

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 07, 2006

The Board of Commissioners (“the Board”) of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, met in the Agricultural Building Auditorium, 45 South Street, located in Pittsboro, North Carolina, at 9:00 AM on August 07, 2006.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

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

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The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 9:02 AM.

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AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

Commissioner Cross asked that Item #5, Consideration of a request to adopt the Records Retention and Disposition Schedule for County Management, be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda for discussion.

Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda with the noted request as follows:

1. **Minutes:** Consideration of a request for approval of Board Minutes for regular meeting held July 17, 2006, work session held July 17, 2006, and regular meeting (continued) July 18, 2006, and work session held July 18, 2006

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

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

A. Big Horn Drive

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

3. **Tax Collector’s Annual Settlement and Order of Collection:** Consideration of a request to approve the Annual Settlement and Order of Collection, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

4. **Tax Releases and Refunds:** Consideration of a request to approve tax releases and tax refunds, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

- ~~5. **Records Retention and Disposition Schedule for County Management:** Consideration of a request to adopt the Records Retention and Disposition Schedule for County Management, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.~~

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda for discussion.

6. **Work First Success Committee:** Consideration of a request to appoint members to the Work First Success Committee and to appoint Board of Commissioners' representative as follows:

Cindy Snipes – DSS – Work First Program
Sandy Coletta – DSS – Work First Program
John Scotton – Vocational Rehabilitation
Connie McAdams – Child Care Networks
Helen Stoval – Chatham Transit Network
Carol Bradford – CCCC
Jeff McKay – Caring Family Network
Jo Sanders – Family Violence
Sarah Woodruff – ESC
Steve Farley – JOCCA
Heidi Matthews – DSS – Child Support Unit
Sharon Lee – DSS – Children's Services Section
Betty Wilson – DSS Board
Keisha Hinton – Health Department
Carrie Lawrence-Magnuson – Hope Meadows
George Gregor-Holt – Chatham Schools
Jan Wren – Chatham County Chamber of Commerce

Sandy Coletta – Board of Commissioners' Representative

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

7. **Grants Fund Acceptance for Domestic Violence Officer:** Consideration of a request to accept funds for a domestic violence officer

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

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Lynn Clegg, 1278 Old Sanford Road, Moncure, NC, stated that he lives on the Old Sanford Road approximately three and one-half miles south of Pittsboro; that he wanted to speak with regard to a water problem in that area and the chance that the County will put water in that area; that they have been told on several occasions that this would be done; that it has been worked on since 1995 when the Water Committee told them that if they would canvas the community, get the names of people who would like to have water in that area, that there was a possibility that water could be run in that area; that they have had no response; that later, the 3M Company located in their area; that they were told that they would get

water on the Old Sanford Road, Chatham Church Road as it would come from Pittsboro down the Sanford Road by their house and in to 3M; that he doesn't know why this was not done; that 3M ended up getting water from Sanford; that there has been a bond referendum for Southwest and Southeast Chatham County, and for Silk Hope; that at this time, they were told that they should vote for the bond for Southeast Chatham County as it would include the Old Sanford Road and Chatham Church Road; that this passed and the project is now being done; that it comes to the Chatham Church which leads to the Sanford Road, turns and goes out Pete Roberson Road for 1 7/10 miles for only six people on the road; that the Chatham Church Road has forty-five residents and one church; that the Old Sanford Road (1 7/10 miles) has forty-five residents plus ten who live on private roads off of that road; that the Pete Roberson Road (1 6/10 miles) and has only six residences; that it does, however, have a housing development on it; that they have petitioned people in the community; that forty-five people have signed up for water service; that they feel like they have not been done right by the County; that they have been promised water over and over which has not come to fruition; that if the Southeast project does not include their area of the County, they would like the County to supplement that project and add enough money to put water in those two areas of the County.

The Chairman gave an update on the water in this area.

Commissioner Outz stated that he felt that it would be a good idea for the County Manager or his representative to write a letter to each poultry company in the County with contact information in case they needed water including availability sites.

George Lucier, 628 Red Bud, Pittsboro, NC, on behalf of Carl Thompson, Commissioner-elect, District 5, Tom Vanderbeck, Commissioner-elect District 4, and himself, Commissioner-elect, District 3, stated that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners has apparently agreed to spend \$32 million to obtain water from Harnett County, including \$8.7 million to upgrade Harnett's water treatment plant; that just this year, the current Board has already transferred \$5 million from the fund balance to accommodate the Harnett County option; that there is no eminent or catastrophic emergency that constitutes a rush to make a decision; that this is particularly true when one considers that there are \$32 million of taxpayer monies at stake, that there appears to be no strategic business plan, no cost/benefit analysis, and more viable options may be available; that the use of large sums of taxpayer monies requires the benefit of open dialog and public input; that to move forward without these critical discussions would be fiscally irresponsible; that the following are some of the points that need to be considered before the Commissioners make any contractual agreements to purchase water from Harnett County; that these points are based on numerous interviews that they have conducted with County water officials, experts, and contractors over the last two months: 1) Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates, the consulting firm that provides advice to the County on water supply issues, estimates that an upgrade of the current water intakes (with Cary) and water treatment plant on Jordan Lake supply an average of six million gallons per day for a total cost of eleven million dollars; that it is estimated that this would provide an adequate water supply for at least ten years; that Jordan Lake is mostly in Chatham County and that it should be taken advantage of. 2) The County could begin immediately to request an increased water allocation from Jordan Lake to provide for water needs beyond the year 2016; that increasing the allocation to 10-12 million gallons per day should provide the County with an adequate water supply far into the future; that the citizens have not been presented any evidence that this increased allocation would not be approved given the obvious growth pressure the County will continue to face. 3) The County could begin immediately to explore a regional water supply with Pittsboro, Siler City, and Goldston as well as OWASA, Durham and other interested parties; that increased participation would mean a greater chance of an increase in the Jordan Lake allocation at a much lower cost. 4) The current water supply problems have been caused by massive and unconditional approvals of new developments without adequate attention to infrastructure needs; that water and school construction problems are the most prominent examples of the current board majority's "development at any cost" approach.

He urged the Board to not approve any contracts with Harnett County until the citizens of the County have an opportunity to provide input on an issue that is extraordinarily important for their quality of life and their pocketbooks; that any decision concerning plans to meet the long-term water supply

problems should be a decision of the new board who will come into office in December.

Water for Poultry Farmers:

Roy Lowder, Utilities Director, explained that water for poultry farmers is available from two sources, Harper's Crossroads and Bonlee Waste Management sites; that at that time, the high service pump at Gulf-Goldston which supplies the water for those two areas was out of service; that they had limited access to water; that water from Siler City has always been limited due to gravity feed; that with a gravity feed line, they are limited in the amount of water they can get; that once he receives word from Russell Underwood that they have the high-service pump repaired at Gulf-Goldston, service will resume there.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MATTERS

Public Hearing:

Public Hearing To Convey Land in the Central Carolina Business Campus: Public hearing to receive public comments on the conveyance of land in the Central Carolina Business Campus, owned by Chatham County, for an economic development project pursuant to NCGS 158-7.1, one tract known as Tract 17 to the State of North Carolina and one tract known as Tract 6 to the Board of Trustees of the Central Carolina Community College

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments.

There was no one present who wished to make public comments.

The Chairman closed the floor for public comments.

Consideration of a request to adopt **Resolution Authorizing the Conveyance of Property to the Board of Trustees of Central Carolina Community College**

Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to adopt **Resolution #2006-39 Authorizing the Conveyance of Property to the Board of Trustees of Central Carolina Community College**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Consideration of a request to adopt **Resolution Authorizing the Conveyance of Property to the State of North Carolina**

Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to adopt **Resolution #2006-40 Authorizing the Conveyance of Property to the State of North Carolina**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Emerson asked that the public be made aware of the available jobs in the hospital.

A letter is to be sent to Secretary George Sweat, North Carolina Secretary of the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, apprising him of this request.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Nursing Home Committee: Consideration of a request to appoint members to the Nursing Home Committee, one by each Commissioner and the full Board

Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to reappoint John Cooper, PO Box 1096, Pittsboro, NC, to the Nursing Home Committee. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Chairman Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to reappoint Elizabeth Edwards, 335

E. Eleventh Street, Siler City, NC, to the Nursing Home Committee. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Outz moved, seconded by Commissioner Emerson, to reappoint Ray Gooch, PO Box 795, Pittsboro, NC, to the Nursing Home Committee. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Barnes moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to reappoint Commissioner Barnes Harris, 8553 US #421 South, Bear Creek, NC, to the Nursing Home Committee. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Cross moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to reappoint Thelma Turner, PO Box 10, Goldston, NC, to the Nursing Home Committee. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to reappoint Betty Harris Lambert, 1160 Bill Lambert Road, Bear Creek, NC, as the full Board's appointment to the Nursing Home Committee. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

Records Retention and Disposition Schedule for County Management: Consideration of a request to adopt the Records Retention and Disposition Schedule for County Management, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Commissioner Cross stated that he would like to make certain that the recordings are maintained back to the year 2002.

Commissioner Cross moved, seconded by Commissioner Emerson, to approve the Records Retention and Disposition Schedule for County Management, and that the Board of Commissioners' recordings be kept for a complete four-year election cycle. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Capturing Hispanic Revenue Leakage-Rural Counties:

Commissioner Cross referenced an e-mail that he had received with regard to identifying ways to prevent revenue loss and subsequent small business development opportunities for Latinos in Chatham County. He stated that an Economic Impact Study of Latinos in North Carolina was released in January by the Kenan-Flagler Business School; that one of the authors, Dr. Jim Johnson, is interested in doing further research to find out how rural counties can capture the revenue losses the study identified. He stated that the study will cost each participating county \$8,250; and that they hope Chatham County will be interested in participating.

After discussion, it was decided that this issue should be forwarded to the Economic Development Commission for discussion.

Chatham Living Magazine:

Chairman Morgan thanked R. V. Hight, Special Projects Editor of *The Sanford Herald*, for his efforts and outstanding work done on the *Chatham Living Magazine* highlighting Chatham County.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Barnes moved, seconded by Chairman Morgan, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0), and the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM.

Bunkey Morgan, Chairman

ATTEST:

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