

**MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD RETREAT
JANUARY 05, 2005**

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 8:30 AM on January 05, 2005.

Present: Chairman Bunkey Morgan; Vice Chairman Tommy Emerson; Commissioners Patrick Barnes, Mike Cross, and Carl Outz; County Manager, Charlie Horne; County Attorney, Robert L. Gunn; Assistant County Manager, Renee Dickson; and Finance Officer, Vicki McConnell

The Chairman called the Board Retreat to order at 8:30 AM.

Tentative Agenda

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1. Roles and Expectations
 2. Major Issues
 3. Current Budget/Fund Balance
 4. CIP Update
 4. Revaluation Update

ROLES AND EXPECTATIONS

- Board members discussed their roles as Board members and their expectations of each other as follows:

- v Disagree without being disagreeable
- v Mutual respect
- v Discipline selves to avoid “playing to audience”
- v Being open with each other
- v Business with “give and take”
- v Patience with each other
- v Make certain they understand the issues
- v Yadkin County Delegation as a positive example
- v Hear both sides
- v Humor is important
- v Take time to study issues

- v Willingness to listen to other options and opinions
- v Should always get advice from County Manager and staff
- v Board focus on policy
- v Staff handle implementation
- v Put time frame on when issues should be dealt with
- v Need to know more about departments and find out what's going on (annual tour)
- v Communicate personnel issues to County Manager and let him deal with those issues
- v Board should be involved in hiring department heads which would necessitate changing form of government from council-manager
- v In speaking to the press, clarify whether speaking individually or for the entire Board

Board Expectations of Chairman:

- v Share as much information with other Board members as possible
- v Spokesperson for the Board
- v Official duties
- v Informal duties
- v Role model for the rest of the Board/Set the example

Chairman Expectations of Board:

- v Try to attend meetings of each County board and committee at least once per year to help understand issues
- v Chair represents one vote of the Board
- v Do not need "super commissioners"
- v Keep Closed Session information in session until appropriate to release

MAJOR ISSUES/BUDGET/CIP/REVALUATION

The Board heard presentations on the budget process, fiscal policy, trends, major issues, current budget, fund balance, CIP, debt, and revaluation.

Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Chairman Morgan, to approve a \$300,000 appropriation and a \$300,000 loan to the Council on Aging, with the loan to be paid off from revenues in excess of operating expenses. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to request that the fire departments notify the County of any intentions of borrowing money within one year of preparing new budget. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Staff is to check on legal implications of providing health insurance for paid firemen in the County.

ADJOURNMENT

- The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 4:00 PM.

Bunkey Morgan, Chairman

ATTEST:

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