

**MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 05, 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 9:30 AM on September 05, 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 Paschal; Finance Officer, Vicki McConnell; and Clerk to the Board, Sandra B. Sublett

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 9:37 AM.

Chairman Morgan informed those in attendance that the official ribbon cutting of the Central Carolina Business Campus is to be held on September 20, 2006 at 10:00 AM.

The County Manager reviewed the Work Session Agenda.

Work Session

1. Board of Education
2. Harnett County Contract (Tentative)
3. Business Park Covenants

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The County Manager explained that the Board of Commissioners had approved \$1.9 million in technology funds; that the Board of Education went out for bids and were able to save approximately \$224,000; and that they are now requesting that those funds be used in other ways.

Ann Hart, Chatham County Schools Superintendent, thanked the Board of Commissioners for the funds approved. She stated that the request brought to the Board of Commissioners previously was based on the cost for purchasing computers at last year’s costs; that once they were finalized, they negotiated and made a cost saving of \$224,000; that they have decided that they would like to be able to use the money saved for other capital outlay projects; and that the projects include guttering and drainage work at Bennett Elementary School, air conditioning the cafeteria addition at Bonlee School, paving the entire front parking lot at Sage, bleachers at Chatham Middle School, additional science equipment at some of their schools, refurbish the restrooms, work on exterior doors, and work on floors at Moncure, floor covering in the mobile units at North Chatham, adding a mobile unit at North Chatham, work on restrooms at Northwood, and refurbish some lockers.

Chairman Morgan stated that he thought the extra funds should be returned to the account.

Commissioner Cross asked, since the Board of Education had the authorization to use the funds, why they did not buy more and as many computers as they could.

Ms. Hart stated that they felt that the capital outlay projects were a bigger priority.

Commissioner Barnes stated that he had no problem with the funds being used if that was indeed what it was going to be used for, but it would be a good chance to bring technology up to 95%.

Commissioner Outz asked if the roof at North Chatham School was leaking. He asked if the new school would be covered with metal.

Commissioner Emerson commended the Board of Education on their negotiation skills and stated that he would not try to set the priorities. He stated that he thinks that as an incentive for future bid negotiations, the Board of Elections should be allowed to use the money.

Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to let the remaining funds be used for capital projects at the discretion of the Board of Education for priorities they establish on capital items.

Commissioner Cross stated that he wanted to know about a comment that Norman Clark made at the last meeting dealing with students and their lack of technology. He stated that he did not want to run the school system; and that if the money can stay with the Board of Elections without causing the Board of Commissioners a hardship, then he would support it.

Chairman Morgan stated that that he would have to oppose the motion due to the fact that the Board of Commissioners went over \$2.5 million dollars on the Board of Education's budget; that he would vote for taking the money saved and purchasing additional computers; and that he would not vote for spending it on capital improvements.

The Chairman called the question. The motion carried four (4) to one (1) with Chairman Morgan opposing.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Keith Megginson, Planning Director, stated that they had received an appeal by Hal Winters regarding a decision they made in his area; that the ordinance requires that the Board of Commissioners set a public meeting by the Zoning Board of Adjustment within forty-five days to hear the appeal; and that it could take up to an hour.

Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, to hold a Quasi-judicial meeting by the Zoning Board of Adjustment on October 2, 2006 between the regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners' meeting and the Work Session to receive sworn testimony at 9:00 AM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached. The meeting is to hear an appeal by Hal Winters. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

CENTRAL CAROLINA BUSINESS CAMPUS

Paul Messick reviewed the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the Central Carolina Business Campus Owners Association

Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to approve the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for the Central Carolina Business Campus, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to approve the Articles of Incorporation of the Central Carolina Business Campus Owners Association, Inc., attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Outz, to approve the Bylaws of the Central Carolina Business Campus Owners Association, Inc. and that the Chairman of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, County Manager, and Finance Officer be appointed to the Board of Directors. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0). A copy is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

CAPITAL FACILITIES FOR NON PROFITS

The County Manager stated that there would be a short meeting of the capital financing committee immediately following the meeting if any Board members were interested in attending.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Emerson moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0), and the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 PM.

Bunkey Morgan, Chairman

ATTEST:

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