

MINUTES
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 02, 2007

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 April 02, 2007.

Present: Chairman Carl Thompson; Vice Chair, George Lucier; Commissioners Patrick Barnes, Mike Cross, and Tom Vanderbeck, County Manager, Charlie Horne; Assistant County Manager, Renee Paschal; Interim County Attorney, Jep Rose; Finance Officer, Vicki McConnell; and Clerk to the Board, Sandra B. Sublett

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 9:06 AM.

AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

Chairman Thompson asked that the following items be deferred until a later date:

Chatham Transit Board Appointments: Consideration of a request to appoint two members (a licensed transit provider and a member of the general public) to the Chatham Transit Board by the full-Board

Orange-Person-Chatham Mental (OPC) Health Appointments: Consideration of a request to appoint two members to the Orange-Person-Chatham (OPC) Mental Health Board, one by Commissioner Cross and one by the full Board

Agriculture Advisory Board Appointments: Consideration of a request to appoint/reappoint a member to the Agriculture Advisory Board by the full Board

Human Relations Committee: Consideration of a request to appoint/reappoint three members to the Human Relations Committee one each by Commissioners Barnes and Cross and one appointment by the full Board

The County Manager explained that consideration to adopt a **Resolution Declaring Property Surplus and Conveying Property to Chatham Habitat for Humanity** be added to Item #12, Leach Property Conveyance.

Commissioner Barnes moved, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda with the noted requests:

1. **Minutes:** Consideration of a request for approval of Board Minutes for regular meeting held March 19, 2007 and work session held March 19, 2007

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

2. **Road Names:** Consideration of a request from citizens for the naming of private roads in Chatham County as follows:

- A. Jessie Davis Road
- B. Jean Street

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

3. **Child Abuse Prevention Month Resolution:** Consideration of a request to adopt **Resolution #2007-15 Proclaiming April 2007 as Child Abuse Prevention Month**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

4. **Sexual Assault Awareness Month:** Consideration of a request to adopt **Resolution #2007-16 Proclaiming Sexual Assault Awareness Month**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

5. **Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Budget Amendments:** Consideration of a request to approve budget amendments, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

6. **Aerial Photography Project Ordinance:** Consideration of a request to approve aerial photography project ordinance in the amount of \$121,365, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

7. **Library Foundation Appointment:** Consideration of a request to appoint David Kalbacker, Siler City, NC, as one of the directors to the Library Foundation

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

8. **Library Advisory Board Appointments:** Consideration of a request to appoint Rhoda Berkowitz, Pittsboro, NC, and Joel Hunnicutt, Siler City, NC, to the Library Advisory Board, terms to expire June 10, 2011

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

9. **Non-Profit Funding Review Panel Appointment:** Consideration of a request to appoint Jim Hackney, Siler City, NC, to the Non-Profit Funding Review Panel

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

10. **Pittsboro-Siler City CVB Advisory Committee Appointment:** Consideration of a request to appoint a member, Debbie Hussey, to replace Terri Perrin (at large) on the Pittsboro-Siler City CVB Advisory Committee

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

11. **Economic Development Corporation Board Appointment:** Consideration of a request by the Chatham County Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors to appoint the Chatham County Tourism Director, Neha Shah as an ex-officio member, to the Chatham County Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors

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

12. **Leach Property Conveyance:** Consideration of a request to adopt **Resolution #2007-17 Declaring Property Surplus and Conveying Property**

to **Chatham Habitat for Humanity**, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

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

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

Honoring the Service of Chatham County Employees: Consideration of a request to honor the service of Chatham County Employees

Name	Department	Years of Service
Sandy Coletta	Social Services	32
Reba Thomas	Register of Deeds	30
Vicki McConnell	Finance	30
Emily Foushee	MIS	28
Frances Wilson	Tax	28
Keith Megginson	Planning	27
Gywmn Johnson	Health	26
Sharon Brookbank	Social Services	25
Elizabeth Eubanks	Sheriff	24
Linda Williams	Facilities Management	24
Patricia Robbins	Social Services	24
Cynthia Snipes	Social Services	23
Patty Fox	Social Services	23
Virginia Ryan	Health	23
Howard McLeod	Waste Management	25
Alfreda Marsh	Social Services	22
Ethel Farrell	Social Services	22
Annie Alston	Tax	22
John Dark	Emergency Operations	22
Mary Phillips	Tax	21
Mark Ellington	MIS/Emergency Operations	21
Judy Thomas	Social Services	21
Kathryn Scott	Finance	21
Janet Scott	Emergency Operations	20
Karen Jones	Tax	20
Kay Everage	Planning	20

Carolyn Miller, Human Resource Director, stated that honoring the service of Chatham County Employees is one of the best jobs that she has; that the County has twenty-six (26) people that have been employed by the County more than twenty years; that there are one hundred ten (110) employees that been employed by the County for ten or more years; and that all ten-year or more employees will receive service pins.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Chatham Transit Board Appointments: Consideration of a request to appoint two members (a licensed transit provider and a member of the general public) to the Chatham Transit Board by the full-Board

Appointment to the Chatham Transit Board was deferred until a later date.

Solid Waste Advisory Board Appointments: Consideration of a request to appoint three members to the Solid Waste Advisory Board, one each by Commissioners Cross and Thompson and one appointment/reappointment by Commissioner Vanderbeck

Commissioner Vanderbeck moved, seconded by Commissioner Barnes to reappoint Evelyn Cross, Moncure, NC, to the Solid Waste Advisory Board. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Economic Development Corporation Appointments: Consideration of a request to appoint two members to the Economic Development Corporation Board by the full Board

Commissioner Vanderbeck moved, seconded by Commissioner Lucier, to appoint Joe Glasson, Chapel Hill, NC, to the Economic Development Corporation Board. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Commissioner Barnes moved, seconded by Commissioner Lucier, to appoint Christopher Angus, Chapel Hill, NC, to the Economic Development Corporation Board. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Orange-Person-Chatham Mental (OPC) Health Appointments: Consideration of a request to appoint two members to the Orange-Person-Chatham (OPC) Mental Health Board, one by Commissioner Cross and one by the full Board

Appointments to the Orange-Person-Chatham Mental (OPC) Health were deferred until a later date.

Agriculture Advisory Board Appointments: Consideration of a request to appoint/reappoint a member to the Agriculture Advisory Board by the full Board

An appointment to the Agriculture Advisory Board was deferred until a later date.

Adult Home Care Committee Appointment: Consideration of a request to appoint/reappoint a member to the Adult Home Care Committee by Commissioner Lucier

An appointment to the Adult Home Care Committee was deferred until a later date.

Human Relations Committee: Consideration of a request to appoint/reappoint three members to the Human Relations Committee one each by Commissioners Barnes and Cross and one appointment by the full Board

Appointments to the Human Relations Committee were deferred until a later date.

MANAGER' S REPORTS

Budget Schedule:

The County Manager explained that staff is at a point where the preliminary budgets for the departments have taken a week more than anticipated because of computer software and transition issues; that the budget calendar was approved by the Board at their December 04, 2006 Board of Commissioners' meeting; that it may or may not require staff to move the May 21, 2007 public hearing; and that in the interim, staff will be looking at the schedules the Board may wish to use for the budget work sessions and community input meetings.

Commissioner Lucier asked about the joint meeting with the Board of Education when they present their budget to the Board of Commissioners. He asked to receive their budget prior to their presentation. The Board concurred.

Construction Conference for General and Sub-Contractors:

Central Carolina Community College is sponsoring a workshop for general and sub-contractors to inform them of the Chatham County "Capital Improvement Plan" and assist them in understanding the bid process at the County and State levels. They will be provided with valuable information that will enable them to be more successful in the bid selection process. The workshop is scheduled for April 20, 2007 from 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM.

The college is asking that the County provide for the costs of a continental breakfast and lunch, and believe that \$550.00 would cover the catering costs based on their anticipated attendance.

Commissioner Barnes moved, seconded by Commissioner Lucier, to fund the \$550.00 for catering costs for the Central Carolina Community College "Construction Conference" for general and sub-contractors, to be taken from contingency. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Districts Change:

Commissioner Cross stated that as liaison to Board of Elections, they would like to request that if the Board of Commissioners' wishes to change districts prior to the next election, that they do so by July, 2007. He stated that the Board of Elections has already received a request for a list of voters by particular districts and that the Board has talked about doing something with District One and District Three.

Land Transfer:

Commissioner Cross stated that the North Carolina Realtors Association is working hard; that there is now one land transfer tax bill for all counties in the House of Representatives, one for all counties in the Senate, and eleven additional land transfer bills; that he needs to print materials to send to approximately 580 commissioners, 100 managers, 107 legislators; and that he needs approximately \$800.00 to have the packages printed and assembled.

Commissioner Cross moved, seconded by Commissioner Lucier to appropriate funds in the amount of up to \$800.00 to cover costs of Land Transfer Tax Bill materials. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

Pittsboro Village Apartments:

Commissioner Cross explained that there have been fifty-eight families (mostly elderly and mentally and physically disabled) that have been forced to pack up all their belongings and move during the duration of remodeling in the Pittsboro Village Apartments; that under HUD Section 8 laws, remodeling is not a cause for displacement; that one lady was promised a furnished apartment in which to move, but after packing, found no place to go; that they are also using the tenants electricity to do the remodeling; that many pay their own electric bills and had to pay the additional electric costs; that recent phone calls to the local HUD/PHA Office, Chatham County, have not been returned; and that the matter needs to be investigated.

The Board asked the County Manager to investigate the matter and report to the Board for any necessary action.

The County Manager stated that he would be glad to do so, that it might be a Town of Pittsboro issue.

Chairman Congratulations:

Commissioner Barnes stated that the Chairman is due congratulations on his appointment to Director of Continuing Education.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Barnes moved, seconded by Commissioner Lucier, to go out of Regular Session and convene in Closed Session for the purpose of discussing a matter within the attorney/client privilege. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

REGULAR SESSION

Commissioner Barnes moved, seconded by Commissioner Vanderbeck, to adjourn the Closed Session and reconvene in Regular Session. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0).

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Vanderbeck moved, seconded by Commissioner Lucier, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried five (5) to zero (0), and the meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Carl Thompson, Chairman

ATTEST:

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