

**MINUTES**  
**CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**WORK SESSION**  
**AUGUST 19, 2013**

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The Board of Commissioners (“the Board”) of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met in the Historic Courthouse Courtroom, 9 Hillsboro Street, Pittsboro, North Carolina, 2:00 PM on August 19, 2013.

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

**PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

**Valerie Broadway**, PO Box 988, Pittsboro, NC has been active in animal welfare since 1979 when she moved to Chatham County. She advised the Chatham Humane Society (now known as CARE) in the 1980's, has been president or a board member for fifteen years or more, helped lobby and design the current animal shelter, served on first animal control advisory committee, helped write the first animal control ordinance, and served several times on the animal control advisory committee, mostly as chair. She regularly attends the ACAC meetings even though she is not a member of the committee. She is an animal behaviorialist and dog trainer by profession and owns and operates Canine Coaching, LLC in Chatham County. She asked to share some statistics with the Board. According to American Humane Association, chained dogs are 2.8% more likely to bite than unchained dogs because they are under more stress, they are more territorial of the space they are in, they are not being socialized and not getting exercise off the chain, and they are vulnerable to attacks by other animals or humans. She stated the tethering ordinance is a good idea, but it needs to be implemented over time. The revisions have been in committee for six years so it is time to get something passed. The tethering portion should be worked on separately and added later. She asked that the ordinance have one change from 10 foot chains to 15 foot chains.

**John Delafield**, wanted to make Commissioners aware of an affordable housing project currently underway in the Town of Pittsboro. He passed out an informational flyer to the Commissioners.

**Terry Dorsey**, Guardians of Angels, invited Commissioners to the Roadhouse and General Store for the annual Humane Society dinner on Sunday, August 25, 2013 at 5:00 PM. Mr. Dorsey presented some history of the Guardians of Angels, stating the organization was started out of a conversation with former animal control director, John Sauls, who approached Mr. Dorsey about forming a group of folks who might be interested in creating an adoption center for animals. Mr. Sauls, along with his employees, were tired of putting down good, adoptable animals, and it was tough in their job to deal with all the time. Mr. Dorsey stated Guardians of Angels wants to help animals. He said the help of the Board is greatly appreciated.

**Abbie Sherman**, 296 NC Highway 902, Bonlee, NC, stated she supports a complete ban on unattended tethering; however, if the decision is to go toward humane tethering, then she would like the Commissioners to add a restriction that the animals must be spayed or neutered. The quality of life issue for the animals is only one part of this. Another part is protecting the people of our community and also trying to stop the unnecessary breeding of animals. Adding this restriction will solve both of these issues. When animals are fixed, they are less aggressive and less likely to attack other animals or people, less likely to try to escape and wander off, and as a result there will be less pressure on animal control.

**Marilyn Forbes**, Duke Law professor, teaches pre-trial litigation and animal law. Ms. Forbes thought it might be helpful for her to help the Commissioners think through these

issues and the risk of not acting. She stated there are three key points she would like to discuss. The first issue is the liability issues in creating a dangerous dog situation. Both the CDC and the AMVA are against tethering. They realize that this is a public health issue. These groups are not liberal animal organizations such as PETA. They are looking at this from a public health standpoint. Another important issue dealing with dogs is the criminal issue of dog fighting. Heavy chain tethering is an absolute clue that dog fighting and dog training is going on. One has gambling, money, entertainment, drugs, and alcohol. If for no other purpose, but even for the dog fighting and the criminal element it attracts and creates, it is important to think about. Another issue to think about is the issue of cross violence. People that can be cruel to animals are cruel to others. That lack of empathy even in a child is one of the greatest warnings of future criminal behavior.

Commissioner Petty asked if there are liability issues for having tethering. He stated if we don't allow tethering, then some animals will probably be released. Ms. Forbes stated that the County's other ordinances are already in place, and it is about enforcement, i.e. leash laws. If there was a dangerous situation in a County park and the County was aware of it and didn't act, tethering potentially creates the same situation. The County is required to create safe conditions for its citizens.

**Randy Dow**, President of Guardians of Angels, thanked Commissioner Bock for holding the Animal Summit a few months ago. He realized how many groups of people were concerned with animal welfare in the County. He was especially impressed with Dogs off Chains. Mr. Dow stated he is not an expert in the subject, but humane tethering is an oxymoron. Tethering is something that shouldn't be done. You know it is the right thing to do for the right reasons, but the problem is how you get there. The one word that goes with tethering is supervised tethering. Humane tethering is almost impossible to enforce. Humane tethering will put another burden on the animal control personnel they can't afford. We all have the right intentions. He stated if you are going to have an ordinance, then have a sunshine law, and then have an absolute ban but have it in the same ordinance.

**13-0480 Request to Approve Amendments to the Transportation Advisory Committee and Recreation Advisory Committee Memberships in Addendum A of the Chatham County Citizen Advisory Committees Policy**

Commissioner Kost asked Staff to look at the Transportation Advisory Committee to possibly revisit the makeup of the committee. She pointed out that the difficulty recruiting due to the specific criteria required in order to serve. Commissioner Kost suggested consulting with the Planning Staff.

Vice Chair Bock moved, seconded by Commissioner Stewart, that the amendments to the Transportation Advisory Committee and Recreation Advisory Committee memberships in Addendum A of the Chatham County Citizen Advisory Committees Policy be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Petty, Vice Chair Bock, Commissioner Cross,  
Commissioner Kost and Commissioner Stewart

**13-0460 Request to Approve the Chatham Economic Development Corporation's Bylaw Changes**

Attachments: [BYLAWS - Amended 5-14-13](#)

Commissioner Kost asked for clarification as to the specific change requested in membership. Commissioner Bock stated that they are taking the cap off of the number of voting members. Commissioner Kost stated taking a cap off of the number of voting members goes against the concern the Board of Commissioners expressed at a meeting earlier in the year that the Economic Development Commission (EDC) Board was getting too large.

Commissioner Bock stated the change takes off the cap, but still allows the BOC the option to not allow the EDC voting membership to be increased. The change does leave the door open for a different Board of Commissioners in the future to approve an increase in the EDC voting membership if the EDC requests it. Commissioner Kost asked why the EDC would not make the requested change then instead of now. Commissioner Bock said the EDC wants flexibility. Commissioner Kost stated the requested change sends a mixed message when this Board said it wanted to minimize the size of the EDC Board.

The Chairman asked the Deputy Clerk to read the change requested in the membership section of the bylaws. The Deputy Clerk read the membership bylaws, which formerly read the membership would have "no more than 15 voting members" and the requested change reads "the membership will have no less than 9 voting members".

Commissioner Bock stated that the reason for the requested change was because some members of the EDC Board wanted to increase the number and some members did not. They could not agree on what number to increase it to so they decided to put a minimum on the number of voting members and let future boards decide what number to increase.

Commissioner Kost restated that the request is inconsistent with the decision the Board of Commissioners made not to re-appoint all four recommended EDC members. Both Commissioners Petty and Bock agreed the recommendation to change the voting membership came up several months ago; therefore, the request is not inconsistent with the Boards previous decision.

Commissioner Cross suggested that the requested change in membership may provide an interesting opportunity with the new mega-site or other similar item where someone with special expertise may become available and like to join the EDC Board. This change would allow the EDC to ask the Commissioners to add them without changing the bylaws.

The Chairman asked the Deputy Clerk to read the new language. The Chairman then called for a motion.

Commissioner Cross moved, seconded by Vice Chair Bock, to approve the Chatham Economic Development Corporation's Bylaws change request. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Petty, Vice Chair Bock, Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Kost and Commissioner Stewart

**13-0439 Environmental Review Advisory Committee (ERAC) Annual Report**

Vic D'Amato, Chair of the Environmental Review Advisory Committee (ERAC), presented the 2012 annual report for the committee. Mr. D'Amato stated that because of the committee's role and interest in environmental issues, it also serves as the Watershed Review Board.

Some of the highlights and challenges experienced by the Committee include:

- During 2012, the committee met 6 times and there was a lot of member turnover. The Committee experienced changes in its make-up with the addition of a number of new members over the past year including: David Mattison, Bob Soots, Joanie McLean, and Mary Beth Koza. Mr. D'Amato and Lin Andrew are the only two original members still serving on the committee.
- Another challenge for the Committee is the current State legislative activity that threatens to remove local government control with regard to environmental protections.
- In 2012, Jerry Cole, Vice-Chair of ERAC, was asked to serve as the liaison to

the North Carolina Mining and Energy Commission to help follow the fracking issues in North Carolina.

Some of the committee's potential recommendations include:

- Fill the vacant seats on the committee
- Help the Board develop a strong position that Chatham County is more qualified to make decisions for the citizens of Chatham County with regard to the environment here
- The Committee would like guidance from the Board on the assignment of Special projects.
- Continued involvement in the activities of the Mining and Energy Commission with feedback/direction from the Board of Commissioners
- Assist the Board of Commissioners with the development of a policy statement in defense of local government control of environmental protection
- Involvement in Land Use Plan discussions
- The size and scope of Chatham Park development will have a major impact on all of Chatham County. The committee would like to follow the project and advise the Board of Commissioners of associated environmental concerns. Mr. D'Amato stated that fellow committee member Mary Best Koza has been attending the Chatham Park meetings at the Town of Pittsboro and has been keeping the committee updated on the project.

Commissioner Petty thanked Mr. D'Amato and stated his appreciation for the reports from Mr. Cole on the activity of the Mining and Energy Commission. Mr. D'Amato stated they could ask Mary Beth to provide some similar reports on the Chatham Park project. Commissioner Kost said she would like to have the committee stay on top of the Mining and Energy Commission rules that are going to start rolling out. Commissioner Bock stressed that he does not want the ERAC to take a position. Mr. D'Amato agreed and pointed out that Mr. Cole is only reporting on the activity of the Commission, he is not contributing to the Commission.

Commissioner Kost asked for the committee to look at the aerators in Jordan Lake and provide feedback to the Board. Mr. D'Amato asked the Board to advise the committee on how they would like to receive the report. The Board agreed the committee submit their findings in a written report.

This agenda item was received and filed.

**13-0436 Discussion of Draft Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC-MPO) updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

Attachments: [MPO MOU Att1](#)

[MPO MOU Att2](#)

[MPO MOU Att3](#)

Hillary Pace, Planner II, and Mr. Felix Nwoko of the DCHC MPO were present to present the Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to the Board of Commissioners.

Ms. Pace reviewed the draft MOU for the DCHC-MPO and stated it was developed through a technical coordinating committee working group, last updated in 1994, in dire need of update, now drafted to reflect new state and federal transportation regulations, legislation, planning practices of the MPO, population figures, etc.

The MPO is responsible for fulfilling federal transportation planning requirements in the Durham urbanized area, and is defined by the U.S. Census; it is established by this MOU and its member organizations.

Ms. Pace referenced key points of the draft MOU as follows:

- References to new and updated federal and state legislation and regulations: MAP 21 Transportation Legislation
- More descriptive names for the MPO's governing board and staff board; Will now be called the MPO Board and the MPO Technical Committee
- Addition of required procedures and processes to the MPO's responsibilities; Examples include review and approval of planning processes for air quality conformity, public involvement, page 5 of Draft MOU
- Adjustment to the weighted voting provision to reflect current population figures. Page 2 of the memo (Attachment 1); page 5 of the Draft MOU

Commissioner Bock stated that the Commissioners expressed concern that Chatham did not have a large enough percentage of the vote and now it seemed Chatham was being given even less of a vote. Ms. Pace clarified that this is what was proposed in the Draft MOU; that the Commissioners' concern was never a direct question to the MPO. Ms. Pace said to follow up on Commissioner Bock's point, the MPO also included member governments responsibility to cost-share a local match.

- MPO cost-sharing among member governments. Reflected in page 2 of the memo.

Ms. Pace provided a breakdown of what population exists in the urbanized and planning areas. The total population within the MPO boundary is 14,160 within Chatham. There is an urbanized area population of 10,500. Ms. Pace pointed out one clarification, that invoice which was received for the cost share reflected a total population of the MPO boundary of 13,809. Again the same urbanized area of 10,500. Ms. Pace said Mr. Nwoko could elaborate as to why there is a difference, but it is her understanding that it is a benchmark figure. That leaves 3,309 people in the planning area based on the invoice. Of the \$11,201 invoiced for the Chatham County share of the MPO membership, \$8,512 reflects the urbanized population; \$2,688 reflects the planning population. Commissioner Bock asked if the County had already paid the money requested. Ms. Pace said the County had not.

- Additional voting and non-voting membership on the MPO's staff board on page 8 of the draft MOU. DENR would be a voting member, along with other various non-voting exofficio memberships

Ms. Pace ended her presentation and stated the MPO has asked for initial input from member jurisdictions by September 10, 2013.

Commissioner Bock said he would like to see a change in the weighted voting. He said he was not clear on what will happen if the County does not cost share. He hasn't seen any projects other than the American Tobacco Trail that would have benefited Chatham that would not have been done for Durham. Commissioner Bock stated the vote is clearly Durham weighted, and he is not convinced that there is any value to Chatham paying the \$8,500 let alone the \$11,000 that the MPO is asking for. He said the MPO does not want to hear the County's input on the weighted voting and reducing how that is decided with using

the total area or just the urbanized area.

Ms. Pace shared with the Board the projects currently underway that were discussed at the last MPO meeting: Cary had the American Tobacco Train parking lot to be let in September, Jack Bennett Road re-aligning projected for April 2014 as let date.

Commissioner Bock asked for clarification as to whether or not that project was within the MPO boundary. Ms. Pace stated it is in the MPO boundary and SPOT safety funds. Ms. Pace asked Mr. Nwoko to talk about the variety of planning and data collection activities going on in the County.

Mr. Felix Nwoko, Planning Manager for the DCHC-MPO, stated the TAC has not taken any action. He said they sent out letters to get input and this is the Board's official opportunity to send input.

The Commissioners asked how many counties or municipalities are in the MPO. Mr. Nwoko said there are seven members which include Durham County, Chatham County, Orange County, the City of Durham, Chapel Hill, Hillsborough, and Carrboro. Commissioner Stewart stated the MPO is primarily a Durham and Orange Board.

Mr. Nwoko stated he has been working with MPO for 20 years and weighted voting is not something that the MPO regularly uses. He said Commissioner Kost could also attest to this.

Commissioner Bock asked why they don't get rid of it if they do not use it. Commissioner Kost said that she agreed and felt the Board should send back that recommendation. She stated for the two years she served on the MPO, they only discussed using weighted voting one time.

Mr. Nwoko said that in terms of projects they have in the works for FY 14, they are collecting data basically for modeling. They are collecting bicycle and pedestrian data on the trails. They are collecting traffic counts, truck counts, and travel times on Highway 751, US 64, and on 15-501 in Pittsboro in 10 locations outside the urbanized area. They have the MPO boundary but we do air quality planning and that includes Siler City. It is called the Air Quality Shed and 50% of Chatham is in the air quality boundary.

Ms. Pace asked Mr. Nwoko to explain to the Commissioners within the draft MOU the section that has been included if Chatham does not pay the dues. He explained that the MPO receives 80% from the federal government and receives 20% from a local match in order to have a valid program. If Chatham does not pay the dues then the MPO will not have the full 20% local match and other members will have to kick in more money.

Commissioner Kost asked for the two amounts. Ms. Pace said the amounts were \$8,512 urbanized area, and \$2,688 for planning area bringing the total invoice request of \$11,201. Commissioner Kost said if the County says they aren't going to pay the dues, then it could jeopardize future projects for Chatham. She suggested the County pay the dues and attend the monthly meetings.

Commissioner Cross agreed based on the projected growth of the triangle. He stated the County needs to remain an original partner. It won't matter today, but down the road it will. Commissioner Cross pointed out trying to get back in the MPO may cost the County more than paying the requested dues.

Commissioner Bock asked Ms. Pace what she needed from the Board today. Ms. Pace said she needed input on the draft. She stated that her notes show that the Commissioners had unanimous concern about the weighted voting.

Input on the draft MOU was provided as requested by the MPO.

**13-0467      Affordable Housing Discussion with Greg Warren from DHIC as well as the Affordable Housing Task Force**

Greg Warren of DHIC gave a PowerPoint presentation on Affordable Housing, stating that thirty-five years ago, Mr. Warren was hired as the first Housing Authority Director in Chatham County. At present, Mr. Warren works for DHIC in Raleigh, NC.

Lonnie West from the Affordable Housing Task Force gave a short presentation. Mr. West thanked Commissioner Bock for attending several of the Task Force meetings and stated his purpose today is just to talk about some ideas that have come to the Task Force from several entities about what they would like to do if they were the recipients of the money.

Mr. West said the Task Force believes Chatham Habitat for Humanity would be an expected applicant. They would continue to use their own model that they use nationwide, but they would expand that to do some different type of housing with some funding and bring with them some experience. Mr. West said that regarding affordable rentals, there are some places in Siler City already approved for duplexes but with no builder. Perhaps there could be some way to provide land to them if they are willing to rent affordable housing. He said there is a local veterans group talking about 20 small homes for disabled veterans. Family Violence Rape Crisis also needs housing and have talked about a possible village. Some other potential partners are the community college with small house institute designs of 300-800 square foot housing. Mr. West said housing for people who are attending college could be a consideration.

Ms. Nora Estheimer of the Affordable Housing Task Force, stated the Task Force first met in February and stated it would be back in August with the structure for bricks and mortar with long term impact programs for affordable housing. This is why she is speaking to the Board today. The application the Board has received is still called a draft of necessity because there is still input needed from the board to make it finished. Ms. Estheimer pointed out a few things about the application. To Be Determined (TBD) is on several categories because it is still a work in progress. The section on eligible applicants right now is non-profits based on some advice from Vicki McConnell and Lisa West, but we are not entirely sure that these restrictions are in place by a County ordinance. She asked the Commissioners to put a question mark by this section and make sure that is correct.

Ms. Estheimer pointed out on the last page where the application would have an addenda. The Task Force thinks it would be appropriate to attach a copy of the compact community ordinance and incorporate the Compact Communities Ordinance and make sure anyone applying is aware of the ordinance. Another recommendation would be to attach a copy of the schedule of when applications are due back, a schedule of when they will be reviewed and when money will be dispersed. Also attach a list of standards by which any proposal will be judged.

Ms. Estheimer stated the Task Force would still like to be involved in the first pass of applications and perhaps set aside those that don't need further consideration. She said the Task Force members all have ties to one of the groups that could be applying in some way so they would have limitations in some way.

Commissioner Petty thanked Ms. Estheimer and the Affordable Housing Task Force for all of their hard work. He stated he liked some of the criteria they pointed out to make the applicant eligible.

Commissioner Kost asked what the Task Force needed from the Board. Ms. Estheimer said the Task Force needed some input from the Board and County staff on what to expect as to next steps going forward.

Commissioner Bock thanked Ms. Estheimer and the Task Force for their hard work. He said he has gone to several meetings and realizes how much work has gone into this project. Commissioner Bock stated that Mr. West is right, and he agreed with who they

would expect to apply. Commissioner Bock said this is about bricks and mortar and they need to maximize the number of people served. Every year during the nonprofit process he always asks for more money for the Family and Violence Rape Crisis (FVRC) center. They currently serve 76 people a month. He has received a lot of emails asking why they aren't building homeless shelters instead of rental housing. Commissioner Bock said he has given a lot of thought to this. If one looks at FVRC, they are looking at building a shelter. They have a piece of property located. They are short about \$300,000-\$450,000. They literally save lives. Commissioner Bock said he would like to give \$450,000 of the \$900,000 to Family Violence and Rape Crisis help them get this shelter built. It will increase the number of people they can help by 200 a year. If one looks at a 30 year building, then they are helping 6,000 with very little money. He stated that he doesn't think we need to continue this on for several more months.

Commissioner Bock moved, seconded by Commissioner Stewart, to give up to \$450,000 of the available affordable housing money for a FVRC shelter.

Commissioner Petty asked how many people they will be able to help more a year if they have a shelter. Commissioner Bock said 200 more people a year. Commissioner Petty asked what FVRC considers temporary housing. Commissioner Bock said the average stay is 32 days, some stay longer. There are 70% of the people served who find permanent and safe shelter through the other programs there. They do have land, and it is zoned properly.

Commissioner Stewart asked if there was a time frame for building the shelter. Commissioner Cross said that the County would have to set some criteria such as getting the rest of the money in place first. Commissioner Petty asked Commissioner Cross how this fit in with some of his other concerns.

Commissioner Cross said he was going to bring an issue up during commissioner reports, but it actually fits in perfectly with what is being discussed now about shelter and needs. He stated that the County provides day shelter for mentally handicapped at Chatham Trades in Siler City. He has become aware that there is a consumer waiting list for about 17 people. They need about \$367,000 for repairs to the current building. They have three interested parties they think they can get \$250,000 for the building if they sell it. They have found another furniture warehouse they can buy for \$500,000. Commissioner Cross stated he would like to commit \$250,000 for the new facility plus \$50,000 for up fit to the new facility which will need bathrooms, office walls, and electric work. It will double or triple their size and accommodate their waiting list. So for basically \$300,000, the County could get them a new facility and get people off the waiting list.

Commissioner Cross said he sees both of these items under public safety and welfare. In both cases, these people have little or no place to go and they receive more than just shelter.

Commissioner Kost said Commissioners Bock and Cross have both identified good projects but there could be others. She also said that there is a motion on the table that has not been seconded but there has been discussion. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion.

Commissioner Kost expressed her concern procedural and the lack of open government standpoint that these items should be on the printed agenda. She said the Board has asked the Affordable Housing Task Force to do this work and now we are telling them thanks but they are going to go for two other projects instead.

Commissioner Cross responded that in the case of Chatham Trades, the County has a responsibility to provide shelter for these people. He feels the County has to do one of the two options for them soon.

Commissioner Bock said he understands what Commissioner Kost is saying; however, they have been talking about this for over a year. He continued by saying if the motion gets voted down, he will continue to advocate for it.



Commissioner Kost stated she will vote against the motion, not because she is against FVRC, but because she feels the Board is voting out of context.

Commissioner Cross asked Commissioner Bock if he would amend the motion to include Chatham Trades.

Commissioner Kost suggested the Board check with the County Attorney to make sure this is consistent with the Compact Communities Ordinance. The County Attorney stated if the Board has three votes it can always go back and amend the ordinance.

The County Manager clarified that Chatham Trades would be \$250,000 for the new property and \$50,000 for up fit.

Commissioner Bock moved to appropriate \$450,000 of the available \$900,000 in affordable housing funds to Family Violence and Rape Crisis for a new shelter facility. After considerable discussion, Commissioner Bock amended his motion to include the appropriation of \$300,000 to Chatham Trades (\$250,000 for a new facility and \$50,000 for up-fit of said facility). The motion, as amended, was seconded by Commissioner Stewart. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman Petty, Vice Chair Bock, Commissioner Cross  
and Commissioner Stewart

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Kost

The Chairman asked staff to determine the remaining balance and let the Board know as soon as possible. He also asked the County Attorney to make sure the Board of Commissioners had met the ordinance requirements.

Commissioner Kost left the room.

The Chairman suggested offering the remaining affordable housing money, even though the fixed amount is not yet known, to Chatham Habitat for Humanity.

The County Manager asked if the Board wanted to give a flat amount of \$150,000 or the entire remaining balance. Commissioner Bock said to give \$150,000 plus the remaining balance. The Chairman agreed.

Commissioner Bock moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to appropriate the remaining balance of the affordable housing funds to Chatham County Habitat for Humanity. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman Petty, Vice Chair Bock, Commissioner Cross and  
Commissioner Stewart

Commissioner Kost returned to the room.

**13-0462 Animal Control Follow Up To Tethering Discussion with a Request to Give Staff Direction on the Restraint Portion of the Ordinance**

Leigh Ann Garrard - Animal Control Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation on Tethering or Tying Out.

Commissioner Kost thanked Ms. Garrard for her presentation and stated that she hears the concerns about the time limit to tethering and the impact on the animals. She also stated that her position is to ban tethering altogether.

Commissioner Bock stated reasonable people tether their dog. If they do what has been recommended and add spay and neuter, it will address 90% of the issues that we have

heard. If they enforce a total ban or time limit, 24 months might be too long. Commissioner Bock said he wouldn't let the enforcement issue be the reason to vote against time limit. They do it because what they are trying to do is limit those kinds of behaviors. Commissioner Bock said he doesn't think we will be punishing any responsible people. They will be giving animal control one more tool. Commissioner Bock thinks eventually the towns will adopt it. They shouldn't vote against it because we are worried the towns won't adopt it.

Commissioner Cross stated he understands the dangers of tethering, but it hurts the responsible tetherers.

Commissioner Stewart stated she sees tethering as a way to protect the animal from running into harm's way. She asked questions about dog fighting, including how does one enforce or access someone's fenced property if there is suspected dog fighting?

Ms. Garrard said if it is a privacy fence they have a reasonable expectation of privacy. They would have to have probable cause to get on the property.

Commissioner Petty stated he would like to suggest starting with humane restraint without a time limit issue with animal control's discretion, and with spay and neuter requirement added to the ordinance. Then after 18 months, when they have been able to evaluate the calls they can see about the time limit. They may see things we haven't addressed.

Commissioner Kost stated input is still needed from the Board of Health. Ms. Garrard said the ordinance is with the County Attorney for review.

Commissioner Kost asked the County Attorney if a public hearing is required. The County Attorney stated he did not believe one is required, but that it is always a good idea to hold one.

Commissioner Petty stated the ordinance should have animal control discretion.

Commissioner Kost asked if the ordinance could incorporate the permitting process like the other jurisdictions or would it require more staff.

The Board agreed the item should be referred to the Board of Health and come back for a public hearing in November.

After discussion, this item was referred back to Animal Control, the County Attorney and the Board of Health with the Board suggesting the ordinance contain Animal Control discretion, a ten hour tethering time limit unless permitted (a starting point to work with), an 18-month education period before beginning a citation process, and a spay/neuter requirement.

**13-0481 Closed Session to Discuss Property Acquisition and Matters Within the Attorney/Client Privilege**

Commissioner Cross moved, seconded by Commissioner Stewart, to adjourn the Work Session and go into Closed Session to discuss property acquisition and matters within the attorney/client privilege. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Petty, Vice Chair Bock, Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Kost and Commissioner Stewart

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Cross moved, seconded by Commissioner Stewart, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote and the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Petty, Vice Chair Bock, Commissioner Cross,  
Commissioner Kost and Commissioner Stewart

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Walter Petty, Chairman

ATTEST:

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

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

Staff Present: County Manager, Charlie Horne; Assistant County Manager, Renee Paschal; Finance Officer, Vicki McConnell; Deputy Clerk to the Board, Lindsay Ray

**INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Petty welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA and CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Bock moved, seconded by Commissioner Stewart, to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Petty, Vice Chair Bock, Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Kost and Commissioner Stewart

**13-0464 Request Approval of the June 17, 2013 Regular Session Board Minutes, the July 15, 2013 Work Session Board Minutes, the July 15, 2013 SEWD Board Minutes and the July 15, 2013 Regular Session Board Minutes**

The Minutes were approved.

Aye: 5 - Chairman Petty, Vice Chair Bock, Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Kost and Commissioner Stewart

**13-0386 Request by Douglas Roberts to rezone Parcel #2246, being all of the Approximate 10.28 Acre Tract, Located at 650 Half Dollar Road, from Conditional Use Compact Community (CCO) to Residential-1 (R-1).**

As per the Planning Board recommendation, the Board of Commissioners approved the following consistency statement:

The rezoning request is consistent with the adopted land use plan. Planning staff and Planning Board recommends approval of the rezoning and adoption of an Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of Chatham County and adopted **Resolution #2013-\_\_\_\_\_**

**Adopting a Consistency Statement for the Approval of R-1 Residential Zoning District and An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of Chatham County for Rezoning to R-1 Residential.** Both are attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Aye: 5 - Chairman Petty, Vice Chair Bock, Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Kost and Commissioner Stewart

**13-0387 Request by Douglas Roberts to Rezone Parcel #74741, Being all of the Approximate 1.21 Acre Tract, Located at 577 Half Dollar Road, from Conditional Use Compact Community (CCO) to Residential-1 (R-1)**

As per the Planning Board recommendation, the Board of Commissioners approved the following consistency statement: The rezoning request is consistent with the adopted land use plan and adopted **Resolution #2013-\_\_\_ Adopting a Consistency Statement and An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of Chatham County.** Both are attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Aye: 5 - Chairman Petty, Vice Chair Bock, Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Kost and Commissioner Stewart

**13-0388 Request by Paul Smedberg on Behalf of U-Haul, for a Conditional Rezoning Regional Business (CD-RB), on Property Located at 102Vickers Road, Parcel #71691 and #79289, to Add Approximately .64 Acres to the Existing 10.4 acres to Expand the Storage Area to Include One Additional Self-Storage Building**

As per the Planning Board recommendation, the Board of Commissioners approved the following consistency statement: – The rezoning request is consistent with the adopted land use plan and adopted **Resolution #2013-\_\_\_ Adopting a Consistency Statement for the Approval of Conditional Zoning Regional Business District** and adoption **An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of Chatham County for Rezoning to Conditional Zoning Regional Business District** with the conditions listed below:

Site Specific Conditions

1. As previously approved, replacement of the advertising/identification signs may be installed as shown on the revised sign plan with the following modifications. There shall be a limit of one (1) sign, no taller than 15 feet from the ground to the top of the sign with a primary sign area not larger than 64 square feet (sign area #1) plus an additional 32 square foot secondary sign (sign area #2) for additional advertising of the property fronting US #15-501. All signs shall comply with the lighting requirements of the Zoning Ordinance. The sign at the entrance on Vickers Road shall remain as existing.
2. As previously approved, landscaping shall comply with the recommendations of the CCAC which requires the perimeter landscaping along Vickers Road and the property now owned by the applicant be installed before the certificate of occupancy of the property is approved and issued. The remaining landscaping along

the property boundaries owned by the applicant may be installed at the next optimal planting season following the start of the new commercial area use.

3. A review, approval, and recorded deed instrument and plat for the tract on Charlie Perkins Road shall be provided before any impervious surface/built upon area on the project site is installed. The Environmental Quality Director shall approve the wording of the deed restriction and the recorded plat for compliance with statutory requirements.

Standard Site Conditions

4. Signage, parking, and lighting shall conform to the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance unless otherwise stated in a specific condition noted above.
5. The application and approved recommendations as provided for and/or conditioned, are considered to be the standards as set forth and shall comply as stated. Changes or variations must be approved through the Planning Department or other approving board before any such changes can take place.
6. All required local, state, or federal permits (i.e. NCDOT commercial driveway permits, NCDWQ, Chatham County Erosion & Sedimentation Control, Environmental Health Division, Storm water Management, Building Inspections, Fire Marshal, etc.) shall be obtained, if required, and copies submitted to the Planning Department prior to the initiation of the operation/business.

Standard Administrative Conditions

7. Fees - Applicant and/or landowner shall pay to the County all required fees and charges attributable to the development of its project in a timely manner, including, but not limited to, utility, subdivision, zoning, and building inspection, established from time to time.
8. Continued Validity - The continued validity and effectiveness of this approval was expressly conditioned upon the continued compliance with the plans and conditions listed above.
9. Non-Severability - If any of the above conditions is held to be invalid, this approval in its entirety shall be void.
10. Non-Waiver - Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to waive any discretion on the part of the County as to further development of the applicant's property and this permit shall not give the applicant any vested right to develop its property in any other manner than as set forth herein.

Both are attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Aye: 5 - Chairman Petty, Vice Chair Bock, Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Kost and Commissioner Stewart

**13-0438 Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) Annual Report**

This Agenda Item was approved.

Aye: 5 - Chairman Petty, Vice Chair Bock,

Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Kost and  
Commissioner Stewart

**13-0454 Request Approval of 2013-14 Sheriff Vehicle Purchase**

This Agenda Item was approved.

Aye: 5 - Chairman Petty, Vice Chair Bock,  
Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Kost and  
Commissioner Stewart

**13-0458 Request to Approve Appointments to the Chatham County  
Recreation Advisory Committee**

The Appointments were approved.

Aye: 5 - Chairman Petty, Vice Chair Bock,  
Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Kost and  
Commissioner Stewart

**13-0461 Request approval of Budget Amendment to accept and expend  
the NC Merger Settlement funds from Duke Energy Progress**

The Budget Amendment was approved and is attached hereto and by  
reference made a part hereof.

Aye: 5 - Chairman Petty, Vice Chair Bock,  
Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Kost and  
Commissioner Stewart

**13-0465 Request from citizens for the naming of private road in Chatham  
County as follows: Lonesome Dove Lane**

This Agenda Item was approved.

Aye: 5 - Chairman Petty, Vice Chair Bock,  
Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Kost and  
Commissioner Stewart

**13-0466 Request to Approve Appointment to the Community Advisory  
Committee on Nursing Homes and Adult Care Homes**

This Appointment was approved.

Aye: 5 - Chairman Petty, Vice Chair Bock,  
Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Kost and  
Commissioner Stewart

**13-0468 Request from citizens for the naming of private road in Chatham  
County as follows: Twin Oaks Farm Road**

This Agenda Item was approved.

Aye: 5 - Chairman Petty, Vice Chair Bock,  
Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Kost and  
Commissioner Stewart

**13-0469 Consideration of a request to approve the Home and Community  
Care Block Grant for fiscal year 2013/ 2014 as recommended by  
the Committee**

This Agenda Item was approved.

Aye: 5 - Chairman Petty, Vice Chair Bock,  
Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Kost and  
Commissioner Stewart

**13-0470 Request to Approve Tax Releases and Refunds**

The Tax Releases and Refunds were approved and are attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Aye: 5 - Chairman Petty, Vice Chair Bock,  
Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Kost and  
Commissioner Stewart

**13-0473 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Scattered Site Housing (2010) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Economic Recovery (2010) Monthly Reports**

This Agenda Item was approved.

Aye: 5 - Chairman Petty, Vice Chair Bock,  
Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Kost and  
Commissioner Stewart

**13-0482 Request to Approve Appointments to the Chatham County Library Advisory Committee**

Appointment of Caroline Unick, by Commissioner Kost, to a two-year term to expire June 30, 2015

Appointment of William D. "Dav" Robertson, by Commissioner Petty, to a three-year term to expire June 30, 2016

Appointment of Patricia J. Walters, by the Full Board, to a three-year term to expire June 30, 2016

The Appointments were approved.

Aye: 5 - Chairman Petty, Vice Chair Bock,  
Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Kost and  
Commissioner Stewart

**13-0463 Request to Approve Appointment to Board of Equalization and Review**

Appointment of Lillie Alston, by Commissioner Bock, three-year term ending December 31, 2016

This Appointment was approved.

Aye: 5 - Chairman Petty, Vice Chair Bock,  
Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Kost and  
Commissioner Stewart

**13-0452 Request to Approve Tax Collector's Annual Settlement & Order of Collection, attached hereto and by reference made a part thereof**

The Tax Collector's Annual Settlement & Order of Collection were approved and are attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.



Aye: 5 - Chairman Petty, Vice Chair Bock,  
Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Kost and  
Commissioner Stewart

**13-0484 Approve a Request by the NC DOT for Appropriate Resolution for the Addition of 0.1 mile of Vail Drive and 0.20 mile of Hammock Bend in the Governor's Forest Subdivision into the North Carolina System of Secondary Road**

**Resolution for the Addition of Streets or Roads to the North Carolina System of Secondary Roads – Vail Drive and Hammock Bend in the Governor's Forest Subdivision into the North Carolina System of Secondary Roads**, was adopted and is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Aye: 5 - Chairman Petty, Vice Chair Bock,  
Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Kost and  
Commissioner Stewart

**13-0483 Request to Approve Water Withdrawal Agreement between Colvard Farms Development Company LLC and Chatham County**

This Contract was approved.

Aye: 5 - Chairman Petty, Vice Chair Bock,  
Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Kost and  
Commissioner Stewart

**13-0486 Request to Approve the 2013-2014 N.C. Forest Service Contract**

This Contract was approved.

Aye: 5 - Chairman Petty, Vice Chair Bock,  
Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Kost and  
Commissioner Stewart

**13-0475 Request to Approve a Project Ordinance for the Construction of a new Solid Waste & Recycling Office and Authorize Staff to Proceed with the Construction of New Solid Waste & Recycling Office**

**Project Ordinance for the Construction of a New Solid Waste & Recycling Office and Authorization for Staff to Proceed with the Construction of New Solid Waste & Recycling Office**, was adopted and is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Aye: 5 - Chairman Petty, Vice Chair Bock,  
Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Kost and  
Commissioner Stewart

**13-0490 Request to Approve Appointments to the Transportation Advisory Committee**

The re-appointment of Dennis Geiser, by Commissioner Cross, to a three-year term ending June 30, 2016

The re-appointment of Keith Gerarden, by Commissioner Bock, to a three-year term ending June 30, 2016

The appointment of Edmund Regan, by Commissioner Cross, to a three-year term ending June 30, 2016

The appointment of James Stewart, by Commissioner Cross, to a three-year term ending June 30, 2016

The appointment of non-voting ex-officio member, Jennifer Park, representing the Health Department

The Appointments were approved.

Aye: 5 - Chairman Petty, Vice Chair Bock, Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Kost and Commissioner Stewart

**13-0489 Request to Approve Appointments to the Environmental Review Advisory Committee**

Appointment of Nanishka Albaladejo, by Commissioner Cross, to a three-year term ending June 30, 2016

Re-appointment of Lin Andrew, by the Full Board, to a two-year term ending June 30, 2015

The Appointments were approved.

Aye: 5 - Chairman Petty, Vice Chair Bock, Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Kost and Commissioner Stewart

**PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

**Michael Randall**, 1304 Old Graham Road, Pittsboro, NC, stated that he has been a resident of Chatham County since 1979. He stated that we have evolved a great deal with our animal control over the years; We have gone from shooting dogs at the landfill, from selling dogs under the table to research labs in Chapel Hill, to having a very nice animal control shelter built in 1994; and that he believes it is now time to do away with tethering.

**Larry Ballas**, 139 Indian Creek Lane, Apex, NC stated that voter ID has nothing to do with the County except for its people. He stated that he would like to volunteer to set up some kind of guidance to find out if we have a need to help people get an ID. The sooner we do that the better off we will be. If the Board has a plan or would like to set up a plan, he would be happy to get the ball rolling. He doesn't think there will be many if any people who are going to require an ID, but if there are, they need to identify them.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

**13-0459 Request to adopt a Resolution Honoring Angela Birchett - Member of the Year Award from NC Association of Zoning Officials**

Angela Birchett, Land Use Administrator II, was presented with the 2013 Member of the Year Award by Grace Smith, First Vice President of the NC Association of Zoning Officials also known as NCAZO. She received this honor for her leadership role in advancing professionalism through certification and ethics policies.

Ms. Smith addressed the Board. Her comments were forwarded to the Clerk to the Board as follows:

"I am honored to be here tonight on behalf of the NCAZO Board of Directors to recognize our fellow board member and friend Angela Birchett for her professional achievements. Brian Sifford, our President, was unable to be here but sends his best. As you may know, Angela was recently named NC Association of Zoning Officials Member of

the Year for 2013. She was formally recognized at the NCAZO Conference in July but we wanted to come here tonight to extend our congratulations to Angela and thank you for allowing her to serve on the Board of Directors for the NCAZO. She is truly an asset to the board and membership. Our association has approximately 450 active members, many of which are certified zoning officials. In 2010 the former Certification Committee chairperson retired leaving vacancy on the board. Angela stepped up and filled the void without missing a beat. She has managed and tracked all certified zoning officials credits since that time. Angela has been a leader and keeps that committee focused on what is important- the professional growth and development of our members. She is a valuable board member and we look forward to having her serve as an officer in the future. I would like to read some words directly from the nomination regarding Angela:

"I would like to nominate Angela Birchett for NCAZO Member of the Year. Angela stepped in as chairperson of the Certification Committee and has dedicated herself to the program by making it a major priority within the organization. She has worked on new policies and procedures and is the number one (1) source for information concerning certification issues. Angela helped create a new ethics policy and is always thinking of ways to improve service to the association membership. Angela has co-chaired workshops and has been a presenter. I have always been impressed with her willingness to serve and her belief in ethics and professionalism is evident while performing her Board of Director duties. Angela has a wonderful personality and represents the type of professional the associations looks for in a member."

Ms. Smith thanked the Board for allowing her to attend and for sharing Angela with NCAZO!

Chairman Walter Petty presented Ms. Birchett with a framed resolution commending her on this achievement.

Commissioner Kost moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, that the **Resolution Honoring Angela Birchett - Member of the Year Award from NC Association of Zoning Officials** be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Petty, Vice Chair Bock, Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Kost and Commissioner Stewart

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**13-0474 Public hearing request by Scott Schultz for a revision to an existing conditional use permit on Parcel No. 84022, located at 6545 NC 87 North, currently approved for a boarding kennel, to modify Condition #9 by granting an extension of two years to begin construction**

Angela Birchett presented the evidence for the Quasi Judicial Hearing.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments.

There was no one signed up to speak. The Chairman closed the hearing.

This Agenda Item was referred to the Planning Board.

### **BOARD PRIORITIES**

**13-0432 Presentation of the DRAFT Chatham County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) maps and an update on the status of the CTP study as well as an outline of the next steps**

Brendan Merithew of the North Carolina Department of Transportation presented the DRAFT Chatham County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP). A PowerPoint and maps were provided.

Mr. Merithew stated this is a 25-30 year planning horizon for the transportation needs of the County. This is a multi modal plan, and it is not financially constrained. He said public input is still needed. Input from the Board of Commissioners is needed tonight

and over the next few weeks.

Mr. Merithew stated the next steps will be to hold drop-in sessions or open houses at different locations around the County such as the Agriculture Building or Central Carolina Community College. They will ask citizens to come talk to the DOT staff. Then they will start the adoption process. They are looking at holding meetings in the three locations of Pittsboro, Siler City, and Moncure.

Commissioner Kost asked when the meetings will occur. Mr. Merithew stated the meetings have not been scheduled, but they will make sure they do not conflict with other County meetings. They would like to schedule them in late September or early to mid October.

Input on the Draft Chatham County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) was provided as requested by the NCDOT.

**13-0485 Request to Approve Atlantic Power Solutions Contract and Resolution**

The Chair asked the Vice-Chair to take over as Chair for this agenda item.

The County Attorney explained that the Chair must abstain from voting due to the fact he is a principal in the company being discussed in the agenda item.

Commissioner Kost asked if someone could clarify that the dates of the contract were correct. The County Attorney stated the purchasing officer requested that the contract run on a fiscal year.

Commissioner Kost asked why the contract dates ran on a fiscal year, but the performance of the work dates were in the spring and the fall. Commissioner Petty explained that the contract was for the fiscal year but the work would be performed during the times typically considered critical times for service.

Commissioner Kost asked if the Board ever approved last year's contract. After discussion, it was determined that last year's contract was not approved in open session. Commissioner Kost thanked the County Attorney for following procedure for this year's contract.

Commissioner Cross moved, seconded by Commissioner Stewart, that this Contract be approved and **Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Chatham County Approving a Contract to be Entered into Between Atlantic Power Solutions, Inc. and Chatham County**, be adopted and is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Vice Chair Bock, Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Kost and Commissioner Stewart

Abstain: 1 - Chairman Petty

**13-0487 Discussion of Potential Funding Source for Chatham-Randolph Mega-Site**

Commissioner Petty asked to open up a discussion about using the money received from the sale of the Siler City Business Park for economic development. He said that equaled roughly 1.128 million dollars and that the money could possibly be used for the new Chatham-Randolph mega-site.

Commissioner Bock stated the money could be used for that purpose but it could also be used for the planning process. He said there is a lot of work to be done before the site can be certified as a mega-site. There will be money from various grants, but the County would like to make this money available to get this site certified. The sooner the site is certified the faster things start to happen.

Dianne Reid, Economic Development Corporation President, said the cost projected for certification is \$970,000 for environmental studies and surveys and the engineering for water and wastewater to the site. There are other sources of funding the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) is approaching to help with this. Ms. Reid recommended

that the County be very flexible with defining how this money is used and as much as is allowed use the money over and over. The money could be used like a revolving fund and if possible could get reimbursed for some pieces of it and use it for additional economic development projects at the mega-site or elsewhere.

Commissioner Kost stated that she understands there are a lot of upfront costs and she supports the owner of the property reimbursing those upfront costs because it is what made them able to make the sale.

Ms. Reid stated that she was not sure of the exact structure of how the EDC would handle the arrangement. It is possible it would be a public/private venture, but she does support the idea of re-capturing what we can and reusing it.

Commissioner Kost stated she could not vote for using the money from the sale of the Business Park unless it was set up as a revolving fund and the owners were responsible for repaying the upfront costs.

Commissioner Bock asked how the Board should word the motion to ensure the money could be used for this purpose and also ensure the flexibility.

The County Attorney stated using the word "earmarked" would be fine because the money is not an appropriation or a contractual obligation, but rather a sort of setting aside that can be changed.

Vice Chair Bock moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, that the money received from the sale of the Siler City Business Park be earmarked for economic development. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Petty, Vice Chair Bock, Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Kost and Commissioner Stewart

### **MANAGER' S REPORTS**

The County Manager made the Commissioners aware that the discussion as to whether to go forward or delay revaluation would be on the September 16, 2013 Board of Commissioners' meeting agenda.

### **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

#### **Western Wake Partners:**

Commissioner Cross said the Western Wake Partners have finally made it to Christian Chapel Road.

#### **Volunteerism:**

Commissioner Stewart shared an example of a successful model for volunteerism. A group of employees from the Wal-Mart in Siler City host a dance at the senior center in Siler City every Friday night. They have developed a great model for successful volunteering. There are 6 people who donate their time and all of the food for the dance. They have been doing this for two years. They were hosting the dance once a month and now they host it once a week. When Commissioner Stewart attended, there were 140 people in attendance. One couple comes from Statesville every Friday. They charge \$8 per person from 6-10pm, and they hire band each week. After they pay the band, they turn in the rest of the money to Council on Aging. They donate about \$400 to \$500 per week. They also have a birthday celebration every month. The facility where they host the dances needed ceiling fans so they donated the ceiling fans. Once a year, Wal-Mart gives them funding to have a hotdog cookout and they ask people to bring food for the food pantry. Commissioner Stewart would like to recognize them during the joint meeting scheduled with Siler City on October 3, 2013 and thank them for their volunteer service.

#### **Orange-Person-Chatham Mental Health:**

Commissioner Kost said she attended an OPC Mental Health meeting last week and one member went to the library to ask if they could put out info about OPC. She was told the library did not have space. Commissioner Kost would like to ask staff and the Library Board to have a display area for all County services including OPC Mental Health.

#### **American Tobacco Trail**

Commissioner Kost said a group of citizens contacted her a couple of weeks ago

about a four-lane road being proposed across the American Tobacco Trail. She was glad to report that she worked with the citizens get the Town of Cary to stop the road from being constructed. Cary had a meeting on site at the American Tobacco Trail about visibility at that area. Commissioner Kost will notify the Town of Cary and thank them for addressing this safety issue. Commissioner Stewart asked about the bad press the American Tobacco Trail was getting for the recent crime along the Trail. She stated that the location of the crimes on the Trail is never mentioned and perhaps it would be good to get the word out that many areas of the trail are safe and family friendly.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Cross moved, seconded by Commissioner Stewart, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Petty, Vice Chair Bock, Commissioner Cross,  
Commissioner Kost and Commissioner Stewart

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Walter Petty, Chairman

ATTEST:

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