

**MINUTES**  
**CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**WORK SESSION**  
**OCTOBER 03, 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 9:50 AM on October 03, 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 9:50 AM.

*Work Session*

1. Presentation on Regional Jail Concept
2. Revision to the Solid Waste Decal Policy
3. Water Taps

- The County Manager reviewed the work session agenda.

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- **PRESENTATION ON REGIONAL JAIL CONCEPT**

- The County Manager explained that the County is not in dire need of new jail space at the present time, but stated that the County is growing and that as the County grows, the need for additional jail space will increase. He turned the meeting over to Mr. Stephen Allan.

- Stephen Allan, Solutions for Local Government, Inc., gave a slide presentation on the regional jail concept. He gave cost basis, project costs, cost scenarios, basis for decisions, and project duration and focused on participating counties. He stated that thinking “regional” is becoming more and more important when counties look at how county funds are used. A copy of Mr. Allan’s presentation is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

- Sheriff Webster stated that the feasibility study would help no matter which way they go.

- Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, that management be authorized to contract with Stephen Allan for a regional jail feasibility study, not to exceed \$7,800.00 pending approval by the County Attorney. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0). The contract is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

## REVISION TO THE SOLID WASTE DECAL POLICY

Bob Holden, Solid Waste Manager, explained a proposed change to the current decal policy. He stated that the decals will only be used as a means to utilize the collection centers and will not affect use of other services such as Household Hazardous Waste, Environmental Enforcement and Education.

Commissioner Barnes stated that Waste Management Staff, Tax Collection Staff, and the Solid Waste Advisory Committee have spent a lot of time on this proposed policy.

Details discussed regarding the proposed policy are as follows:

### **Current Policy:**

- Decals distributed to any County resident whether they pay the Solid Waste Fees or not
- Does not require residents to have a decal
- Decals distributed via collection centers
- Decals do not have an expiration date

### **New Policy:**

- Requires residents to display their decal to use the collection centers
- Maintains ban on out-of-county and business use
- Distributed only to residents in the unincorporated areas of Chatham County who pay the Solid Waste Fee(s) (Availability: \$81 + Disposal: \$34) that is billed through the Tax Office
- Town residents wishing to use the collection centers (strictly voluntary) will have the option of paying the Availability Fee (\$81) and receiving a decal through the Waste Management Office in person or by mail
- Since the bulk of the decals will be distributed through a mail service based on information from Tax Office no additional staff should be required
- Replacement decals will be available through the Waste Management Office

The Board asked that staff present the proposed policy to town officials and report back to the Board at their November 7, 2005 Board of Commissioners' meeting.

## BUSINESS PARK

The County Manager informed the Board that the State had inquired about the Board of Commissioners approving Lot #20 in the Chatham County Business Park for their medical facility instead of Lot #19 as previously discussed because it was too small for their building needs.

Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, to approve the gift of Lot #20 in the Chatham County Business Park to the State of North Carolina for the location of their medical facility. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

## TAP FEES

After considerable discussion, Chairman Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Emerson, to approve a tap fee in the amount of \$500.00 each for existing residential customers while the water line is

being run to the Silk Hope School. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

### WATER DISTRICTS:

Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to recess as the Board of Commissioners. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

**See minutes of the Southeast Water District Board for action taken.**

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Commissioner Barnes moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to reconvene as the Chatham County Board of Commissioners. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

### IMPACT FEES

The County Manager stated that there are 3,895 mobile homes located in the County according to the Tax Office; that they are still looking at how to manage them in terms of a serial number, application process, etc.; and that staff will have options to review at a later date.

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' RETREAT

The County Manager asked that Board members bring their calendars to the next meeting in order to set the date for their January retreat.

### CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Cross moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to recess from Regular Session and convene in Closed Session for the purpose of potential litigation and the sale of property. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

### REGULAR SESSION

Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to adjourn from Closed Session and reconvene in Regular Session. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to approve the purchase of the mobile unit to be placed at Perry W. Harrison School. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Assistant County Manager asked for clarification of the Board's intent on the motion to purchase a mobile unit to be placed at Perry W. Harrison School.

Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, to approve the purchase of the mobile unit to be placed at Perry W. Harrison School in the amount up to \$35,000 to be taken from Impact Fees. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

### ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0), and the meeting was adjourned at 12:08 PM.

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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