

[17-2110](#)**Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center(CCACC) Policy Revisions****Attachments:** [Revised CCACC Policy April 2017 BOC-Food Amendment](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Petty, 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

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Erika Lindemann submitted the following comments:

Hello. My name is Erika Lindemann, and I have lived at 308 Creeks Edge in Mann's Chapel Precinct for 37 years. I also serve as the Secretary of the Chatham County Democratic Party, which held its annual convention in Pittsboro on Saturday, April 8. At that convention, approximately 100 delegates who represented all but one of the precincts in Chatham County, adopted a resolution respectfully requesting that the Chatham County Commissioners vote to expand this board to seven members. The resolution also urges the immediate appointment of a citizen advisory committee with proportional representation from Chatham Republican, Unaffiliated, and Democratic registered voters to evaluate the pros and cons of district and countywide at-large representation, or a combination of the two, for electing the commissioners. The goal of this advisory committee would be to bringing forward a recommendation to the County Commissioners by the end of 2017. The resolution offers several reasons for pursuing this course. While the current five-member board has been the format for many years, with each member residing in his or her district but running for election countywide, the demands and workload on a county commissioner have increased since 1980. The County has also experienced significant growth since then, much of it in the northern and eastern sections of the county. That growth will continue, and it seems reasonable to reflect this increase in the makeup of the Board. It is also the case that several counties in this part of North Carolina have more than five elected officials representing its residents as county commissioners: Lee, Johnston, Orange, Franklin, Granville, and Wake counties are examples. The resolution requests that the Board be expanded, but it leaves up to a Board appointed, representative citizen advisory committee the task of evaluating the pros and cons of how this representation should be determined. Shall some or all of the commissioners be elected countywide? Shall some commissioners represent districts and others be at-large members? The resolution calls for a report and recommendation to be brought to this Board by the end of 2017-but that the process begin as soon as possible. Thank you for considering this request to expand the Board.

John Wagner submitted the following comments:

I am a resident of Hadley Township. I am here because I saw that Briar Chapel is requesting the elimination of a 100 foot buffer along parcel 2832. I urge the commissioners to deny that request. Chatham County is losing forests and buffers too fast. It is being given away when there is absolutely no reason to do it. Briar Chapel has plenty of land and they can place their pump station anywhere they want. It may require losing a home site and putting a pump station there but that is definitely preferable for the county, for our environment, for our wildlife. Buffers are absolutely essential for wildlife. Environmental corridors are not fluff, they are not something that just gets added when necessary or when a sub-development decides it is going to do that. Instead environmental corridors are essential. They have to be

respected and protected. I encourage you in this particular case and in all the cases that are coming up in the coming year, respect the buffers. Especially when you are dealing with large subdivisions that have lots of options. Don't allow the buffers to be sliced up and taken away. This is something they could have planned ahead and they don't need the buffer taken away.

Jan Nichols submitted the following comments:

I would like to take a moment to commend the members of the Board of Commissioners for their leadership and for our County Manager Renee Paschal and her staff for their work on behalf of all the citizens of Chatham County. I am here this evening to present a second resolution that was passed at the Chatham County Democratic Party's Convention on Saturday, April 8. This is regarding our support for a county municipal fund. In the whereas clauses we strategically are concentrating growth in municipal areas and avoiding sprawl growth into Chatham County's rural areas. This has been a goal for Chatham County policy makers for many years. Whereas we have three municipalities, Goldston, Pittsboro and Siler City that operate completely within the boundaries of the county and have consistent need for critical infrastructure investment and community investment. Whereas the EDC utilizes a policy driven approach to improve the lives of county residents by supporting infrastructure improvements and preservation of the county's strong quality of place. Whereas one of these strategic goals of Chatham County Economic Development Corporation is to support Chatham County and its municipalities in their efforts to identify critical infrastructure needs. Greater financial cooperation between the municipalities and the county can be advanced by direct investment from the county into its municipalities. Therefore we ask or resolve that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners consider establishing a line item in its annual budget to provide direct funding to the municipal government units of Goldston, Pittsboro and Siler City and that said funds would be allocated on a per capita basis, either using the latest population estimates from the state demographer and or the most recent census with said funds to be allocated to request such as matching grants, infrastructure improvements, etc.

Rhonda Whitley submitted the following comments:

I live in Moncure. I am two years new to the area. Unfortunately when I bought my home none of this was in the works. I knew there was industry close by and now between the coal ash and what goes on on Corinth Road, you guys should try to come and travel that road. If it doesn't make your adrenaline go up, nothing will. We have had a leachate truck flip over on an unpaved gravel road and also on Corinth Road. These are the things we are already putting up with for the coal ash. Some of you accepted money for that. Maybe you only have a half a million tons to bring to us, we will see what happens with that. My big concern is that I moved into a community to live in the country because I thought it was clean. In the country we all take care of each other. Slowly the bottom line is trapping us all in. I know the county needs money. It takes money for the world to work but to do it this way, Moncure is what, 711 people? That small community is bearing the brunt of produce, produce, produce. I don't really think it is fair. Maybe one day you should go buy a salad, take the top off, put some salad dressing on it and then sit there for the thirty minutes you have to wait for the coal ash train to go by. Or go down Moncure Flatwood and sit there with your salad open and then take a bite. I can promise you that you will probably spit it out because of the grit. Please when you consider this megasite, please be very careful about those of us that have to drive to the recycle center. Those of us that have to deal with this on a regular basis because we are the

ones really suffering. I hope you really take it seriously. It also smells bad. That whole stretch of the road is most unpleasant.

Randy Voller submitted the following comments:

I am here to speak on behalf of that municipal fund. As we have discussed in the past I think it would be a great idea if this Board could figure out how to get such a fund formed and provide a method to allocate either the grants or zero interest loans on a per capita basis to the municipalities because it would be a good method to eliminate the constant back and forth between the boards for small projects. Jan Nichols' time ran out so I am going to finish the resolution. At the convention the delegates did pass the resolution that they wanted the funds to be allocated on a per capita basis, either using the latest population estimates from the state demographer and or the most recent census. The funds would be allocated to requests such as matching grants, infrastructure improvements and potable water which we all know is desperately needed around this county. Re-use water, which we know is going to be an excellent way to provide water for the infrastructure and businesses we are bringing in here. We already provide re-use water to 3M. Purple pipe, waste water, downtown redevelopment, parks and recreation projects, municipal buildings and projects that would fall under the category of public works. It just seems to me that this would be an elegant solution to the constant back and forth that you are going to see over the next ten to twenty years between the municipalities and the county for these type of requests. If there was such a fund, then the municipalities would know that we have x amount of dollars there. We don't have to come to the county with our hat in hand every two minutes to say we need \$50,000 or \$30,000 and at the same time you would have an elegant method to allocate it up front and know how much money would be spent. I am just asking for you to explore this and talk with the municipalities about such an opportunity. I see on today's agenda that there are requests showing what Siler City has done and I think such a program could fold in and help them. Obviously we want them to be successful. We want them to attract businesses and I think having such a fund would give them ease by knowing that every year there was x amount of dollars in the fund that Siler City could ask for.

Pam Cash Roper submitted the following comments:

My name is Pam Cash-Roper and I reside at 38 Winston Way, Building 167, Apartment 108, in Pittsboro, NC. I am here this evening to support a resolution that passed at the Chatham County Democratic Party's Convention on Saturday, April 8th regarding the expansion of the board of commissioners from five to seven members. I am a lifetime resident of Chatham County and my family has been here for generations. The County has had the current system for as long as I can remember and it is about time that we explored changing our current system. The county is growing and it seems reasonable for the BOC to adjust for this growth. More to the point, without adding two at large members to the board, the districts will always be trailing the last census and thus certain areas of the county may become underrepresented or over represented--depending on the influx or outflow of people to a particular district. Also, with portions of our county becoming more urbanized and other portions remaining rural this could also be an excellent opportunity to explore balancing this rural/urban situation as well. I respectfully request that the county immediately appoint a committee to begin working on this issue and that the committee be composed of at least one officer from the Democratic and Republican parties as well as citizens who are Democrats, Independents, and Republicans. The County should supply the appropriate staff member to this committee and it should be instructed to give a report back to the BOC by the end of 2017. Thank you for your

time and consideration.

Lesley Landis submitted the following comments:

I want to support the suggestion to expand the board with the understanding as previous folks have said that our county is growing. It was recently noted that Chatham County is the second fastest growing county in North Carolina. As leaders, you need to look ahead and anticipate need and solve the problems the needs create. I hope that you will consider the suggestion of expanding the board. Similarly, I also want to add the idea of looking into permanent voting centers. This last November election was very busy particularly at the early voting site on Andrews Store Road. It seemed sadly too small. I know our Board of Elections does a fabulous job, I think a lot of the work they do but given the robust engagement by Chatham County citizens I hope there is a solution to this need for permanent election sites. Thank you.

Virginia Penley submitted the following comments:

I have lived in Chatham County for over forty years. I have witnessed the county change from nearly all rural to what it has become today. The pace of growth and the changes in our county demand that we explore potential changes to the Board of Commissioners. Further I have heard and read plans many times to expand our board and for many years. The time has come to answer this call. You guys have a lot to do, you should expand the board. I respectfully request that the County Board of Commissioners move to appoint a committee to study our current five member system and recommend reasonable solutions to the Board of Commissioners by the end of this year. Thank you for your time and consideration.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

[17-2113](#)

Receive public comment on the public option of the CAM Megasite

Attachments: [Option Agreement 2017 \(CAM Mega Site\)DRAFT](#)
 [4-17-17OptionPresentation](#)

County Manager Renee Paschal gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached)

Chairman Crawford opened the hearing.

Lewis Fadley, Siler City Town Commissioner, submitted the following comments on behalf of the Siler City Town Board:

I am here about the CAM site and Renee did a wonderful job presenting the information. In any business venture you have to weigh the pros and cons. On the town level I have been able to identify some cons. One con is the perception of double dipping and this is a scenario where you spend public dollars to increase the value of the land and that thereby increases the purchase price. It is a great problem to have. I think it would be great for the county as a whole. I think it is reasonable to believe that we could get some assistance from the State and as Renee pointed out

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: [November 2017 Release and Refund Report](#)
 [November 2017 NCVTS Pending Refund Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Petty, 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 - Commissioner Crawford, Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Vice Chair Dasher and Commissioner Howard

End of Consent Agenda

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Sam King submitted the following comments:

I am a property owner here in Chatham County and I have been a little concerned about a zoning issue that doesn't seem to get any attention or can't get resolved. I don't know what the problem is. I met with the Planning Board some time back and I was of the understanding that the fee would be waived. It seems to be holding us back as property owners as far as what we can do with it because it is not zoned as it once was.

Randy Voller submitted the following comments:

I rise to address you at the end of 2017 to respectfully request that the Board consider previous input from a variety of sources and take two actions in January of 2018. One, appoint an advisory committee to study the current commissioner districts in Chatham County in order to make recommendations to this body for the necessary changes to our commissioner districts that will need to occur after the 2020 Census. Number two, place a referendum on the ballot in 2018 and allow the voters to decide on whether the Chatham County Board of Commissioners should expand the Board from five to seven members. There are good and substantial reasons for expanding the Board, including rapid population growth and the growing demand of the job. The last time the districts were drawn, the population was closer to 60,000 people and the districts had approximately 12,200 residents. When these districts were created, they utilized the most recent census information at the time to create districts that were in accordance with the law, which is Board members shall be apportioned of the districts so that quotients contained by the dividing the population of each district and by the number of the commissioners apportioned to the district are as nearly equal as practicable. Today I have some interesting numbers from the most recent voter registration to share with you. District One, Karen Howard's district, now has 13,026 registered voters. District Two, Mike Dasher's district, has 10,795 registered voters. District Three has 12,022 registered voters. District Four has 8,072 registered voters and District Five has 7,493 registered voters. Given the aforementioned criteria it is interesting how imbalanced the current districts are according to registered voters. Of course evaluating districts with registered voters is an imperfect process and resident aliens and undocumented immigrants count toward population in the census but still the variances are a bit startling. The normal population variance between districts should be approximately 5% so even accounting for residents under 18, resident aliens and undocumented residents our current districts are obviously out of balance, which informs the need to add at large members and/or change our system. I have enclosed some information from the School of Government and the Legislature that I hope you

will find informative and helpful in this decision making process.

Chair Hales called Planning Director Jason Sullivan back up to address the concerns of Mr. King. He explained that while the process for zoning has taken some time, it is still being worked on. Staff plans to have letters mailed out in early January to all the property owners. Business owners will meet with Planner Dylan Paul and once those meetings have taken place the staff will bring everything back to the Board for a public hearing.

Mr. Sullivan's priority is to make sure that everyone understands the potential implications of zoning. Commissioner Petty expressed his concern that people are being held up in the process. He wanted to know more about the timeline for zoning. Mr. Sullivan stated once property owners receive the letter from the planning department they will set up a time to meet individually with Mr. Paul. Staff has freed up a lot of Mr. Paul's time so that he can focus on these meetings. They can also bring in other staff if needed. Mr. Sullivan believes they may be able to have public hearing in April, send it to the Planning Board in May and come back to the Board of Commissioners for adoption in June.

Commissioner Petty thinks that individuals maybe should be grouped for the purposes of public hearings. Mr. Sullivan believes that staff needs to see what the response is first and that they do not want to appear as though they are discriminating against parts of the county.

Commissioner Crawford inquired about a potential temporary position to complete this task. Mr. Sullivan believes the current staff will be able to shoulder the workload.

BOARD PRIORITIES

Chairman Hales introduced the resolution regarding the k-3 classrooms sizes.

Commissioner Howard presented the resolution.

Motion - Howard

Second - Crawford

[18-2461](#)

Vote on a request to adopt a Resolution Regarding Impacts of K-3 Class Size Reduction

Attachments: [school class size resolution dec 2017](#)

Commissioner Howard explained that a similar resolution was passed in Durham County because the new legislation requiring school districts to have smaller class sizes is having a financial impact on counties that are struggling to meet those smaller class size requirements. Chatham County Schools is in support of the resolution. County staff got input from Superintendent Dr. Jordan. Commissioner Howard read the resolution into the record. She apologized for asking the Board to consider the resolution at the last meeting but the Legislature is holding an emergency meeting in early January and there will not be another opportunity to adopt the resolution before they meet.



Chatham County, NC

Meeting Minutes

Board of Commissioners

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

6:00 PM

Historic Courthouse Courtroom

Rollcall

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

Work Session - 1:30 p.m. - Historic Courthouse Courtroom

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

[18-2480](#)

Vote on a Request to adopt a Resolution Honoring Social Work Supervisor Margaret Awtrey-Kirkman

Attachments: [MKirkman BOC Resolution](#)

Chair Hales read the resolution into the record and presented the framed resolution to Margaret Kirkman. Chair Hales thanked Ms. Kirkman for her service to the County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that Resolution #2018-01 Honoring Social Work Supervisor Margaret Kirkman, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[18-2479](#)

Vote on a Request to adopt a Resolution Honoring Assistant Finance Officer Kathryn Scott

Attachments: [KScott BOC Resolution](#)

Chair Hales read the resolution into the record and presented the framed resolution to Kathy Scott. Chair Hales thanked Ms. Scott for her service to the County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Vice Chair Dasher, that Resolution 2018-02 Honoring Assistant Finance Officer Kathryn Scott, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Siler City Town Commissioner Mike Constantino stated he would like to see the Chatham County Board of Commissioners expanded from five members to seven given

the workload. He is interested in running for one of the "at large" positions on such a Board.

BOARD PRIORITIES

[18-2466](#)

Vote on a request to approve a request for a hearing by Attorney Chad Riggsbee for a refund for overpayment of excise tax.

Attachments: [1789 Andrews Store Road Deed and CD, from Mr. Riggsbee](#)

Clerk Lindsay Ray presented this item. Attorney Chad Riggsbee sent a request to the Clerk on December 8, 2017 requesting a hearing before the Board. He asked that the Board consider a refund of excise tax. Mr. Riggsbee explained that there was a typographical error stating \$1,100 excise tax was due when in fact only \$110 was due. Register of Deeds Lunday Riggsbee confirmed that it was a typographical error.

The Board agreed that a refund should be issued.

A motion was made by Commissioner Petty, seconded by Commissioner Howard, to approve a refund of \$990 to attorney Chad Riggsbee for overpayment of excise tax. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[18-2460](#)

Presentation of Audit

Attachments: [Audit Presentation](#)

Walter Gragg presented the audit on behalf of Martin Starnes and Associates. (Presentation attached)

Commissioner Crawford expressed that the Board appreciates any potential need for additional staff to meet the changing auditing needs and rules.

This Agenda Item was received and filed.

[18-2468](#)

Presentation on Go Global NC

Attachments: [GGNC PowerPoint LI- 2018 Eco-Workforce](#)
[Latino Initiative EcoWork 2018 Flyer](#)
[LI Comm Pol 2018 Flyer 12.19.17](#)

Lorena Patterson gave a presentation to the Board on Go Global NC and its Latino initiative. (Presentation attached)

Randy Voller spoke about his involvement with Go Global NC and the benefits of participating in the program.



Chatham County, NC

Meeting Minutes

Board of Commissioners

Monday, February 19, 2018

6:00 PM

Historic Courthouse Courtroom

Rollcall

Present: 4 - Commissioner Jim Crawford, Chair Diana Hales, Vice Chair Mike Dasher and Commissioner Karen Howard

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Walter Petty

Work Session - 2:00 PM - Historic Courthouse Courtroom

Chair Hales stated that Commissioner Petty would not be in attendance due to a death in the family.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

[18-2521](#)

Vote on a Request to Approve a Resolution Honoring Denise Estridge upon Her 30-Year Retirement

Attachments: [resolution honoring denise estridge feb 2018.doc](#)

Chair Hales read the resolution into the record. Chair Hales presented the framed resolution to Denise Estridge and thanked her for her service to the County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that Resolution #2018-06 Honoring Denise Esteridge for 30 Years of Service in Chatham County Public Health, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chair Hales, Commissioner Howard, Commissioner Crawford and Vice Chair Dasher

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Petty

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Siler City Town Commissioner Mike Constantino asked the Board again to expand the County Board of Commissioners from five to seven members. He would like to know what he can do to help move the process along. Chair Hales explained that the item will be discussed at the March 19, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting.

BOARD PRIORITIES

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, to approve going out of the Work Session and convening in Closed Session to discuss matters relating to attorney-client privilege and economic development. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Crawford, Chair Hales, Vice Chair Dasher and Commissioner Howard

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Petty

ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Crawford, Chair Hales, Vice Chair Dasher and Commissioner Howard

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Petty

End of Work Session

Regular Session - 6:00 PM - Historic Courthouse Courtroom

Present: 4 - Commissioner Jim Crawford, Chair Diana Hales, Vice Chair Mike Dasher and Commissioner Karen Howard

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Walter Petty

INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Dasher asked those in attendance to observe a moment of silence after which Chair Hales invited everyone present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA and CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Hales requested that the Climate Change Advisory Committee Action Items be added at the end of the Regular Session. She stated the item to discuss the expansion of the Board will be postponed until March 19, 2018 so that Commissioner Petty can be present.

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

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Crawford, Chair Hales, Vice Chair Dasher and Commissioner Howard

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Petty

[18-2511](#)

A Legislative Public Hearing request by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners to adopt revisions to the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance to reflect recent legislative changes and recommendations by Planning Staff.

Attachments: [Proposed Ordinance Amendments PowerPoint](#)
[More information from the Planning Department website](#)

Planner Dylan Paul gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached)

Chair Hales opened the hearing.

No one signed up to speak.

Chair Hales closed the hearing.

This Agenda Item was referred to the Planning Board.

BOARD PRIORITIES

[18-2493](#)

Vote on a Request to Adopt Noise Ordinance as Amended

Attachments: [1-23-18 draft 2017 NOISE ORDINANCE edits RJR](#)

County Attorney Jep Rose reviewed the three changes in the ordinance.

- the two complainants (one who resides in a different residence) can now go straight to the magistrate*
- a verbal or written request asking the offending party to stop the noise is now required before going to the magistrate*
- the civil penalties have been taken out*

Chair Hales asked what happens if the complaint is after hours. She stated someone can go to the jail and speak to a magistrate on a phone.

Chair Hales asked how can we get this information out to the public. She asked if staff could put where to call with a complaint on the county website.

County Attorney stated the website could have a form online with a request to cease the noise.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Dasher, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, that this Ordinance, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be approved and to direct staff to publicize the new procedures. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Crawford, Chair Hales, Vice Chair Dasher and Commissioner Howard

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Petty

[18-2503](#)

Discussion on the expansion of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners.

Attachments: [Commissioner Petty Comments for 03.19.2018](#)

This item was moved to the March 19, 2018 meeting.

[18-2527](#)

Climate Change Action Items

Chair Hales reminded the Board of the Climate Change Advisory Committee's Action Plan that was presented to the Board last fall. Chair Hales and Commissioner Howard formed a sub-committee to review the issue. Pittsboro Mayor Cindy Perry also attended the sub-committee meeting. Each commissioner was asked to submit their three priorities.

Chair Hales think staff needs to review these issues and figure out how county staff, particularly the Collaborative Impact Teams, can address some of the issues.

After some discussion the Board directed staff to focus on the following three priorities:

- Solar power/solar branding/renewable energy/clean tech*
- Mixed use development and public transit*
- Agriculture and woodland conservation*

MANAGER' S REPORTS

The County Manager asked Community Relations Director Debra Henzey to give an update on the trip to Mexico. Ms. Henzey stated Kim Shaw and Commissioner Howard are both interested in the trip. She is concerned that the cost of the trip is a barrier for many people. Vice Chair Dasher expressed his interest in participating as well. Commissioner Howard wanted to know who else would be participating. Ms. Henzey stated that she had not seen a general list of participants.

[18-2528](#)

Vote on a request to schedule a public hearing on April 16, 2018 at 6:00 PM for the rezoning of the 972 acres under option by the County at the Moncure Megasite.

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

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Crawford, Chair Hales, Vice Chair Dasher and Commissioner Howard

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Petty

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Crawford attended a TJCOG presentation on how to preserve farmland. We need to get young people into farming. The Joint Orange-Chatham Task Force had its first meeting. He attended the Triangle South Workforce Development Board meeting. He also attended the Chatham Health Alliance and new urgent care facility is opening up in Siler City.

Commissioner Howard went to a NCACC meeting and they talked about opioid litigation and legislative goals for the year. The NCACC District Meeting is in Chatham County this year on April 25th at 5:30 PM at the Agriculture and Conference Center.

The map shows an egress plan through our community, with 5 entrance points onto Half Dollar Rd., opening to through traffic from Briar Chapel. This would likely include construction traffic, coming from Manns Chapel Rd., for new homes, which will be built off Half Dollar. We firmly believe there are viable options that do not include opening Half Dollar Rd. We do not wish to be seen as a shortcut, or a bypass, for those in a hurry from 2,600+ Briar Chapel residences. As private citizens, we'd like to believe that we count in equal measure, considering Briar Chapel's many exemptions over the years.

We will continue ongoing appearances before the Planning Board, Board of Commissioners, and sharing our story with local media, in service to maintaining the safety and integrity of our 47 year old neighborhood.

Terri Tyson submitted the following comments:

I am speaking about the proposed expansion of the Board of County Commissioners. Since moving to Chatham County last May after living a long time in Orange County, I have tried to learn as much as possible about my new county. To this end I started to attend County Commissioner meetings. At a meeting last fall there was discussion about forming a committee to explore the possibility of expanding the commissioners from five to seven. It piqued my interest and I inquired about how I might serve on that committee. Since then I have heard both sides of the argument. I've considered it from the perspective of having lived in Orange County. They tweaked their system due to people complaining they are not represented fairly on the board if they lived in a less populated area such as northern Orange County. They now have primaries restricted to the districts. That means they tend to get candidates that are more representative of their district. However, at the time of the general election everyone votes and since southern Orange County is more populous the majority rules again. Therefore the complaints go on and on as people continue to feel under represented. That is what I am hearing in Chatham County. People are saying that those in the west and less populated areas of Chatham County are being outvoted by those in the eastern areas. Expanding the board from five to seven does not address this problem of under representation of the western parts of the county. Everyone votes in the elections and the populated areas, once again, get their way. Whose idea was this to expand the board and what is their motivation? A newspaper article said that this was originally presented to the commissioners by the Democratic Party Committee, which to me seems highly political. What does this have to do with helping the western part of the county? I am against the expansion of the board. We all have our favorite commissioner. The one who we believe represents us best. If the board is expanded, the influence of the existing commissioners will be diminished. Why try to fix something that is not broken? Why is there a rush? Nearby Durham County with a population of 306,000 people has only five county commissioners. Mecklenburg County near Charlotte has a population of 1,054,000 has nine commissioners. Five commissioners for Chatham County with our population of 72,000 is fine even with the expected amount of growth. Don't make an unnecessary change, especially one that will diminish your influence. Please don't expand the Board of Commissioners. Don't worsen the problem you are trying to fix. It is most likely to just be two more people from the eastern part of the county who will win the seats. During an at large race the over populated northeastern parts of the county will continue to cast many more votes than those in the west. How does that help with the under representation of the west? Thank you.

Alan Ross submitted the following comments:

I am really in support of what was just said. I have spent a lot of time looking at it as well. I was looking at a proposal that had been decided upon by a group of people. The best way to put it is they had the answer and they were trying to figure out the question. It ranged from the board isn't as big as Siler City's to we don't have anyone from Pittsboro or Siler City on the board but that is just a matter of running. They also said we are growing therefore you need more people. Buried in this was a proposal. There was a problem: the under representation of the west. If you expand the board from five to seven what you are going to do is create a larger bureaucracy and exacerbate the same problem you have today. There is an answer. Only people that live in the district can run in the district and only people that live in the district can vote in the district.

Maggie Pumphrey submitted the following comments:

My name is Maggie Pumphrey, and I'm an owner on Dollar Road. My property includes the little horse barn at the corner of Dollar and Half Dollar, and I'm here tonight to add my voice to those who are speaking against any plans to open Half Dollar Road to traffic from Briar Chapel. I'd like to quickly share a little anecdote with you about our neighborhood. When the Duke Energy folks last came by on one of their inspection tours, they got out of their trucks, looked up and down Dollar Road, and said simply 'Oh wow!' – in a good way! They went on to exclaim about the beauty of the place, with its gorgeous crop of mature trees lining both sides of the street, a trademark of this kind of older, 'traditional', no-sidewalk, Chatham neighborhood. This reaction is something we see over and over again from people who come into our community for the first time. It's a serene, slow-paced walking neighborhood that would quite simply be ruined by an increased volume of traffic through its streets.

At the same time, I must confess, I do like having a few restaurants and shops within a reasonable distance. I am not here to argue against development and growth, but simply to emphasize the need to strike a balance – protecting the integrity of traditional Chatham neighborhoods on the one hand, and supporting a reasonable progress on the other. When some of my neighbors were researching the Half Dollar proposal, they learned that in 2005 the Planning Board actually recommended against channeling traffic from Briar Chapel onto Half Dollar, presumably with this same hope of finding a better balance.

The point I want to make tonight is this: It is sometimes very difficult to find a middle ground between protection and progress because there are few options for compromise. But in the case of Briar Chapel and Half Dollar Road we are extremely lucky because we do have good alternatives for routing Briar Chapel traffic without sacrificing a traditional community, such as our wonderful neighborhood that borders Dollar Road.

In conclusion, I ask that you take these points into consideration and help us preserve our neighborhood when reviewing any upcoming traffic proposals. Thank you for your time.

Don Medlin submitted the following comments:

My name is Don Medlin and I live at 242 Half Dollar Road in North Chatham. At the last board meeting, you met my mother who has lived on the family farm for 86 years. We are here to continue a conversation with the Board. Briar Chapel has circulated a map with draft plans to develop Phase 12. I have provided a copy with added notes suggesting alternative options for access to the Great Ridge Parkway and no connection to Half Dollar Road. Neighbors presented the same information to the planning board on March 6th. NNP Briar Chapel, LLC is capable of extraordinary engineering to change any topography as demonstrated in the attached photographs. Briar Chapel can easily function without a connection to Half Dollar Road and provide access to the most important commuter link US highway 15-501. The Comprehensive 25 year Chatham County Plan highlights preserving the form and function of rural character. We are asking that our community be respected and preserved consistent with this stated vision while Briar Chapel contributes to the commercial tax base and generation of in-county jobs. In 2005, we attended a meeting where we were told Half Dollar Road would not be connected to Briar Chapel. We are asking for continued communication and an open forum for input.

Elizabeth Haddix submitted the following comments:

Together, Siler City and Chatham County gave Mountaire Farms, a multi-billion dollar poultry producer, a tax incentive package worth about \$2.3 million over the next six years. "Given the total economic impact, we believe that the proposed incentives are a very good investment for Chatham County," stated Kyle Touchstone, president of the Chatham Economic Development Corporation. "The impact on local sales tax revenues and property tax base also are very positive." Mountaire, a vertically integrated poultry producer and processor, had more than 2 billion dollars in sales in fiscal year 2015, and is number 214 on Forbes' list of largest private companies. Because it is a privately held company, Mountaire does not have to disclose its profits, and it does not. This past January, residents of Millsboro, DE asked Mountaire for information related to water pollution from chicken waste disposal from its plants. High levels of nitrates and fecal coliform led the state to investigate and issue a notice of violation in November 2017. Mountaire remains under investigation by Delaware's regulatory agency. Mountaire denies responsibility for the pollution. Notwithstanding that denial, the company is currently investing in corrections to its wastewater treatment system. And residents- most of whom are low-wealth people of color continue to seek information about the safety of their water. It is no surprise that Mountaire chose to locate in Siler City, where the average annual income is less than \$30,000. It is also no surprise that the residents who are losing their homes to make way from Mountaire are all people of color. Chatham County's elected leaders need to understand the legal import of that corporate choice. Besides the inevitable air and water pollution from these factories, industrial giants like Mountaire routinely externalize other social costs to the communities that live closest to them, including truck traffic, workplace injuries and damage to surrounding property values. We should not be giving them 2.3 million dollars in tax revenues that our community needs to begin to address those adverse impacts. And now, added to those impacts is the loss of these residents' homes and neighborhood. At a minimum, this Board should use its negotiations with Mountaire to produce fair compensation for those residents.

Katherine West submitted the following comments:

I live in Moncure. My concern is the proposal of going from five to seven members. I feel like my needs as a county resident are already compromised by a committee

whose members are primarily from northern Chatham County. I too feel like Terri. I want to know why you want to fix a problem that is not broken. My opinion is no. Keep it at five please. Thank you.

Vickie Russell submitted the following comments:

I was not planning to speak tonight because I have had little experience with the Chatham County Board. In some ways I feel your minds are made up before the meetings which makes the meetings seem like a waste of time. However, I hope tonight you will prove me wrong and restore my faith in our commissioners. I ask as a citizen that you do not make your decision on seven districts but leave it at five. The decision should not be made on being popular with your friends. Real friends are people who will respect you more if you perform your job in an honest way with thoughtfulness and wisdom. In the long run they are going to question your real loyalty if the occasion arises. Five commissioners are doing a good job and there is no need for more. We need to keep our government costs down and not raise them, which would require more burden to the taxpayer. I am presently reading a book and it put a burden on my heart for each one of you. I know you have a hard job but please remember you cannot please everyone. Even Jesus couldn't but he did the right things. The title of the book is "One Minute After You Die". It really has made me look at my life and my decisions in a different way. That is why I am here tonight because I had no faith in y'all. But the book made me realize I should give you a chance. So I am asking each one of you to consider one minute after you die, will you be blessed with your decision on changing it from five to seven or will you regret your decision? Thank you for your time.

Rosemary Lenten submitted the following comments:

I am from Siler City. As you consider the possibility of adding two at large seats to the Chatham County Board I urge you to approach that decision with justice, mercy, and honesty for all Chatham County citizens. Of course, I know you think that you are just. I ask you, where is justice when you attempt to add at large seats that will be backed by a very large number of voters from northeast Chatham? The net result of that is the two more at large seats will tilt the outcome of any election by using tactics that will increase the northeast control over all of Chatham County. At large seats are not representative of the will of the people. I frankly think you know that. The western part of Chatham County has very different issues than the rest of the county, including lower income and fewer jobs. We need representation from people who understand our problems. Quite frankly the people in the northeast do not. You are right about one thing, change is needed, but not the type that you are suggesting. Rather than pack the board with at large seats, we need district voting for all seats. Only district voting will ensure fair representation for all areas of the county. We want district voting that requires that each candidate for a certain district must live in that district and only residents who live in that district can vote for or against that candidate. The current proposal that you are considering does indeed require the candidate to live where he/she wishes to represent. Because the whole county can vote for that candidate he/she becomes a candidate at large and the outcome is tilted for the northeast once again. That is nothing less than a stacked deck. It smacks of dishonesty. I realize there is more growth in the northeast and I realize you are thinking we need more representation there. Really, the extra work that is created by that population could be achieved by hiring more staff rather than adding more commissioners that tilt the ballots. This so called non-partisan advisory committee to suggest how to best use at

large districts is nothing more than window dressing designed to hide the unfairness of your approach. Please, you may not realize it but it fools some of the people but not all of the people. Please be fair in your decision. Thank you.

Paul Powell submitted the following comments:

I live in Siler City and I appreciate the opportunity to address the commissioners. I am asking you not to increase the number of commissioners. My experience has been if you get past three people you have a hard time getting consensus and getting things done in a common sense fashion. You have five already so you are beyond that. I think it is a real challenge to get people to agree on something the more people that are involved. The larger a committee gets the more difficult it is. I feel that we are fairly well represented. I think things could be improved but right now things are such that from time to time people shift their support so one group has a majority on the board and then later on another political view point will have a majority. I think that is good. The extreme right and the extreme left never is where we need to be. Somewhere in the middle is where we need to be. The only way you get that is with a change and a shift of who is in control. If you truly want to have good representation, and I assume that is what you are claiming, then you need to go to districts where only people who live in those districts vote for the representative of that district. That way you get true representation. Again, I say keep the number of commissioners where you've got it. Don't add to it because the more people you get the more complicated it gets.

Terry Schmidt submitted the following comments:

My name is Terry Schmidt. I live at 128 Serenity Ln, Pittsboro- between Pittsboro and Siler City. I am here to speak against expanding the number of Chatham County Board of Commissioners. First, let's look at the numbers. Comparing the Chatham County Board representation against our neighboring counties, only three of the eight- Wake, Lee, and Orange - have more than five commissioners. Perhaps that makes sense for Wake, a county with almost 15 times the population of Chatham County. Across the state of North Carolina, the average number of commissioners is five. Some have six, some have seven, but mostly five.

Comparing how many citizens are represented by each commissioner in neighboring counties with Chatham County, one finds that:

- Chatham's five commissioners each represent about 12,800 persons in the county*
- Orange County's seven commissioners each represent about 19,800 persons*
- Wake's seven commissioners each represent about 133,000 persons*
- The average representation per commissioner across the state is about 15,572 persons, which means that Chatham commissioners currently have 18 percent fewer persons per commissioner than North Carolina averages.*

So, the argument that more commissioners are needed to represent our county's population is wrong based on numbers. These numbers do not justify an expansion of the Board of Commissioners. Second, let's look at how this proposal would support the county's long-range plan, as recently adopted by you, the current Commissioners. Over the last two years, Chatham County undertook a large effort to understand what the county should look like for the next few decades. Preserving rural character was identified as the most important goal during the planning process. Expanding the number of commissioners as is currently under discussion does nothing to assist in

preserving rural character; in fact, it contributes to its decline.

Here is why County commissioners, while required to reside in one of five geographic districts, are voted on by the entire county. That means the larger urban population in the northeast elects commissioners who reside in more rural areas. Votes of those in the rural south and west are not worth as much as those in the northeast when voting for Commissioners. Instead of adding Commissioners, a better approach for organizing our County Commission would be to have Commissioners voted on only by those in their district. That would bring increased representation to the southern and western portions of the county, prevent their voices from being overwhelmed by the more populous areas of the northeast County, and would support the long-range plan which this Commission approved.

Jeffrey Starkweather submitted the following comments:

I have been in this county covering, participating, running campaigns for forty-six years. I have pretty good experience of what the pros and cons of the various ways are. I have no dog in this fight. I am leaving to go back home to California in July. I will not be here for another election so it has no effect on me. I think to approach the issue the people in the west have raised, I think it is important to remind ourselves that we actually had a referendum on district voting back in 2006. It was overwhelmingly defeated. At that time, I was against it because I felt it was important that every commissioner who ran for office had to campaign in the whole county. But I understand the concerns people are raising. Myself and a lot of other people came up with the idea that maybe we need a mixed system. Maybe five elected by districts and two at large or four by districts and three at large. In fact, Brian Bock, who was a Republican candidate ran on that platform. A lot of commissioners run on that but they have never implemented it. I think the way to address this is to select a non-partisan commission that will look at all the alternatives. Both the size of the board, how they get selected and the election. I think the biggest problem we have had is actually the opposite of what has been said, which was we kept switching back and forth every off year election between a majority of one group and a majority of the other. That majority could vote entirely their way without listening to anybody else. I think we take our time with this. In the 2020 census, these districts will be dramatically changed. The best way is to look at all the approaches, encourage people speaking tonight to get on the committee and come back not necessarily with one recommendation but with the pros and cons of each system. I am not saying we need to change but I think it is time with our county growing so much that we look at the alternatives. Thank you.

Larry Mortimer submitted the following comments:

My input today on the expansion on the county commissioners is really pretty simplistic. Having lived Douglas County in Colorado and in Illinois, I come from the school that less is actually more. In this particular situation, patience might be the better way to go. A lot is going to happen in the next couple of years. The county commissioners have a lot of responsibility. A lot is going to happen in the next two or three years. Five commissioners can get a lot more done and be a lot more efficient than seven. There might be a point in time when expansion is necessary but at least in the other counties I have lived in, you are not going to go back. If you go too quick to seven commissioners I think you might regret it. My point of view is just to be a little patient. Maybe revisit it in two to three years and you will find the way to do it and

how to do it. I think in this particular situation and with everything that the county is going through, there really shouldn't be an immediate need for expansion. Patience might be the better way to go. I think five commissioners can really lead this county and accomplish what needs to be done over the next couple of years.

Lee Pollard submitted the following comments:

I have lived in Chatham County twenty-one years and own a small business. I am not going to say anything that hasn't been said already. I actually have my hat in a few of these rings. I used to live over here in a Chatham subdivision and I agree with them whole-heartedly. The answer is not to let Briar Chapel to make a cut through there. They already have a road going from Mann's Chapel into Briar Chapel. It is a gravel road. Pave it. The answer is no to that. As for the expansion of the Board of Commissioners than answer is not more government. It should be more effective and more efficient government. Right now, with the northeast over population, all that is going to do is further lower the effect and the results for the western part of the county. I don't even live in the western part of the county but I go there frequently. The over population here is going to tend to alienate those folks who are, for the most part, lower income and more blue collar than this area. Their ideals are not the ideals of the northeast.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

[18-2536](#)

A Legislative Public Hearing request by Richard Broedell, Sr. to rezone Parcel No. 5576, being 5.92 acres, Cape Fear Township, located on New Elam Church Road, from R-1 Residential to Light Industrial.

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

Planning Director Jason Sullivan reviewed the specifics of the request.

Patrick Bradshaw, attorney for applicant, reviewed the details of the rezoning.

This Agenda Item was referred to the Planning Board.

BOARD PRIORITIES

[18-2520](#)

Presentation by Johnson Mobile Home Park Residents.

Attachments: [Chatham Commissioners statement 03.19.18 HANDOUT](#)

Ilana Dubester, founder and Executive Director of the Hispanic Liaison, read a statement to the Board. (Statement attached) Ms. Dubester invited residents of Johnson's Mobile Home Park to address the Board.

Good evening, my name is Brisel Rangel. My family and I live at Johnson's Mobile Home Park, in lot 10. We have been there for four years and my family owns their trailer. There are 28 mobile homes at Johnson's Mobile Home Park, with over 50 children and 60 adults. I have grown up with many of the children there. Mountaire buying the property on which our mobile homes sit is affecting every family, including

expect us to consume? What guarantees are there that they will not be mistreated just as the residents of the Johnson Mobile Home Park? We want to be clear about one thing. If we don't arrive to a just agreement, we are not going to abandon our homes and we are also not going to pay anything. We are the example we are going to set for our children. We have to show them that they can't have their civil rights walked all over because of being Hispanic. It doesn't matter how big our rival can be, they can also be defeated. In a few months we have to abandon our homes because Mountaire bought this property. We are not people with a lot of means. We need help to be able to find a healthy place and a reasonably priced place for our families. That is why we are here today, to ask for your help with this grave situation. I implore that you approve this proposal of the Hispanic Liaison to help our families. Our future is in your hands. We trust in the Hispanic Liaison. They have helped us a lot but they also need your help to resolve this situation. We are desperate to solve this situation. Thank you for your attention.

Ms. Dubester asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak. Several people spoke in support of the residents of Johnson Mobile Home Park and in support of the Hispanic Liaison's proposal. There was concern about the incentive package given to Mountaire Farms as well as the lack of affordable housing in the county. People expressed their faith and trust in the Board of Commissioners to do whatever it can to help these residents.

Chair Hales gave the Mountaire Farms representative an opportunity to speak, which he declined.

Commissioner Howard stated Mountaire needs to work with the County to right this situation.

Commissioner Crawford stated he voted for the tax incentives and he stands behind that decision but he does want to see these residents helped. He asked staff to look into whether or not the Johnson Mobile Home Park property is part of the county incentive package.

Chair Hales stated it is a dire situation. She asked that the County Manager work with Mountaire to continue the negotiations.

The Board directed staff to work with the Hispanic Liaison to find out what the County can do to help in the form of housing assistance.

[18-2503](#)

Discussion on the expansion of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners.

Attachments: [Commissioner Petty Comments for 03.19.2018](#)

Commissioner Crawford expressed his support for the expansion of the Board. He stated expanding the Board will allow for smaller districts which means there would be responsive representation for all of Chatham County. He believes it would be a smoother transition to add the seats now instead of after the 2020 Census. He believes expanding the Board could also accomodate growth. He also believes more hands make better work.

Commissioner Crawford made a motion to expand the Chatham County Board of Commissioners and set up a task force of nine members made up of residents of

Chatham County to explore all options available to the citizens of Chatham County regarding new county commissioner districts and methods of their election, which would include, but not be limited to, district only voting, at large representation, continuation of the current method of election and/or some combination thereof.

Chair Hales asked if she could make a friendly amendment to the motion to include a task force of nine registered voters.

Commissioner Crawford stated he had another motion about the makeup of the committee. The motion was to request that the new task force related to Chatham County Board expansion be filled as follows, the Chatham County Democratic Party and the Chatham County Republican Party shall elect two members at their next convention and/or executive committee meeting to serve on the committee with the remaining five slots on the task for to be filled by appointment by each County Commissioner.

Commissioner Howard requested to make a friendly amendment to Commissioner Crawford's first motion. Instead of a motion to expand the County Board she asked he make a motion to establish a task force to consider the expansion of the County Board. She suggested the task force be managed by the School of Government or the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners to help arrive at a recommendation.

Commissioner Crawford accepted Commissioner Howard's friendly amendment. Commissioner Howard seconded the motion.

The Clerk read the comments of Commissioner Walter Petty in regards to the expansion of the board in his absence. (Comments attached)

Vice Chair Dasher expressed his skepticism of expanding the Board and his equal level of skepticism in regards to district voting. He likes that he can get an email or a phone call from someone outside of his district and their concerns are just as important as the people of his own district. He supports the idea of forming a task force to explore the different possibilities.

Chair Hales also supports the formation of a task force with the caveat that members be registered Chatham County voters.

Commissioner Howard too expressed doubts about district voting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, to set up a task force of nine members made up of residents of Chatham County to explore all options available to the citizens of Chatham County regarding potentially new County Commissioner districts and methods of their election, which would include, but not be limited to, district only voting; at-large representation; a continuation of the current method of election; and/or some combination thereof. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Crawford, Chair Hales, Vice Chair Dasher and Commissioner Howard

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Petty

Commissioner Crawford read again his second motion. Motion to request that the new task force related to County Board expansion be filled as follows: the Chatham County

Democratic Party and the Chatham County Republican Party shall each select two members at their next convention and/or executive committee meeting to serve on the committee with the remaining five slots on the task force to be filled by appointment by each County Commissioner.

Commissioner Crawford stated the Board could add Chair Hales' request for members to be registered voters.

Commissioner Howard requested that there be some requirements for political and geographic diversity within the task force.

Commissioner Howard seconded the motion.

Chair Hales asked to modify the motion to state that the two members from each party are not members of the executive committee. Commissioner Crawford would not accept that friendly amendment.

Vice Chair Dasher stated he does not support the makeup of the task force in the current motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, to request that the new task force related to County Board expansion be filled as follows: the Chatham County Democratic Party and the Chatham County Republican Party shall each select two members at their next convention and/or executive committee meeting to serve on the committee with the remaining five slots on the task force to be filled by appointment by each County Commissioner. Each member shall be a registered voter in Chatham County and there should be political and geographic diversity within the task force. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 1 - Commissioner Crawford

No: 3 - Chair Hales, Vice Chair Dasher and Commissioner Howard

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Petty

The commissioners discussed the possible methodology for appointments to the task force.

Chair Hales suggested the Board appoint three Democrats, three Republicans and three Unaffiliated voters.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Dasher, seconded by Commissioner Howard, to appoint nine registered voters in Chatham County through a public application process consisting of three Democrats, three Republicans and three Unaffiliated voters in consultation with the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Crawford, Chair Hales, Vice Chair Dasher and Commissioner Howard

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Petty

Commissioner Crawford made a motion to request that the task force make its first report to the County Board of Commissioners at the first Board of Commissioners meeting in July of 2018. Vice Chair Dasher seconded the motion.

Vice Chair Hales expressed her concern with the timeline. The Clerk stated the Board

could appoint the task force at the May 7, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Vice Chair Dasher, to request that the task force make its first report to the County Board of Commissioners at the first Board of Commissioners meeting in July of 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Commissioner Crawford, Vice Chair Dasher and Commissioner Howard

No: 1 - Chair Hales

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Petty

MANAGER' S REPORTS

The Manager had nothing to report.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Crawford stated the Siler City Planning Board approved the Henry Siler School rezoning.

Commissioner Howard thanked Community Relations Director Debra Henzey for helping the Library Advisory Committee establish goals.

Chair Hales attended a meeting on the Census. The Census will be held on one day and through the internet only. She also attended the initial meeting of the Oil and Gas Commission. Appointments from the Governor have not been seated.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Crawford, Chair Hales, Vice Chair Dasher and Commissioner Howard

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Petty



Chatham County, NC

Meeting Minutes

Board of Commissioners

Monday, April 16, 2018

6:00 PM

Historic Courthouse Courtroom

Work Session - 2:30 PM - Historic Courthouse Courtroom

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

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Larry Ballas submitted the following comments:

I am in favor of increasing the number of Board members to seven. I would like to see us go to districts. I think it would allow the person who is representative of that district to interact more with people in that district. Right now, since you all represent the whole county it is a little difficult for an individual who lives in that district to actually represent the people in that district. I would support five commissioner districts and two at large seats. I see advantages to that with the interaction with the public. The interaction I get with you guys is when I come up to you guys. I don't get a report back from what the commissioners do. I also wanted to mention parks. I think as the county grows parks are going to be very critical to a lot of people. I don't know the best way to approach this. Parks need to be some place where people are in order to have them be used efficiently. I think they should be closer to population centers. I don't know what you want to put in the parks. Every park probably has a ball field and trails but can we try to think of something unique we can do in the parks that would attract people. Perhaps bus service to the parks. I would like to see more access for people who are disadvantaged. I know there is a meeting coming up in a couple of weeks about the parks but I think there is a real need for people who are not necessarily representative of those areas. Could you put a senior center, community center or meeting center at a park, similar to Bond Park in Cary? We do have people that need places to go and I think this is an opportunity to do it right.

BOARD PRIORITIES

[18-2580](#)

Receive and vote on a request by the Hispanic Liaison for \$10,000 to help assist the Johnson Mobile Home Park residents.

Attachments: [Proposal to Chatham County 04.16.18](#)
[Johnson's Chatham Contract Budget 04.16.18](#)

Hispanic Liaison Director Ilana Dubester thanked the Board for their help and for their

MANAGER' S REPORTS

Chair Hales stated Chatham County received eleven Safety Awards for 2017 including six gold awards and five silver awards. She believes these awards say a lot about how the County conducts business.

The County Manager asked the Board permission to send letter to Pittsboro Mayor Cindy Perry. Commissioner Howard expressed her desire for more time to digest and consider the elements outlined by the letter. After some discussion the County Manager suggested putting this on the May 7th agenda with a new version of the letter and a presentation.

The County Manager asked the Board how much public input and what type of public input they would like for the BOC Election Task Force meetings. After some discussion the commissioners agreed they would like a public input period at the meetings and for the meetings to be held in different locations throughout the county. Commissioner Petty asked if the Board could move the appointments to the Task Force to the May 21st meeting as he will not be able to attend the May 7th meeting. The Board agreed to move the appointments to the May 21st meeting.

The County Manager said Davie County asked to use Chatham's Opioid Costing model developed by Casey Hilliard of the Health Department. The Detention Center just passed another inspection without any deficiencies. Siler City received \$600,000 for the water treatment plant. There are no commissioner one on ones on April 20th. There will be budget one on ones on May 3rd and May 4th.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Crawford stated the state is coming forward with a infrastructure master plan and he has copies provided by the TJCOG. A business in the County, MAS McCrary, is applying for an export processing zone or a foreign trade zone. They are also hiring new employees. If approved, they will be the first business in the county with that designation.

Commissioner Howard attended the Central Carolina Community Board, the former OPC, with Debra Henzey last week. There will be a survey to identify individuals eligible for innovations grant or innovations waiver. The Chatham Arts Council had their Clydefest last weekend. The Partnership for Children had their Jordan Lake twelve hour run.

Chair Hales stated the Jordan Lake trash pontoon tour is coming up for other local governments in the area. The School of Government had a legislative zoning workshop and she found it very informative. The Jordan Lake Partnership agreement should be coming soon.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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