Chatham County, NC

Meeting Minutes

Board of Commissioners

Monday, November 18, 2019

Rollcall

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

Work Session - 1:30 PM - Historic Courthouse Courtroom

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

No one signed up to speak.

BOARD PRIORITIES

19-3314 Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Annual Update

Attachments:  AnnualUpdate2019_Infographic
Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Yearly Report 2019
2019 AHAC Annual Report

Stephanie Watkins-Cruz introduced the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) Chair Susan Levy, Vice Chair Richard Poole and Erica Brown from TJCOG. Ms. Levy gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached)

Vice Chair Hales asked if the landlord incentives will be focused on repair or will it just be to accept vouchers. Ms. Levy said she understands this program is primarily for landlords to take on renters but clearly the quality of the housing needs to be good.

Vice Chair Hales asked if this includes mobile homes. Ms. Watkins-Cruz said not directly. The County doesn't want to block that but it is important to increase the diversity of affordable housing. Mobile homes already make up a large portion of the affordable housing in the county.

Commissioner Crawford asked about the $13,000 security deposit assistance the County gave three years ago to the Housing Authority and the number assisted this year. Ms. Watkins-Cruz said that data was collected from the Salvation Army. She believes it is probably a combination of limited funds, awareness of the program and also qualifying for the programs. Commissioner Crawford would like to see cumulative numbers of how many households are being served or have been served. Ms. Brown
said she would follow up with the Housing Authority.

Commissioner Howard asked if the Farm at Penny Lane is a model. Ms. Levy said it is a great model.

19-3307 Receive Library Advisory Committee Annual Report

Attachments:  LibraryAnnualReport2018-19

Library Advisory Committee Member Don Knowles gave the committee’s annual report to the Board. (Report attached)

Commissioner Howard asked where the committee is with the needs assessment. Mr. Knowles said they have a draft. They would like to hire a professional library consultant to assist. Commissioner Howard asked if there is a service available from the state library to assist. Library Director Linda Clarke said there are grants through the state library. There would be some matching funds from the County.

Vice Chair Hales asked if the committee had any thoughts about another satellite library or services. Ms. Clarke said transportation always comes up as an issue. The Library has expanded its outreach services to senior living facilities and long term care facilities.

Chair Dasher suggested the County may be able to co-locate libraries into new schools.

19-3302 Sustainable Agriculture Program Highlights & Prospects

Attachments:  BOC Meeting 2019 - Roos

Cooperative Extension Agent Debbie Roos gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached)

Ms. Roos said she had been approached about having the state beekeeping workshop at the Agriculture and Conference Center but they decided not to come to Pittsboro because of lack of hotels.

Vice Chair Hales asked if Ms. Roos and her department were linked to the Convention and Visitors Bureau webpage. Ms. Roos said she would check with CVB Director Neha Shah.

19-3310 Receive request from Main Street Pittsboro for funding for a Pittsboro-Chatham County Visitors Center in downtown Pittsboro.

Attachments:  PPT Presentation (2)

Welcome Center County Presentation Combined Package 2019 11 07 v2

Maria Parker-Lewis with Main Street Pittsboro gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached)
Vice Chair Hales asked if they will rent this building. Ms. Parker-Lewis said they would be renting.

Commissioner Howard stated this is a great idea and a good use of the property. She thinks a County presence would be essential.

Chair Dasher asked what the staffing would look like. Ms. Parker-Lewis said they hope to have a paid position working 30 hours a week. They also want to have volunteers.

Vice Chair Hales asked if those hours would include weekends. Ms. Parker-Lewis said it would most likely be Tuesday through Saturday because many downtown businesses are closed on Sunday and Monday.

Commissioner Crawford asked if the $16,000 is a one time request. Ms. Parker-Lewis said yes.

County Manager Dan LaMontagne stated the County’s contingency fund has taken quite a hit this year already. The County didn’t budget for this and staff would prefer that this be a budget request for next year.

Ms. Parker-Lewis stated they need a commitment in 2019 in order to do the renovations. Mr. LaMontagne asked if they need a commitment or do they need the funds. Ms. Parker-Lewis said they need the funds. Commissioner Howard asked about the timeline. Ms. Parker-Lewis said they want to start renovations in December. Michael Fiocco said they would need the $16,000 by February so that they could occupy the space in March.

Chair Dasher suggested that staff identify any potential unused funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, to direct staff to identify funds to support the request for $16,000 for a Visitors Center in Pittsboro. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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**19-3313**

**Update on Collaborative Impact Teams**

**Attachments:**  [Currently in CIT World 11.18BOCUpdate](#)

Policy Analyst Stephanie Watkins-Cruz gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached)

County Manager Dan LaMontagne thanked Ms. Watkins-Cruz for all the work she has done with the CITs.

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**19-3301**

Vote on a request to approve a resolution calling for a special referendum on the Article 46 local option sales tax.

**Attachments:**  [Article 46 referendum resolution](#)

Budget Analyst Darrell Butts reviewed the specifics of the request.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hales, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, that Resolution #2019-52 Calling for March 3, 2020 Special Advisory
Referendum Concerning the Levy of a One-Quarter Cent (1/4) County Sales and Use Tax, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Commissioner Wilkie

Vote on a request to approve a resolution stating the Board of Commissioners intended use of Article 46 local option sales tax funds upon a successful advisory referendum

Attachments: Article 46 intended use referendum

Budget Analyst Darrell Butts reviewed the specific of the request.

A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, that Resolution #2019-53 Confirming the Intended Use of Additional Sales Tax Funds if the Voters of the County Approve a One-Quarter Cent (1/4) County Sales and Use, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A request by the Planning Department to schedule a Legislative Public Hearing for January 21, 2020 to consider an amendment to the Chatham County Comprehensive Plan.

Attachments: ChathamCounty-Final Report_2017_12_08reducedfilesizeagain 138

Planning Director Jason Sullivan reviewed the specifics of the request.

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

A request by the Planning Department to schedule a legislative public hearing for January 21st, 2020 to consider amendments to the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance; specifically, Section 7.2 Definitions; Section 8.1 Relationship of Building to Lot; Section 10.13 Table of Permitted Uses; Section 17.1 Procedure; and Section 17.2 Plans.

Attachments: Ordinance Amendments Redline

Planning Director Jason Sullivan asked the Board if there was anything it would like to add to the proposed changes.
Vice Chair Hales asked staff to add that Boat and RV Storage would require a conditional use permit.

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

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

Discuss applications and vote on the appointment of the alternate to the Board of Equalization and Review.

The Board discussed the applications received for the alternate vacancy on the Board of Equalization and Review. The Board agreed to appoint Dave McKay to the BOER.

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

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

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

End of Work Session

Regular Session - 6:00 PM - Historic Courthouse Courtroom

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

INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Dasher asked everyone to pause for a moment of silence after which he invited everyone present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dasher welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA and CONSENT AGENDA

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

Vote on a request to approve the September 16, 2019 Work and Regular Session Minutes and the October 7, 2019 Regular Session Minutes.

Attachments: Draft Minutes 09.16.2019
Draft Minutes 10.07.2019

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

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

Vote on a request to approve a legislative request by Warren Mitchell dba Hwy 64 Boat & RV Storage for an amendment to the Conditional District Regional Business zoning district to revise the existing site plan on Parcel No. 17891, located at 13144 US 64 E; revise the uses to remove boat, trailer, and other utility vehicle sales and service facility; and relocate the approved mini warehouse storage facility on the project site.

Attachments: More information from the Planning Department website

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that Resolution #2019-54 Adopting a Consistency Statement for the Approval of a Revision to the CD-RB Zoning Specifically to the Site Plan of Hwy 64 Boat and RV Storage, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that this Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of Chatham County, Specifically the Approved Site Plan for Warren Mitchell dba Hwy 64 Boat and RV Storage, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Vote on a request to approve a quasi-judicial request by Ernest Clemons for a conditional use permit revision on Parcel No. 19508, located at 1711 Farrington Point Rd., to add the additional use of retail stores and personal service shops similar to those listed dealing in direct consumer and personal services.

Attachments: More information from the Planning Department website
A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that Resolution #2019-55 Approving a Revision to a Conditional Use Permit Request by Ernest Clemons, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**19-3227**

Vote on a request to approve a Legislative request by Ernest Clemons to amend the language in the Watershed Protection Ordinance, Section 302(D)(1)(e), to add the use of “retail stores and personal service shops similar to those listed dealing in direct consumer and personal services”.

**Attachments:** More information from the Planning Department website

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that this Ordinance Amending the Watershed Protection Ordinance of Chatham County, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**19-3228**

Vote on a request to approve a quasi-judicial request by For Garden’s Sake Nursery & Landscaping for a conditional use permit revision on Parcel No. 19644, located at 9197 NC 751 Hwy, to add the additional use of Event Center Limited.

**Attachments:** More information from the Planning Department website

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that Resolution #2019-56 Approving a Revision to a Conditional Use Permit Request by For Garden’s Sake Nursery and Landscaping, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**19-3291**

Vote on a request to approve by F-L Legacy Owner, LLC for subdivision Final Plat approval of The Legacy at Jordan Lake - Phase 4A3, consisting of 34 lots on 8.38 acres, located off SR-1716, Big Woods Road, parcel #92463.

**Attachments:** More information from the Planning department website

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:** 5 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Wilkie

**19-3292**

Vote on a request to approve by F-L Legacy Owner, LLC for subdivision Final Plat approval of The Legacy at Jordan Lake - Phase 6A2,
consisting of 27 lots on 11.64 acres, located off SR-1716, Big Woods Road, parcel #17378.

**Attachments:** More information from the Planning department website

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:** 5 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Wilkie

19-3271 Vote on a request to approve $16,461 Title X funds for the Family Planning Program FY 19-20.

**Attachments:** $16,461 Family Planning AA Addl Funds

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:** 5 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Wilkie

19-3285 Vote on a request to appoint Tammy Kirkman, Jonathan E. Lindley, and Bryan Phillips as Deputy Finance Officers for the purpose of signing inmate trust account checks

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:** 5 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Wilkie

19-3318 Vote on a request to appoint Saundra Nettles to the Board of Equalization and Review

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

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

19-3286 Vote on a request to approve the Debt Write-Off in the amount of $52,428.02 for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

**Attachments:** Copy of Bad Debt Write Off 17-18

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:** 5 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Wilkie
Vote on a request to approve Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget Amendments

**Attachments:**  
[Budget Amendment 2019-2020 Nov]

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that the Budget Amendments, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:**  5  
Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Wilkie

Vote on a request to approve Tax Releases and Refunds

**Attachments:**  
[October 2019 Release and Refund Report]  
[October 2019 NCVTS Pending Refund Report]  
[October 2019 Manual NCVTS Pending Refund Report]

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

Vote on a request to adopt a Resolution Declaring Property Surplus and Authorizing the Conveyance of Property to Chatham Habitat for Humanity

**Attachments:**  
[RESOLUTION Habitat for Humanity 111819-BOC]

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that Resolution #2019-57 Declaring Property Surplus and Authorizing the Conveyance of Property to Chatham Habitat for Humanity, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:**  5  
Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Wilkie

End of Consent Agenda

**PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

Sarah D'Amato thanked the Board on behalf of the residents who asked the Board to vote and take action to remove the statue downtown.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

**19-3288**  
Receive the State of the County
Chair Dasher gave the State of the County. (Presentation attached)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

19-3309  Recommended FY21-27 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) Public Hearing

*Attachments:*  [CIPInitialPresentationToBOC- 2021-2027](#)

County Manager Dan LaMontagne gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached).

The Chair opened the hearing.

The Chair closed the hearing.

The Board will meet tomorrow for the CIP Work Session at 9am at the Agriculture and Conference Center.

19-3294  A Legislative public hearing by Pitt Hill X, LLC for a conditional district rezoning from R-1 Residential to CD-NB for retail shopping center, Parcel No. 2721, located at 10329 US 15-501 N, Baldwin Township on approximately 5.01 acres.

*Attachments:*  [More information from the Planning department website](#)

Zoning Administrator Angela Birchett reviewed the specifics of the request.

Commissioner Crawford asked if the applicant anticipates a turn lane. Applicant Michael Fiocco stated a right hand turn lane will be added but there will be no left turn.

Vice Chair Hales asked what kind of clearing will have to be done for the septic. Mr. Fiocco said they don’t know enough information at this time and will have to do additional testing. They will leave as many trees as possible. The septic will be traditional.

The Chair opened the hearing.

Steve Gangemi stated he is concerned that the property is not being rezoned to O&I. He is also concerned about traffic, light pollution, and noise pollution.

John Midyette asked if there is an active or passive drainage plan. He is concerned about what this will do to property values. He is also concerned about light pollution and noise pollution.

Suzanne Harris has been in the neighborhood since 1987. They do not want development after development along 15-501.

Mr. Fiocco said they have been strategic in the location and design of the site. They are pushing as close as they can to 15-501 and away from the neighborhood. The area is in a node that has been identified for commercial development in the Comprehensive Plan. They did have a neighborhood meeting and the residents expressed his project was a welcome change from the proposed Publix project two
years ago.

Commissioner Crawford asked about the light pollution. Mr. Fiocco said they are moving as much of the development as possible toward 15-501 and it will be 150-200 feet from the edge of the parking lot to the boundary line with the neighborhood. The lights will follow all County guidelines.

Christine Consoli stated she was at the neighborhood meeting and believes the developers grossly misread the residents’ reactions. They asked the developers what the septic would be and how it would be maintained. The developers in turn asked the residents how they maintain theirs. The residents said they do not maintain their septic and the developers said “exactly”. The buffer does not include very many mature trees. She is concerned that the developer does not know how many trees will have to be cleared.

The Chair closed the hearing.

This Agenda Item was referred to the Planning Board.

19-3295

A Legislative public hearing by Paul Brewer for a conditional district rezoning from R-1 Residential to CD-CB for indoor/outdoor storage facility, Parcel No. 80765 being 15.52 acres and Parcel No. 5421 being 1.4 acres for a total of 16.92 acres, located off Dickens Road, Cape Fear Township.

Attachments: More information from the Planning department website

Zoning Official Janie Phelps reviewed the specifics of the request.

Developer Paul Brewer addressed the Board and reviewed the request.

The Chair opened the hearing.

Graham White stated he is concerned about the speed limit on Hwy 42 by the property and how many people do not observe the 35 mile speed limit. He asked if it would be possible for the DOT to install flashing warning lights. He thinks that would make everyone safer and make the community happy.

David Orringer, Paul Brewer's partner on the project, addressed the Board. He thought the neighborhood meeting went well and they are all for adding warning lights or doing whatever is needed to make the community safer.

Planning Director Jason Sullivan stated staff can ask DOT to go out and do a speed study.

The Chair closed the hearing.

This Agenda Item was referred to the Planning Board.

19-3296

A Legislative public hearing by Paul Brewer for a general use rezoning from R-1 Residential to Light Industrial, Parcel No. 60167 being 48.8 acres, located off Jordan Dam Road, Haw River Township.

Attachments: More information from the Planning department website
Zoning Official Janie Phelps reviewed the specifics of the request.

Vice Chair Hales asked where the access is. Applicant Paul Brewer stated there are three points of access. One is on Moncure Pittsboro Road. There could also be an entrance on Jordan Damn Road and on Moncure School Road.

Vice Chair Hales asked if he knew a proposed use at this point. Mr. Brewer stated the plan is to use it for Boat and RV storage for Jordan Lake.

David Orringer stated he was present to support Mr. Brewer.

The Chair opened the hearing.

Steve Stafford asked why this property is being zoned light industrial but the other property is being zoned neighborhood commercial. He asked if rezoning it to light industrial would open it up for a lot of different uses. Mr. Brewer stated the process for general use rezoning is much cheaper than the conditional process.

The Chair closed the hearing.

This Agenda Item was referred to the Planning Board.

**19-3297** A legislative public hearing to consider County-initiated zoning of five parcels formerly located in Harnett County.

**Attachments:** More information from the Planning department website

Planner Hunter Glenn reviewed the specifics of the request.

The Chair opened the hearing.

No one signed up to speak.

The Chair closed the hearing.

This Agenda Item was referred to the Planning Board.

**BOARD PRIORITIES**

**19-3293** Vote on a request to approve by Warren Mitchell on behalf of Morgan Ridge Partners, LLC for subdivision First Plat review and approval of Morgan Ridge Conservation Subdivision Phase 2, consisting of 36 lots on 80.25 acres, located off Jones Ferry Road, SR-1942, parcels #1435 and #69883.

**Attachments:** More information from the Planning department website

Planner Kimberly Tyson reviewed the specifics of the request.

Commissioner Crawford asked questions about the wells. Applicant Warren Mitchell said there will be one community well for all 36 lots. Commissioner Crawford asked if they will sell the parcels to other builders. Mr. Mitchell said that was correct.

Chair Dasher asked if there was some septic across the street from the lots. Mr.
Mitchell showed on the map that only applies to eight lots.

Commissioner Crawford thanked Mr. Mitchell for his willingness to work with the neighbors and make changes.

Mr. Mitchell stated no trails are allowed in the natural space.

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

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

MANAGER’S REPORTS

The County Manager stated he attended the Community Ambassador Graduation with the Council on Aging. He also attended the Big Bold Ideas Conference in Chapel Hill. They settled on three main ideas: Youth Master Plan, a workforce and development information hub, and affordable housing. He also went to Crescent Magnolia with Habitat for Humanity in Hillsborough. This is a senior affordable housing complex. It was very interesting and they think it would be a great idea for Chatham County. He stated the County will issue an RFP for affordable housing at the Siler City Business Park. There are some hurdles to get through but there is no commitment from the County at this point.

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS

Vice Chair Hales is participating with other elected officials in a request to meet with Duke Energy officials about solarizing schools. She attended the Oil and Gas Commission meeting. Chatham County is the second county in the state for completed on the ground geology by the NC Geologic Survey. She also attended the Chatham Trades open house. The Environmental Review Advisory Committee had a good presentation about the UDO. She also attended the Loves Creek Partnership in Siler City. This partnership looks to find grants to do work on the Loves Creek Watershed.

Commissioner Crawford said he was sorry to miss the last meeting but his family experienced traveling difficulties coming home from India. CCCC Board of Trustees had its Annual Retreat at the Raleigh Executive Jetport, which is an asset for our region. He recommends it for anyone looking for meeting space.

Commissioner Howard stated she attended the Municipal and County Master Clerk’s Academy as a member of a panel of elected officials. The Chatham Clerk also attended. She said in hearing the challenges other communities face she is reminded not everyone is lucky enough to work in the kind of professional space we have at Chatham County. She had the pleasure of attending the ground breaking for the Tiny Homes Village at the Farm at Penny Lane.

Commissioner Wilkie stated he also attended the Chatham Trades open house. This Friday and Saturday at the Agriculture and Conference Center the Mid-Atlantic Hemp Trade Show will happen from 9am - 5pm.

Commissioner Howard thanked Commissioner Wilkie for speaking at the Veterans Day celebration.
ADJOURNMENT

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

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