



# Chatham County, NC

## Meeting Minutes

### Board of Commissioners

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Monday, November 20, 2017

6:00 PM

Historic Courthouse Courtroom

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#### Work Session - 1:30 PM - Historic Courthouse Courtroom

**Present:** 5 - Chairman Jim Crawford, Vice Chair Diana Hales, Commissioner Walter Petty, Commissioner Mike Dasher and Commissioner Karen Howard

#### PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

*Sonny Keisler submitted the following comments:*

*My name is Sonny Keisler. I live at 3006 River Forks Road. While I am a member of the Climate Change Advisory Committee, I am representing myself today.*

*Global Warming and Civilization Collapse This Century: My presentation focuses on global warming and a phenomenon known as "Warming in the Pipeline". Because of "Warming in the Pipeline" decision-makers locally and globally must take action now to (1) minimize emissions of manmade greenhouse gases and (2) maximize carbon sequestration on our forests and farms. Otherwise, runaway global warming and the global collapse of biological systems and civilization this century is highly likely. The rapid melting of ice around the world shows this process of collapse is well under way.*

*This message has been clearly stated by (1) the 2017 National Climate Assessment prepared under the Trump Administration, (2) a letter published in the November, 2017 edition of "Bioscience" signed by 15,354 leading scientists, and (3) numerous reports issued by such organizations as the World Bank, the Church of England, the Roman Catholic Church, and the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.*

*Warming In The Pipeline: Manmade greenhouse gases trap extra heat globally equivalent to 400,000 Hiroshima size atom bombs exploding every day. Ninety percent of this heat is absorbed by the oceans. Over time, this heat will be released into the atmosphere. This is known as "Warming in the Pipeline". How fast this heat will be released and how much the atmosphere will be warmed is the critical issue.*

*The 2 Degree Celsius Threshold: We have been told we must not let atmospheric temperatures increase by 2 degrees Celsius beyond preindustrial times. Once we reach 2 degrees, the result will likely be runaway global warming and, by 2100 a planet 10 - 12 degrees F. hotter than preindustrial times and a world hotter than it has been in over 55,000,000 years.*

*Avoiding Hell On Earth - Now or Never: So ... can we stay under the 2 degree threshold? As of now, the five year average global atmospheric temperature is 1.03 degrees above preindustrial times. Research suggests releases of ocean-stored heat will add between .6 degree and 1 degree to this average. This means, even if we stopped emitting greenhouse gases today. over the coming decades atmospheric warming will likely range between 1.63 degrees and 2.03 degrees Celsius. However,*

*because emissions of greenhouse gases from manmade and natural sources are increasing, we can be sure global atmospheric temperatures will zoom well beyond these numbers. In short, as the World Bank has observed, unless we change our ways the odds are great "Hell on Earth" is headed our way in 4 to 5 decades. For this reason, the time for decisive action locally and globally is NOW or NEVER. Thank You.*

*John Graybeal submitted the following comments:*

*The Climate Change Advisory Committee had a seat on the Steering Committee for the Comprehensive Plan. We submitted comments all along and some of those comments have been incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan. We had a final set of comments and I wasn't quite sure what their status was. They were actually considered by the Planning Board and at least two of them were adopted. We had a two page document that had a total of ten recommendations. This document is on the website so I don't know that you need it but I made copies of it to handout. I am just going through the extra effort to make sure the Climate Change Advisory Committee final comments are before you.*

*Siler City Town Commissioner Michael Constantino submitted the following comments:*

*I came because there were a couple of items on your agenda today I was thinking I could get some education about. One is to expand your board to seven seats. Our board is already seven seats and the mayor, which is not a voting position. I am not sure, but I think Pittsboro has five seats on their board. There is plenty of work to go around with seven people on our board. The other thing is the early voting issue. I was kind of disappointed that we didn't vote for it in Siler City. Diana shared with me before the meeting started that we have to do it on a local level and you all won't have a say in it or shouldn't have a say in it. So I might have to bring that back home with me. Thank you.*

*Randy Voller submitted the following comments:*

*I just wanted to thank you. Yesterday we had a tremendous Pittsboro Business Association and Main Street Event. I didn't know that our Mayor, Cindy Perry, would be here today. She got to light the Christmas Tree. I am coming to say thank you because that would not happen without cooperation between the town board and the County commissioners, specifically the project that you have been able to start, the new town hall. Because the town owns that property with commitments that this board made we can have parking. Because we have parking we can bring a lot more people downtown. If you saw the street closed yesterday, it was filled with people from all over the county. It was an amazing sight. You deserve a thank you because it was work that you did in combination with the town that enabled something like that to occur.*

## **BOARD PRIORITIES**

[17-2400](#)

Chatham/ Harnett / Wake County Boundary Line Update

**Attachments:**     [CountyBoundaryChanges\\_11-20-17 BOC](#)

*GIS Manager, Nick Haffele, gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached)*

*Vice Chair Hales wanted to know who would be drafting a bill on this matter and if that was the responsibility of the Board. The County Manager stated each board will adopt a joint resolution and request the local bill.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Vice Chair Hales, to direct staff to move forward with correcting the boundary. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Howard

### [17-2391](#)

#### Climate Change Advisory Committee (CCAC) Annual Report

**Attachments:**     [CCAnnRep \(Clean\)](#)

*John Graybeal, Climate Change Advisory Committee Chair, gave the Committee's Annual Report to the Board. (Report attached)*

*Mr. Graybeal expressed concern for the lack of funding allocated for the preparation of a report by a consultant.*

*Vice Chair Hales wanted to know who organizes the Triangle Clean Cities group.*

**This Agenda Item was received and filed**

### [17-2392](#)

#### Chatham County Climate Change Advisory Committee Presentation on the Chatham County Climate Action Plan

**Attachments:**     [Climate Action Plan](#)

*Mr. Graybeal presented the Climate Action Plan. (Plan attached)*

*Vice Chair Hales expressed her desire for the installation of charging stations for electric vehicles throughout the county. She would like to see the EDC explore the issue.*

*Chairman Crawford discusses need for prioritization within sustainability objectives. He asked Mr. Graybeal to give him his top three goals. Mr. Graybeal said that transportation is a priority, as is attention to the tree canopy issue, and the need for solar energy.*

*Vice Chair Hales asked staff to look through the recommendations from the Climate Change Committee. Chairman Crawford said that it was something that the Board should take a closer look at prior to passing the task to staff. He suggested forming a sub-committee of the Board.*

*Commissioner Howard thinks that a dialogue among the Board is important so that these conversations can take place in other committees and elsewhere.*

*Commissioner Howard and Vice Chair Hales will serve as the sub-committee and will collect information about each Commissioners top three priorities.*

*Pittsboro Mayor Cindy Perry expressed her interest in being involved in this process. Chairman Crawford clarified that the subcommittee was going to be made up exclusively of BOC members but that her input and comments were welcome.*

*Randy Voller spoke to the commissioners about how there seems to be a disconnect between Duke Energy, Strata Solar and the EDC. Vice Chair Hales wants staff to make sure that information is readily available between the entities.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Commissioner Dasher, that this Agenda Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Howard

### [17-2393](#)

Chatham County Climate Change Advisory Committee Presentation on the recommendation for a Sustainability staff position

**Attachments:** [CCSustainabilityDirector](#)

*Vice Chair Hales wanted to know how Climate Change Committee members felt about the idea of having a single position rather than dispersing the effort throughout present staff. Mr. Graybeal said that about three members preferred the idea of the creation of a new position. She expressed her desire for the creation of said position.*

*Commissioner Howard agreed with Vice Chair Hales.*

*Chairman Crawford responded that the Comprehensive Land Use Plan addresses a lot of these concerns and that he believes that the tools may already exist within the staff to implement some of these policies, at least in the beginning.*

*Commissioner Petty said that he thinks that staff should be made aware of the goals and then let the Board know what is needed to achieve these goals. Commissioner Dasher also thinks that maybe the staff lacks the expertise to address these issues and that maybe the county could benefit from the creation of the position.*

*Chairman Crawford would like to pass the issue off to staff for the time being in order to see what will be needed for the immediate future.*

*The Board gave unanimous consent for the staff to evaluate the need for a new position versus distributing the responsibilities among current staff.*

## **CLOSED SESSION**

### [17-2371](#)

Closed Session to discuss matters relating to attorney-client privilege, economic development and personnel.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Commissioner Dasher, to approve going out of the Work Session and convening in Closed Session to discuss matters relating to personnel. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Howard

17-2409

Vote on reappointment of tax assessor and tax collector for Chatham County.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Dasher, seconded by Commissioner Howard, not to re-appoint Kep Kepley as Tax Collector. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Howard

**A motion was made by Commissioner Dasher, seconded by Commissioner Howard, to appoint Vicki McConnell as Interim Tax Collector. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Howard

**CLOSED SESSION**

17-2410

Closed Session to discuss matters relating to attorney/client privilege and economic development.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Hales, seconded by Commissioner Howard, to approve going out of the Work Session and convening in Closed Session to discuss matters relating to economic development and personnel. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Howard

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Vice Chair Hales, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Howard

**End of Work Session**

**Regular Session - 6:00 PM - Historic Courthouse Courtroom**

**Present:** 5 - Chairman Jim Crawford, Vice Chair Diana Hales, Commissioner Walter Petty, Commissioner Mike Dasher and Commissioner Karen Howard

**INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Commissioner Hales asked everyone to observe a moment of silence after which the Chairman invited everyone present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**CALL TO ORDER**

*Chairman Crawford welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.*

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA and CONSENT AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Dasher, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that this Agenda and Consent Agenda be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Howard

### **17-2385**

Vote on a request to approve the October 16, 2017 Work and Regular Session Minutes and the November 6, 2017 Regular Session Minutes.

**Attachments:** [10.16.2017 Draft Minutes](#)  
[11.06.2017 Draft Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Dasher, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that these Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Howard

### **17-2324**

Vote on a request by Elkins Sawmill, Inc. to rezone a portion of property, consisting of approximately 57.41 acres, located off of King Road, Parcel No. 5595, from R1, Residential to IH, Heavy Industrial.

**Attachments:** [More Information from Planning Department Website](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Dasher, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that Resolution #2017-41 Adopting a Consistency Statement for the Approval of a Rezoning Request for Elkins Sawmill, Inc., attached hereto by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Howard

**A motion was made by Commissioner Dasher, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that this Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of Chatham County for Elkins Sawmill, Inc., attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Howard

### **17-2363**

Vote on a request to accept FY 18 \$4,000 Healthy Communities Funds.

**Attachments:** [\\$4,000 Healthy Communities Funds](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Dasher, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that this Agenda Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Howard

[17-2366](#)

Vote on a request to accept \$4,080 Breast and Cervical Cancer Funds

**Attachments:** [\\$4,080 Breast and Cervical Cancer Funds](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Dasher, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that this Agenda Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Howard

[17-2369](#)

Vote on a request to approve **\$45,106.30** Debt Write-Off for Patient Fees in the Clinical Community Health Services Division.

**Attachments:** [\\$45,106.30 Debt Set-Off](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Dasher, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that this Agenda Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Howard

[17-2370](#)

Vote on a request to adopt the FY 2018-2019 Budget Calendar

**Attachments:** [FY 19 BudgetCalendar](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Dasher, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that this Agenda Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Howard

[17-2374](#)

Vote on a request to approve the naming of one private road in Chatham County

**Attachments:** [Radhika Way Petition](#)  
[Radhika Way](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Dasher, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that this Agenda Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Howard

[17-2378](#)

Vote on a request to approve re-appointments to the Chatham County Housing Authority.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Dasher, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that the Appointments be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Howard

[17-2395](#)

Vote on a request to approve appointment of Wesley Hancock to the Agriculture Advisory Board.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Dasher, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that this Appointment be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Howard

[17-2380](#)

Vote to a request to adopt a Resolution Declaring the Opioid Crisis a Public Nuisance

**Attachments:** [FINAL Resolution-Declaring Opioid Crisis a Public Nuisance 11 20 2017 BOC meeting\\_skg\\_jp11-7-17](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Dasher, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that Resolution #2017-42 Declaring the Opioid Crisis a Public Nuisance, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Howard

[17-2384](#)

Vote on a request to adopt a Resolution Appointing Amy Gilbert and Teresa Clark and Reappointing Amy Moore and Margaret Goldston as Review Officers.

**Attachments:** [Appointing Review Officers 11-20-17](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Dasher, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that Resolution #2017-43 Appointing Review Officers, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Howard

[17-2383](#)

Vote on a request to approve Tax Releases and Refunds

**Attachments:** [October 2017 Release and Refund Report](#)  
[October 2017 NCVTS Pending Refund Report](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Dasher, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that the Tax Releases and Refunds, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Howard

[17-2388](#)

Vote on a request to approve grant application to Crime Victim Services of NC Governor's Crime Commission for VAWA funding.

**Attachments:** [grant approval request visits](#)  
[Grant Approval Pg 4 revision FVS](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Dasher, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that this Agenda Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Howard

[17-2389](#)

Vote on a request to approve grant application to Crime Victim Services of NC Governor's Crime Commission for VOCA funding for domestic violence funding.

**Attachments:** [grant approval request dv](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Dasher, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that this Agenda Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Howard

[17-2394](#)

Vote on a request to approve a boundary line agreement and to convey 0.12 acres of property between Chatham County and the Pittsboro Community Cemetery and authorize the County Manager to sign the agreement

**Attachments:** [Draft Chatham Boundary Line Agreement with the PITTSBORO COMMUNITY CEMETERY 10 26 2017](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Dasher, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that this Contract, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Howard

### **End of Consent Agenda**

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

[17-2399](#)

North Carolina Association of County Commissioners and the Local Government Federal Credit Union to present the 2017 Excellence in Innovation Award to Council on Aging Director Dennis Streets and Council on Aging Intern Stephanie Watkins-Cruz.

*Matt Gunnet, Membership Services Coordinator with the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners and Chris Temple with the Local Government Federal Credit*

*Union presented the 2017 Excellence in Innovation Award to Council on Aging Director Dennis Streets and Council on Aging Intern Stephanie Watkins-Cruz.*

*Mr. Gunnet stated this year ten awards were given in four categories: General Government, Human Services, Public Information and Participation and Intergovernmental Collaboration. Programs were judged based on four criteria: is the program innovative, are there measurable results that demonstrate improved service delivery or cost improvement to the county, can this project be replicated in other counties and are you likely to recommend or implement this program in your own county. There were 48 submissions. They are pleased to present the award for the Chatham County Collaborative Database. This program stood out in the Intergovernmental Collaboration category by setting up a clearinghouse of all project data that would improve communication across and between the Chatham County Council on Aging, Rebuilding Together of the Triangle, NC Vocational Rehabilitation, Chatham County Department of Social Services, and the NC Baptist Aging Ministries in order to create a more efficient way of collaborating and coordinating minor home repair and modification projects across Chatham County.*

*Approximately \$960 was saved due to the non-duplication of referral calls. \$216 was saved due to non-duplication of phone calls. Approximately \$4,800 was saved due to the non-duplication of material coordination efforts. The total savings due to this project were about \$6,000 but the real benefit is more efficient service delivery to county residents.*

*Mr. Streets thanked Mr. Gunnet and Mr. Temple for the award. He also thanked Community Relations Director Debra Henzey for bringing the opportunity to their attention. He expressed a special thanks to the commissioners who have seen the importance of ensuring that we have safe, accessible and affordable housing for not just our seniors but the entire population. Mr. Streets thanked County Manager Renee Paschal and county management for making the project possible. He stated Ms. Watkins-Cruz really deserves the credit for making the project happen.*

*Mr. Streets and Ms. Watkins-Cruz accepted a plaque and a \$1,000 check on behalf of the County.*

## **PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

*Economic Development Corporation President Kyle Touchstone submitted the following comments:*

*I just wanted to take a few moments to talk a little bit about small business. This Saturday is Small Business Saturday, recognized throughout the United States and has been since 2010. As you know, here in Chatham County we are made up of small businesses. They are the backbone of our economy just like across the U.S. While we encourage people to shop and support our local small businesses during the holidays we also encourage that throughout the year. I wanted to thank you for your support to the EDC and the Central Carolina Community College's Small Business Center in our efforts to help business grow, retain those businesses and then also working to help new businesses, small businesses to open. We continue our efforts in helping small businesses and I believe in the draft of the Comprehensive Plan there is quite a bit of work we still have left to do. Again, thank you for your support.*

*Lisa Baaske submitted the following comments:*

*I reside in the southwest part of the county. I am here tonight to speak on behalf of the Recreation Advisory Committee as a member of the committee. The Committee is respectfully requesting the Board of Commissioners consider the alternate bid to replace the multipurpose room included in the base bid for Chatham Grove with a shared gymnasium recreation facility. The committee feels very strongly about recommending the alternative bid based on the following three points. First, the National Recreation and Park Association industry standards show that Chatham County should have one recreation center per 27,591 residents. That means with our 2020 population projected at 79,480 we should have three recreation centers. The 2017 final draft of the Comprehensive Plan shows four indoor recreation centers to meet the growing Chatham County population into the year 2040. However, we don't have one. With 19-20% of the county's population under 18 years of age we need indoor recreation facilities. Based on the Comprehensive Recreation Master Plan in 2009, the need for an indoor recreation center gymnasium was among the top five priorities. Again, we have zero recreation centers for programs such as youth camps, after school, arts and cultural learning activities, family time, etc. Second, the alternative bid to have a shared gymnasium recreation facility at Chatham Grove is similar to a successful plan used by the Stoney Point Elementary School in Fayetteville. This school was toured by both Chris Blice, Chief Operations Officer of Chatham County Schools and Tracy Burnett, Parks and Recreation Director. Their facility shows approximately 15,111 square feet being shared space between the school and the Parks and Recreation Department. The facility includes activity rooms, a lobby, offices and gymnasium. In fact, a Board of Education meeting on October 7th discussed the collaboration of shared facilities with Chatham Grove. The Board was receptive to such a collaboration but with a good bit of discussion around the need to do something like this on the western end of the county. Third, the mission of Chatham County Parks and Recreation is to provide all citizens with a variety of recreational opportunities through facilities and programs that are accessible, safe and well maintained. Under PR Policy Four the Chatham County Comprehensive Plan lists as a solution for more recreation facility access to partner with Chatham County Schools to develop joint use agreements. The alternative bid would be the perfect opportunity to partner with our school system and together offer services that would have a positive benefit on our community and especially youth. Over 15% of households in Chatham County are below the federal poverty line. The Sports and Fitness Industry Association shows households that bring in less than \$50,000 are exceedingly inactive. Indoor recreation would improve the health and well being of our community. Thank you for your time.*

*John Wagner submitted the following comments:*

*I have been doing a lot of research into what Duke is doing at Brickhaven and their proposed plant at the Cape Fear site. I don't have the specifics, I am still collecting data, but I wanted to say to all of you that Duke is getting increasingly inaccurate in their presentation that they made to you about the plant, the level of toxicity that would be involved and the waste streams that would be involved. There have been recent revelations in the media about the fact that they are interfering with science reports and actively inserting their own words into things that are supposed to be independent and interfering financially with scientists. Those interferences are probably in violation of their plea agreement with the courts that were set up following their criminal convictions for coal ash dumps and spills. Again, this is heresy. I am not providing facts today but I would encourage you all be very careful in any proceedings that Duke has with you in the next month and I hope to bring you some data then. Thank you.*

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**[17-2376](#)

Public Hearing on the Recommended 2019-2025 Capital Improvements Plan

**Attachments:** [InitialPresentationToBOC- 2019-2025](#)

*County Manager Renee Paschal briefly reviewed the CIP. (Presentation attached)*

*Chairman Crawford opened the hearing.*

*No one signed up to speak.*

*Chairman Crawford closed the hearing.*

*The Board will hold a CIP Work Session tomorrow, November 21, 2017 at the Agriculture and Conference Center at 9:00 A.M.*

[17-2375](#)

Second Public Hearing to receive public comment on the Sale of Malt Beverages, Unfortified Wine, Fortified Wine, and Mixed Beverages in Unincorporated Chatham County Beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays and Vote on a request to approve Ordinance allowing such sales.

**Attachments:** [Tourism Advisory Committee letter supporting SB 155](#)  
[EDC Support of SB 155](#)  
[NCGS 18B 1001 Kinds of ABC Permits; places eligible](#)  
[ORDINANCE to allow the sale of Alcoholic Beverages before noon on Sundays 2017](#)

*The County Attorney reviewed the specifics of the request.*

*The Chairman opened the hearing.*

*George Gregor-Holt submitted the following comments:*

*I am the Community Outreach Coordinator for Chatham Drug Free. I just wanted to add a few things from my comments from last month. I went back and did a little bit of research after we had our discussion and learned that to apply for an ABC permit, only the permittee is required to do the training. As you remember, we had hoped to encourage permittees to train their staff on responsible sales. In our last survey in 2016 we found, of the young people who say they drink alcohol, almost 9% reported being able to buy alcohol in a store. Several years ago, we did a survey where we sent a person of age (at least 21) into alcohol selling establishments. This particular person was 23 but age tested at 19 and a half. When that person attempted to buy alcohol, she was able to purchase at about 40% of the places we approached. Because of that, we are worried that the clerks, especially younger ones, don't take the time or are not trained to spot identification that is forged or just have to make an assumption about how old somebody is. Our proposal is if there is some way that the Commission can encourage permittees to have their staff trained we would greatly appreciate it.*

*The Chairman closed the hearing.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Vice Chair Hales, that this Ordinance, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Howard

## **BOARD PRIORITIES**

### **17-2382**

Vote on a request to adopt a Resolution for the 2016 Local Water Supply Plan

**Attachments:**     [2016 Water Supply Plan - Resolution](#)  
                                 [Attachment - 2016 Water Supply Plans](#)

*Assistant County Manager Dan LaMontagne reviewed the specifics of the request.*

*Chairman Crawford asked if there is any correlation between dryness in the southwest and usage. Mr. LaMontagne responded that a lot of county water is used for agricultural purposes in the southwest part of the county.*

*Commissioner Petty asked what a leak detection system would look like. Mr. LaMontagne replied that the County has the SCADA system that tracks the tank levels and that is what the County uses for leak detection. Commissioner Petty also inquired about how the Fire Department communicates with the Water Department. Mr. LaMontagne stated the Fire Departments notify the Water Department when they respond to a structure fire.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Petty, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that Resolution #2017-44 for 2016 Local Water Supply Plans, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Howard

### **17-2386**

Vote on a request by Nicolas Robinson, on behalf of NNP-Briar Chapel, LLC, for a Compact Communities Ordinance (CCO) waiver for a perimeter buffer relocation from parcel #79946 to parcel #2715 to accommodate Chatham Grove Elementary.

**Attachments:**     [More Information from Planning Department Website](#)

*Planning Director Jason Sullivan presented a request by Nicholas Robinson regarding Chatham Grove Elementary property.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Petty, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that this Order Approving Buffer Relocation Request of NNP-Briar Chapel, LLC and Chatham County School Board, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Howard

[17-2387](#)

Vote on a request by Nicolas Robinson, on behalf of NNP-Briar Chapel, LLC, for a Compact Communities Ordinance (CCO) waiver to allow a riparian buffer encroachment and stream crossing between phases 16 South and North.

**Attachments:** [More Information from Planning Department Website](#)

*Planning Director Jason Sullivan reviewed the specifics of the request.*

*Commissioner Petty made a motion to approve the waiver. The motion failed due to lack of a second.*

*Vice Chair Hales stated she would not be comfortable granting the waiver tonight. She suggested it be reviewed by the Environmental Review Advisory Committee.*

*Vice Chair Hales made a motion to refer the request to the Environmental Review Advisory Committee. Commissioner Howard seconded the motion.*

*Nick Robinson, Attorney for NNP-Briar Chapel, LLC, gave the Board some background information on the item. Mr. Robinson stated the 404 permit was up for renewal. It is a 360 degree evaluation process that included a member of the Army Corps of Engineers coming to Briar Chapel along with the Briar Chapel Environmental Consultant. They looked at the fact that the original Army Corps permit allowed 16 creek crossings and they evaluated each of those. They also found that of the 16 crossings that had been approved, Briar Chapel had installed 13. Three of them either they didn't install at all or made substantially less impacts than what was approved. When the Army Corps approves a permit like this they also require that the entity make mitigations to other streams located in other localities in the county. They investigated the mitigation Briar Chapel had done at Harpers Crossroads to make sure that they had done it all correctly. The last thing they did is go to impacts Y, W, Z and X and evaluated them. They determined the impact was no more significant than any other impact of any other alternative. The Army Corps' approval was sent to the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources and they approved it as well. Mr. Robinson stated that he believed it was important for the Board to know the depth of the review that has already been done before sending it to another board for review. He asked that Vice Chair Hales' motion be denied and that the Board approve the waiver tonight.*

*Commissioner Dasher asked for clarification on whether or not this matter would go through the Planning Board. Mr. Sullivan said it was up to the Board of Commissioners' discretion.*

*Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Petty both expressed their belief that the applicant had adequately explained the request and both felt the waiver should be approved.*

*Chairman Crawford called the question.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Hales, seconded by Commissioner Howard, to approve forwarding the request to the Environmental Review Advisory Committee for a recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 3 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales and Commissioner Howard

**No:** 2 - Commissioner Petty and Commissioner Dasher

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Vote on a request by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners to consider adoption of the Chatham County Comprehensive Plan.

**Attachments:** [More Information from Planning Department website](#)  
[Comprehensive Plan Presentation](#)  
[More Information from Planning Board Website](#)  
[Comprehensive Plan Final Draft \(11/8/2017\)](#)  
[Nov 2017 minor adjustments](#)  
[Recommendations that need BOC consideration](#)

*Planning Director Jason Sullivan introduced the item. Planner Cara Coppola presented the item.*

*The Board discussed the seven recommendations from the Planning Board. The Board agreed with recommendations one through six but did not agree with the seventh recommendation to add a resource page.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Hales, seconded by Commissioner Howard, to approve Planning Board recommendations 1-6. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Howard

*The Board discussed the four map changes recommended by the Planning Board.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Hales, seconded by Commissioner Howard, to approve all four map changes recommended by the Planning Board. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Howard

*The Board expressed their appreciation for the Steering Committee and the planning staff for all of their hard work on the Comprehensive Plan.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Hales, seconded by Commissioner Howard, to adopt the Comprehensive Plan with approved changes. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Howard

## **MANAGER' S REPORTS**

*The County Manager reminded the Board of the Commissioner one on one sessions on Friday, December 15th.*

## **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

*Vice Chair Hales went to the Keep America Beautiful kick off. She also attended the*

*Council On Aging forums and felt that it represented a good cross section. She also went to two One Water meetings and she is excited with the progress being made.*

*Chairman Crawford attended a seminar on capital budgeting taught by County Manager Renee Paschal and Siler City Town Manager Bryan Thompson. He was proud to show what Chatham County has been able to achieve as a team.*

*Commissioner Howard inquired about ADA compliance regarding the MPO. Planner Cara Coppola will follow up on the inquiry.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Commissioner Dasher, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Howard