

**MINUTES**  
**CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAY 02, 2005**

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The Board of Commissioners ("the Board") of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met in the Agricultural Auditorium Building, 45 South Street, located in Pittsboro, North Carolina, at 9:00 AM on May 02, 2005.

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

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION**

Chairman Morgan invited everyone present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance after which he delivered the invocation.

**AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Chairman Morgan asked that a Closed Session for the purpose of discussing property acquisition be added to the end of the Agenda and that an appointment to the Department of Social Services Board be added to the Agenda.

Commissioner Emerson asked that an appointment to the Central Carolina Community College Board of Trustees be added to the Agenda.

Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda with the noted requests. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **Minutes:** Consideration of a request for approval of Board Minutes for regular meeting held April 18, 2005, Work Session held April 18, 2005 and Work Session held April 04, 2005

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

2. **Road Names:** Consideration of a request from citizens to approve the naming of private roads in Chatham County as follows:

A. Riley Lane

B. Lukes Lane

C. Angel Drive

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

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3. **Paving of County Parking Lots:** Consideration of a request to award a contract for the paving of three County parking lots to Riley Paving in the amount of \$37,918

The motion carried five (5) to zero (0). The contract is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

4. **Closing of Streets in Village of Bennett:** Consideration of a request to set June 20, 2005 as the date on which to hold a public hearing on the closing of certain streets and alleys in the Village of Bennett, approve **Resolution #2005-29A of Intent to Close Streets and Alleys**, and approve Notice of Intent to Close Streets and Alleys. The resolution and Notice of Intent are tached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

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**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

**Bob Davenport**, 235 Holland Chapel Road, Apex, NC, distributed a copy of he Chatham County AARP Chapter 5229 Newsletter to the Board. He stated that they had handicapped and elderly concerns which needed to be addressed; that the handicapped parking is too far from the courthouse; that more handicapped parking spaces are needed closer to the entrances; that the door at the sheriff's office is too hard to open; that more doors in public buildings need automatic openers; that they have their meetings at the Council on Aging building and raised funds to have an automatic door installed; that the building also has an all-glass wall in the back of the building; that they are afraid that during a storm, the wall might give way; that their group has appropriated \$1,400.00 to install a screen barrier to keep the wind from blowing the glass out of the building; that they are a small group and see many things that need to be done, but financially are unable to do them all. He asked the Board for help in accomplishing their goals.

**BOARD AND COMMITTEES**

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**Human Relations Commission Appointment:** Consideration of a request to appoint/reappoint a member to the Human Relations Commission by Commissioner Barnes (1)

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Commissioner Barnes deferred his appointment to the Human Relations Commission until a later date.

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**Home & Community Block Grant Committee Appointment:** Consideration of a request to appoint/reappoint a member to the Home & community Block Grant Committee by Commissioner Outz (1)

Commissioner Outz moved, seconded by Commissioner Emerson, to appoint Daniel S. McLaurin, 418 Mark Teague Road, Pittsboro, NC, to the Home and Community Block Grant Committee. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

**Child Fatality Prevention Team Appointment:** Consideration of a request to appoint/reappoint a member to the Child Fatality Prevention Team by Commissioner Outz (1)

Commissioner Outz moved, seconded by Commissioner Emerson, to reappoint Annette Willett, 7410 Airport Road, Siler City, NC, to the Child Fatality Prevention Team. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

**Social Services Board Appointment:** Consideration of a request to appoint a member to the Social Services Board

Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to appoint Mr. Wallace Hill, 309 Fearrington Post, Pittsboro, NC, to the Board of Social Services. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to authorize the Chairman to sign the necessary appointment papers to be sent to the State. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

**Central Carolina Community College Board of Trustees Appointment:** Consideration of a request to appoint a member to the Central Carolina Community College Board of Trustees

Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, to appoint Alpha Cheek, 603 North Fourth Avenue, Siler City, NC, to the Central Carolina Community College Board of Trustees. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

## **MANAGER' S REPORTS**

The County Manager reported on the following:

### **Chatham County Health Director Appointment:**

Carolyn Miller, Chatham County Human Resources Director, stated that the Board of Health was recommending the appointment of Carmine Rocco as the Local Health Director beginning on June 1, 2005 at a salary of \$77,386. She stated that Mr. Rocco has over 20 years of public health experience, most recently as the Warren County Health Director.

Commissioner Outz moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to approve the appointment of Carmine Rocco as the Health Director of the Chatham County Board of Health. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

## **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

### **Land Transfer Fee:**

Commissioner Cross informed the Board that the efforts on the 1% Land Transfer Fee are going very well; that he hopes that they will not be too late; that the crossover deadline, the date by which bills from one chamber must be received by the other in order to be eligible for action during the year, is May 19<sup>th</sup>; that the County has a bill in the house, but do not have a companion bill in the Senate; that if the bill is not approved by the House, it will not go to the Senate and will be finished for the current legislative season; that messages have been sent to counties to join in the fight; that Senator Atwater has been asked to support the companion bill in the Senate; that he and Commissioner Barnes attended a meeting of the Chatham County Homebuilders Association on Tuesday night; that for over two hours, they had a lively discussion; that out of forty members, there were only three people who vocally opposed the fee; that they have received a lot more support than they ever expected from their local homebuilders and realtors; and that they are still working hard on it.

Commissioner Barnes stated that he took a coastal vacation trip to the outer banks to Corolla; that the seven counties visited have the land transfer fee; that he stopped and looked at schools along the way; that he found new schools and the maintenance impressive; that the school in Dare County was gorgeous with lots of playground facilities, etc.; that it looked as though they had everything that a school could want; that they ended up in Corolla; that he called the Commissioner from that county that he and Commissioner Cross had spoken to at length regarding the land transfer fee; that he asked him about an on-going argument between the Dare County Board of Commissioners and Board of Education; that he learned that the problem was one he would like for Chatham County to have; that the problem was what to do with their surplus money; that the Currituck County Commissioner stated that their problem was that they had built everything they could think of to build and bought everything that they could think of to buy; that their activity busses were big, beautiful, fully heated and air conditioned "Blue Birds"; that their problem was that the Board of Education wanted to spend the surplus of money; that when he asked the amount of the surplus, he was told \$17,500,000; that they did not have anything else to spend it on; that he asked for a loan; that if one looks at their building boom from Kitty Hawk to Corolla, it is solid housing subdivisions; that the 1% land transfer fee has certainly not hurt these counties; that their problem is that they have taken in more money than they know what to do with; and that he would like to have that problem.

### **Chatham County Democratic Party Letter:**

Commissioner Barnes stated that he had received a letter from the Chatham County Democratic Party from their April 9, 2005 meeting. He read the resolutions that were unanimously passed as follows: (1) Moratorium on New Subdivisions and (2) Spread Development. A copy of the letter is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

### **3 M Water:**

Commissioner Outz asked about the status of the recycled water between 3 M and Pittsboro.

The County Manager explained that he had received a letter from the Division of Water Quality stating that they had completed their review of the Town of Pittsboro Preliminary Engineering Report; that the project will enhance the town's wastewater treatment facility by the addition of beneficial reuse as a discharge alternative; that the upgrade to the treatment facility to provide a reuse quality effluent will consist of modifications to the existing plant clarifiers to convert them to mechanically mixed anoxic zones, the construction of two new 40 ft. diameter secondary clarifiers, the construction of two additional 50 sq. ft. tertiary filters, expansion of the ultraviolet disinfection system, and the construction of an equalization basin, pumps, and blower. He stated that construction would likely begin in approximately three months.

### **Forestry and Impact Fees:**

Commissioner Outz asked about the tax on forestry.

He was informed that there would be no tax on forestry.

### **Chapel Ridge:**

Chairman Morgan referred to a letter distributed to the Board from Attorney Nick Robinson regarding Chapel Ridge. He stated that the letter was a follow-up to the action taken.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Commissioner Outz moved, seconded by Commissioner Emerson, to go out of Regular Session and convene in Closed Session for the purpose of discussing possible land acquisition. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

### **REGULAR SESSION**

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

### **BREAK**

The Chairman called for a five-minute break.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Cross moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to adjourn the regular meeting to the scheduled work session. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0), and the meeting was adjourned at 9:59 AM

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Bunkey Morgan, Chairman

ATTEST:

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