moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0), and the meeting was adjourned at 5:04 PM.

Brian Bock, Chairman

ATTEST:

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