



Chatham County, NC

Meeting Minutes

Board of Commissioners

Monday, May 21, 2018

6:00 PM

Historic Courthouse Courtroom

Work Session - 3:00 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

Martha Girolami submitted the following comments:

I am in northeast Chatham in the Williams precinct. I am here to encourage you to go ahead with a two or three year temporary moratorium on the fracking ban. I hope it is not another one year one. I hope you will at least make it two. I feel like when we look back at 2017 we had Dr. Yuill around who raised made us think again about what we were doing and he raised many issues that we hadn't really thought about. I don't think we have really a good grasp about exactly what is going to happen with shallow fracking, vertical fracking. There are other issues like pipelines and other gas infrastructure. You look at 2017 and we saw that Governor Cooper joined the United States Climate Alliance. What does that mean? Our county did a resolution supporting a state and national goal of 100% clean energy by 2050 and the creation of green jobs. You also did a resolution to slow the climate change crisis by reducing methane emissions from natural gas systems. We have a wonderful leader in the climate movement. His name is Tony Engrafia. He wrote "Shale Gas - The Technological Gamble That Should Not Have Been Taken". He shows how wind and solar have been suppressed because of the gains in the denial of climate change and the absolute power of our utilities and the natural gas industry to expand. I would recommend that you look at a bedrock lecture on human rights and climate change, which he says, we are at 1.5 temperature degrees rise right now. I have some things to hand out to you. A map and an article on a second natural gas pipeline proposed for North Carolina. It would run through Rockingham and Alamance Counties. This is called the Mountain Valley Pipeline Southgate. I want to make sure you are aware that is going down south of Burlington through Alamance. What does it mean? When will it be built? I also have here "Appalachian Voices". I thought it was a very good newsletter. It talked about the frack gas industry and it really shows how horrible it is to have eminent domain taken over your property. I hope you all will go after solar and be a leader in solar and make some waves. Thank you.

BOARD PRIORITIES

[18-2617](#)

A request from the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) to be transitioned to meet on an as needed basis operating under the County

Advisory Committee Policy

Attachments: [Advisory Committee Policy](#)
[Advisory Committee Policy Addendum A](#)

Planner Cara Coppola stated the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) met in March and voted to present to the Board of Commissioners that the TAC should meet on an as-needed basis. The committee has had fewer action items over the past few years. TAC Chair Matt Alexander and Vice Chair Melissa Star answered questions from the Board. They said they regularly do not have a quorum.

Vice Chair Dasher asked if there were any statutory requirements to have the committee. Staff said no.

Commissioner Howard stated recruiting new members may be difficult. Mr. Alexander said members' terms would be extended.

Commissioner Petty said he does not see a problem with meeting as needed but may need to extend the length of terms.

Planning Director Jason Sullivan said a Chair and Vice Chair are appointed every year.

Commissioner Petty asked if the TAC could have an electronic meeting.

The County Attorney stated an electronic public meeting does fall under open meetings law. Staff would have to notice the meeting and provide an opportunity for public to see the communication.

Chair Hales stated the TAC should probably meet once a year to elect officers and meet new members.

Mr. Sullivan said staff will bring back a recommendation with more details at a future meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Petty, seconded by Commissioner Howard, to approve the Transportation Advisory Committee meeting on an as needed basis. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[18-25862585](#)

Vote on a request to accept Chatham County School Health & Wellness Instructional Program Facilitator 2017 - 2018 End of the School Year Report.

Attachments: [Schooley, Rob - End of Year Report](#)

Rob Schooley, Student Health, Physical Education and Wellness Instructor, gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached) Chatham County Public Health Educator Anna Stormzand was also present to answer questions.

Commissioner Petty asked how they determine youth risk behavior. Mr. Schooley stated there is a lot of historical data and every year they add to that data.

Chair Hales asked if his focus is on helping the teachers deal with these issues and

the students that have the issues. Mr. Schooley stated all ninth graders are required to take Physical Education and Health. They make sure the curriculum is equally provided at all the schools.

Commissioner Howard if they had the CDC data for high school. Mr. Schooley stated they have some high school data and they are waiting on middle school data. Elementary students are not included.

Ms. Stormzand said most counties do not have this historical data.

Commissioner Howard asked who the survey is administered to. Mr. Schooley said the bullying survey is given to third through twelfth grade students. The youth risk behavior survey goes to students in the sixth through twelfth grades.

Commissioner Petty asked who the results of the survey are shared with. Mr. Schooley said they bring up the areas of concern at the SHAC meeting. Or it can be addressed with possible curriculum. It is shared with the Health Department and the school system.

Commissioner Howard asked how we can get one step ahead before younger kids get involved in opioids. Mr. Schooley said the schools focus a lot on prevention and there are many things in place already. They don't want to focus only on opiates and lose sight and end up with a different drug problem.

Commissioner Howard asked if there are different approaches for different classes of drugs. Mr. Schooley said the prevention program is not drug specific.

Ms. Stormzand stated this partnership between the Chatham County Health Department and Chatham County Schools is the only county partnership of its kind that they know of. They will be back every year with a report.

This Agenda Item was received and filed.

18-2626

Vote on a request to adopt a Joint Resolution Adopting NC Geodetic Survey's Preliminary Resurvey of the Common Boundary (Corner) Between Chatham County, Harnett County, and Wake County and Commitment to Pursue Joint Enabling Legislation to Modify the Chatham County and Wake County Boundary as Described in the 1961 Survey

Attachments: [Chatham-Harnett-Wake Boundary Resoluiton](#)
[BOC Talking Points](#)

GIS Manager Nick Haffele stated this is a follow up to his presentation to the Board of Commissioners in September. Mr. Haffele reviewed the history of the issue. Today the Board needs to adopt the boundary resolution which has already been adopted by Wake and Harnett Counties. The next step is to draft legislation to go to the General Assembly for the short session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that Resolution #2018-16 Adopting NC Geodetic Survey's Preliminary Resurvey of the Common Boundary (Corner) Between Chatham County, Harnett County, and Wake County, 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

[18-2618](#)

Update on the temporary moratorium on oil and gas development activities within Chatham County adopted in August 2015 and extended July 2017 and consider scheduling a public hearing on June 18, 2018 to consider an extension of the temporary moratorium on oil and gas development in the county

Attachments: [Attachment 1 Fracking Moratorium Ordinance-2015](#)
[Attachment 2 Signed Fracking Moratorium Ordinance Extension](#)
[Attachements 1-3](#)

Planning Director Jason Sullivan reviewed the specifics of the request.

A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Vice Chair Dasher, to set a public hearing for June 18, 2018 at 6:00 PM. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[18-2627](#)

Presentation by Chatham EDC and Samet Corporation on Chatham-Siler City Advanced Manufacturing (CAM) Site.

Attachments: [Samet - CBoC presentation](#)

Chatham Economic Development Corporation President Kyle Touchstone introduced Brian Hall, Director of Development for the Samet Corporation. Mr. Hall gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached)

Commissioner Petty asked if they take a punch list from a potential tenant and show how the site might work. Mr. Hall said yes. Commissioner Petty asked if they build shell buildings. Mr. Hall said they do. They have six spec buildings in the Carolinas and southern Virginia right now. They have not considered a spec building for Chatham County yet.

Commissioner Crawford asked what the acreage is for Phase Three. Mr. Touchstone said 292 acres.

Mr. Hall said there is a lot of focus on access to Highway 421 but at the moment you have access on Highway 64 on the south side.

Commissioner Howard is if end users are coming to Samet directly or are they reaching out to potential end users. Mr. Hall said they reach out regularly but potential users contact them as well.

Mr. Touchstone said this agreement allows the County the opportunity to have these kinds of site plans.

Mr. Hall said they were hired directly by the owner of the property of the CAM site.

This Agenda Item was received and filed.

CLOSED SESSION[18-2646](#)

Closed Session to discuss matters relating to attorney-client privilege.

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 personnel. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Vice Chair Dasher, 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

End of Work Session**Regular Session - 6:00 PM - Historic Courthouse Courtroom**

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

INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Howard asked everyone to pause for a moment of silence after which the Chair 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 6:02 pm.

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 - Commissioner Crawford, Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Vice Chair Dasher and Commissioner Howard

[18-2635](#)

Vote on a request to approve the March 16, 2018 Legislative Breakfast Minutes and the April 16, 2018 Work and Regular Session Minutes.

Attachments: [Draft Minutes 03.16.2018](#)

[Draft Minutes 04.16.2018](#)

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 - Commissioner Crawford, Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Vice Chair Dasher and Commissioner Howard

[18-2609](#)

Vote on a request to approve reappointment of Larry Miller to the Chatham County ABC Board

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 - Commissioner Crawford, Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Vice Chair Dasher and Commissioner Howard

[18-2613](#)

Vote on a request by Lee Bowman, Project Manager, on behalf of NNP Briar Chapel, LLC for subdivision **Final Plat approval of Briar Chapel, Phase 15 South, Section 2**, consisting of 39 lots on 6.112 acres located off Boulder Point Drive, parcel #82828.

Attachments: [More Information from 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 - Commissioner Crawford, Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Vice Chair Dasher and Commissioner Howard

[18-2614](#)

Vote on a request by Lee Bowman, Project Manager, on behalf of NNP Briar Chapel, LLC for subdivision **Final Plat approval of "Final Subdivision Easement and Private Right-of-Way Dedication Plat of Briar Chapel SD East - Parcels 10 - 15.**, consisting of 5 non-residential lots, 1 over 10 acre non-residential lot, and 1 common area lot, on 35.528 acres, located off US HWY 15-501, parcel #18911.

Attachments: [More Information from the Planning Board 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 - Commissioner Crawford, Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Vice Chair Dasher and Commissioner Howard

[18-2615](#)

Vote on a request by Lee Bowman, Project Manager, on behalf of NNP Briar Chapel, LLC for subdivision **Final Plat approval of "Final**

Subdivision, Recombination, Easement, and Private Right-of-Way Dedication Plat of SD West-Parcels 16-22 and Commercial Common Area # 5", consisting of 7 non-residential lots and 1 common area lot, on 25.248 acres, located off SR-1529, Taylor Road and US Hwy 15-501, parcel #86288.

Attachments: [More Information From Planning Board 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 - Commissioner Crawford, Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Vice Chair Dasher and Commissioner Howard

[18-2616](#)

Vote on a request by F-L Legacy Owner, LLC for subdivision Preliminary Plat approval of The Legacy at Jordan Lake - Phase 5A3, consisting of 17 lots on 9.36 acres, located off SR-1716, Big Woods Road, parcel #17378.

Attachments: [More Information from Planning Board 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 - Commissioner Crawford, Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Vice Chair Dasher and Commissioner Howard

[18-2621](#)

Vote on a request to approve the re-naming of two private roads in Chatham County

Attachments: [GARFIELD TRAIL PETITION](#)
[GARFIELD TRAIL](#)
[KEYBRIDGE COURT PETITION](#)
[KEYBRIDGE COURT](#)

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 - Commissioner Crawford, Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Vice Chair Dasher and Commissioner Howard

[18-2622](#)

Vote on a request to approve the naming of two private roads in Chatham County

Attachments: [ARTISAN LANE PETITION](#)
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[TILLMAN TRAIL PETITION](#)
[TILLMAN TRAIL](#)

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 - Commissioner Crawford, Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Vice Chair Dasher and Commissioner Howard

[18-2628](#)

Vote on a request to approve the Permanent Turn Lane Right of way and Temporary Construction Easement Agreement for Briar Chapel and approve Renee Paschal, County Manager, to sign the agreement on behalf of the County.

Attachments: [Briar Chapel Turn Lane - 2018.04.10 Easement Agreement Final \(003\)](#)
[Turn Lane Easement Exhibit A](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that this Contract, 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

[18-2638](#)

Vote on a request to approve renewal agreements for health and dental insurance coverage for FY2019 and authorize the County Manager to execute the agreements.

Attachments: [2018 ASO Renewal Changes BCBS](#)
[2018 Self-Funded Renewal Change Form](#)
[Agent Fees Collection Agreement](#)
[BCBS Program Selection Chart](#)
[Chatham County WellPack PSC 2018](#)
[FY2019 Dental Renewal](#)
[Group Apply-Chatham County](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that this Contract, 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

[18-2633](#)

Vote on a request to approve a Pyrotechnics Display at Governor's Club Clubhouse; June 16, 2018

Attachments: [Attachment A- N.C.G.S. 14-410 -14-413](#)
[Attachment B-Letter of Request](#)
[Attachment C- NC Pyrotechnic Operators License](#)
[Attachment D- Certificate of Insurance](#)
[Attachment E- ATF License-Permit](#)
[Attachment F- Pyrotechnic Dispay Site Drawing](#)

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 - Commissioner Crawford, Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Vice Chair Dasher and Commissioner Howard

[18-2634](#)

Vote on a request to approve Tax Releases and Refunds

Attachments: [April 2018 Release and Refund Report](#)
[April 2018 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 - Commissioner Crawford, Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Vice Chair Dasher and Commissioner Howard

[18-2623](#)

Vote on a request to approve a Resolution for the Water Shortage Response Plans for the North Chatham, Asbury and Southwest water systems.

Attachments: [Asbury WS wsrp 2018](#)
[North WS wsrp 2018](#)
[Southwest WS wsrp 2018](#)
[WSRP Resolution 2018](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that Resolution #2018-17 for the Water Shortage Response Plans for the North Chatham, Asbury and Southwest water systems, 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

[18-2640](#)

Vote on a request to adopt a Resolution Supporting a Statewide Referendum on a Bond Issue for School Facility Needs

Attachments: [FINAL Chatham County Resolution on School Bond Referendum 2018](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that Resolution #2018-18 Supporting a Statewide Referendum on a Bond Issue for School Facility Needs, 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

[18-2643](#)

Vote on a request to adopt a resolution authorizing the negotiation of an installment financing contract to construct and equip the Seaforth High

School, Chatham Grove Elementary School, and the CCCC Health Sciences Building and set a public hearing on June 18, 2018 to receive public comment on the proposed borrowing

Attachments: [Initial Resolution - Chatham 2018 LOBs \(002\)](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that Resolution #2018-19 Authorizing the negotiation of an installment financing contract to construct and equip the Seaforth High School, Chatham Grove Elementary School, and the CCCC Health Sciences Building, 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

[18-2639](#)

Vote on a request to appoint Jessica Norton, Detention Lieutenant, as Deputy Finance Officer 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 - Commissioner Crawford, Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Vice Chair Dasher and Commissioner Howard

[18-2611](#)

Vote on a request to approve detention food purchases under the US Communities Cooperative contract with US Foods (vendor) in excess of \$100,000

Attachments: [GS 143-129-\(e\)\(3\)-Cooperative Exemption](#)

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 - Commissioner Crawford, Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Vice Chair Dasher and Commissioner Howard

[18-2644](#)

Vote on a request to approve Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget Amendments as proposed by staff

Attachments: [Budget Amendment 2017-2018 May](#)

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 - Commissioner Crawford, Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Vice Chair Dasher and Commissioner Howard

End of Consent Agenda

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

[18-2647](#)

Vote on a request to adopt a Resolution to Commemorate Juneteenth

Attachments: [Juneteenth Resolution](#)

Evette Evans spoke on behalf of CORE and the Chatham Community Library. She requested the Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution commemorating Juneteenth.

Chair Hales stated there will be celebration on June 23 at the Library and Commissioner Crawford will be one of the speakers.

Chair Hales read the resolution into the record and presented the resolution to Ms. Evans.

A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, that Resolution #2018-20 to Commemorate Juneteenth, 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

Emily Moose submitted the following comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak and for your work on behalf of the County we all love and call home. While I am a member of the Planning Board I want to make it clear that I am here solely as a resident who loves the county and wants to see it grow into the world-class welcoming, honest and constructive county I know it can be. I am here tonight to add to the comments that others have made regarding the monument that is standing at the front of our courthouse. As you know the NC Historical Commission is considering the relocation of similar monuments at our state capital. These are the comments that I made to the Historical Commission.

"Dear Dr. Cherry and Honorable Committee Members,

I fully support the Governor's request to remove the Confederate monuments at our state capital and relocate them to the proposed location. These monuments stand against our shared values of liberty and justice for all, and do not belong in a citizens' civic space.

In my county of Chatham, we have a similar monument in front of our courthouse. It was erected in 1907, separated from the Civil War by over four decades and concurrent with a period of concerted disenfranchisement of African Americans and Jim Crow laws of the early twentieth century. The symbolism of a Confederate statue, who fought to specifically deny other's human rights, guarding the courthouse as non-white citizens were systematically denied basic civil and human rights is all too clear.

As a descendant of Confederate veterans and North Carolina native I recognize that some see their history in these monuments. If those individuals wish to honor their history, a historic battlefield makes total sense. A monument on public space at a legislative body should reflect shared values of equality, fairness, and equal protection

under the law. These monuments do the opposite.

I applaud the Governor for this long-overdue motion and trust you will support his request. Sincerely, Emily Moose."

We know too much to let this monument represent our shared history. It's like teaching geography with a flat earth. We are, or we must be, more honest and self-examining than to let our public structures illustrate and validate a version of history that enables the denial of basic human rights. Thank you for your consideration.

Jeffrey Starkweather submitted the following comments:

I want to speak on what I consider one of the most important decisions that you are going to be making, which is setting up this election task force and ultimately deciding if you are going to restructure the way the commissioners are elected. We know that the structure of elections, gerrymandering is a good example, can often determine what kind of commissions you get and how responsible they are. I applaud you for setting up this task force and giving citizens input and trying to make this as nonpartisan as possible. I think this committee should be driven by facts and by open minded deliberation. Not by partisan back and forth. I think you are going in the right direction. I think that would call for not actually having citizens speak at these meetings. When you have a deliberative body, that body should be working together. I think that our goal should be consensus. Not going for something that one part of the county or one political party likes. I think there is a consensus out there. I would say it is a mixed system. As you know, I have run for office several times. I have run a lot of campaigns. A lot of people campaigned on this mixed system and when they got elected they didn't do anything about it. I think we ought to combine a system of districts only and county-wide. Either five-two or three-four.

District only is a problem because it is not really going to change anything. The numbers are just going to get bigger and bigger in the east. You also get commissioners who are only representing the interest of their district and encourage what you call pork barrel politics - I will trade with you if you give me this. Likewise, if you just do it by county people in certain parts of the county don't feel like they are being represented. I don't think we should be in a hurry. If you are going to do a district only as part of it, you need to wait for the census because we are practically there. I think one of our goals should be to move the majority election to the presidential election when most people turn out. One of the problems sometimes we've had is a massive turnover in commissioners in an off year election when there is an out group that is really angry and they come out at greater numbers than would normally come out. We want our commissioners to represent all the citizens. I applaud you on this and really I encourage you to pick people who are going to go into this with an open mind and are willing to listen to others and deliberate what is in the best interest of Chatham County, not what is the best interest of their little section of the county or their political view or party. Thank you.

Phil Bors thanked the commissioners for passing the Juneteenth resolution.

David Thomas submitted the following comments:

This is my first time here. I am from Chapel Hill in Briar Chapel. Just wanted to remark that an area within the development of Briar Chapel that was and is part of the common area for common use is unexpectedly having a sewer pipeline through the heart of the community. Especially the wooded areas, wetlands, forests and trails that have been set aside for the use of the Briar Chapel residents and for the general public. A large portion of this is being essentially taken away as we speak by Old North State Water Company. They are going to lay pipe through there. They haven't yet but they have cleared the land for it. Once they put the pipes in that is going to settle the use that goes the full length of the development. It is going to take away use of that property, that common area, from thousands of residents. The area was designated for the benefit of Briar Chapel residents and the trails also can be used by the general public. Instead it is being used to solely benefit for the use of the pipeline to bring in sewage from outside entities. Fearrington Village for one and a nearby commercial development. It is for the use of Old North to bring sewage from outside the development across the development through the woodlands, through the trails to a sewer plant that is at the far end of the development. This route was done by surprise a couple of weeks ago without any warning. Initially it had been planned to go along a different route on Andrew's Store Road and more directly to the sewer plant without cutting through the majority of the development. Once these pipes are laid it is going to be much harder to do anything about it. It can be stopped. Thank you.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

[18-2641](#)

Public Hearing to receive public comments on the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Recommended Budget

Attachments: [RecommendedBudgetPresentation--BOCInitialPresentation Final](#)

County Manager Renee Paschal gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached) Ms. Paschal acknowledged the amazing work of the budget staff, Budget Director Lisa West and Budget Analyst Darrell Butts.

The Chair opened the hearing.

John Graybeal submitted the following comments:

I am here with my Climate Change Committee hat on. I have short comments about the document that Renee just shared with you. Page four has a bullet from Plan Chatham entitled "Preserve, Protect and Enable Agriculture and Forestry". These objectives are important for all the traditional reasons but also with climate change objectives. Trees and forests sequester carbon through the process of photosynthesis and soil also sequesters carbon. We have learned the tree coverage in the county actually declined from 72% in 1974 to 29% in 2016. The committee now has a project to seek to develop ways to expand the tree coverage in the county and recommend methods for increasing the ability of county soils, including pasture fields and fields under cultivation to sequester carbon. From our perspective, protection and expansion of the forests and fields in the county is a key priority. Page four also has other Plan Chatham goals. Promote a compact growth pattern, encourage growth where existing growth has occurred, and generate more in county jobs as to reduce commuting. These goals are critical to the greenhouse gas emissions inventory produced recently by the UNC graduate students which found that transportation

accounted for 74% of total greenhouse gas emissions in the county. These general goals implemented by many specific actions, such as electric vehicle charging stations, are of great importance to reduce emissions in transportation. Finally, page 16 of the document refers to "a limited number of new positions" but it does not list a sustainability director as one of them, which you know we presented a proposed job description for a sustainability director. Although the committee recommended a sustainability director, we did so while noting one or two of our members thought that was not the right way to go. We are also aware that a process is underway to have climate priority actions incorporated into the work plans of various county staff members. We respect the fiscal responsibility of this Board and staff members. I should confess that some of us remained concerned that the climate change program may not achieve necessary vigor without a dedicated and aggressive sustainability director. Thank you.

The Chair closed the hearing.

BOARD PRIORITIES

18-2536

A 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](#)

Zoning Administrator Angela Birchett reviewed the specifics of the request.

A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, that Resolution 2018-21 Adopting a Consistency Statement for the Approval of General Use Industrial Light Rezoning for Richard Broedell, Sr., 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

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that this Ordinance, 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

18-2509

A request by O'Mara Landscaping & Lawncare, Inc. to rezone 10 acres of the 31.89 acre tract from R-1 Residential to CD-CB Conditional District Community Business, identified as Parcel 2691, located at 4590 Mann's Chapel Road, Baldwin Township for a landscaping and lawn care contractor's business.

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

Zoning Administrator Angela Birchett reviewed the specifics of the request.

The Board reviewed the consistency statement provided by the applicant's attorney as well as the consistency statement provided by the Planning Board.

Commissioner Howard suggested using the Planning Board statement with the economic development paragraphs from the applicant's statement.

George Lucier, member of the Planning Board, stated repurposing was a key issue for the Planning Board.

Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Petty agreed they feel the Planning Board statement is all that is needed.

Commissioner Hales added "achieves a repurposed use of the existing buildings".

A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Vice Chair Dasher, that Resolution 2018-22 Adopting a Consistency Statement for the Approval of Conditional District Community Business Rezoning for O'Mara Landscaping and Lawncare, 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

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that this Ordinance, 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

[18-2636](#)

Vote on a request to approve appointments to the Board of Commissioners' Election Task Force

Chair Hales reviewed what the Board decided in March. At the March 19th meeting the Board voted to "establish 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 Board agreed that the charge to the task force is to consider the current five member structure, the potential for adding new members, and the method of election for all future Chatham County commissioners.

Chair Hales stated Robert Joyce with the School of Government will be at the first task force meeting to explain legal election options, how various counties handle their elections, and the mechanism to change existing election procedures. His role is to present information on the legal process and answer questions.

Commissioner Crawford asked if Mr. Joyce would be available after the meeting in the event there are questions. The County Manager stated she would ask Mr. Joyce if he could answer questions after the meeting.

The County Manager stated there will be two facilitators and they plan to attend all meetings.

Chair Hales stated the first task force meeting is May 24th at 6:30 p.m. at the Agriculture and Conference Center in Pittsboro. The second meeting is scheduled for June 6th at the same time and location. It will be up to the task force if it wants to

hold additional meetings.

Chair Hales posed the question as whether or not public input should be allowed at task force meetings.

Commissioner Petty suggested the task force not allow input at the initial meeting. It should be up to the task force if it wants public input at future meetings.

Vice Chair Dasher asked if there could be public input online. Commissioner Petty agreed that would be a good idea.

The Board agreed by consensus that there should not be public input at the first two task force meetings.

The County Manager said for logistical purposes it may be helpful to have a chair of the task force. She suggested an unaffiliated chair or a vice chair from each party. Vice Chair Dasher suggested letting the task force select the chair amongst themselves.

The Board agreed by consensus to give the committee the two options for selecting a chair and let them decide.

The Board discussed the composition of the task force. Chair Hales said one of the applicants, Mike Strong, passed away last week. Another applicant withdrew because he could not make the first two meetings. Another applicant was eliminated because he was not a registered voter. Chair Hales made a spreadsheet listing each applicant, their district and their party affiliation. She suggested each commissioner make their selections on the spreadsheet and find where the Board has consensus.

Commissioner Petty stated the commissioners could narrow down the list of applicants if they remove applicants who have made their views on the issue known. Commissioner Crawford did not agree.

The commissioners marked who they would like to appoint on the spreadsheet and forwarded the sheets to the Clerk to tally. After tallying the votes the Board agreed to appoint the following members:

*Lisa Cole
Sarah D'Amato
Phillip Gilfus
Peyton Holland
Butch Hudson
Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins
Sara Lambert
Ruth Lewter
Carl Thompson, Sr.*

The County Manager clarified that a first report is due at the July 16th meeting and does not have to be a final recommendation. The Board agreed.

MANAGER' S REPORTS

The County Manager said the Board needs to confirm the project budgets for the CCCC Health Sciences Building, Seaforth High School and Chatham Grove

Elementary. The CCCC Health Sciences Building bids came in under budget. Chatham County Schools was able to identify cuts to the school projects that will not affect programming. The Manager asked the Board to approve the project budgets in the amount of \$12,877,635 for the CCCC Health Sciences Building, \$74,675,170 for Seaforth High School, and \$33,151,851 for Chatham Grove Elementary School.

A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, to approve the project budgets in the amount of \$12,877,635 for the CCCC Health Sciences Building, \$74,675,170 for Seaforth High School, and \$33,151,851 for Chatham Grove Elementary School. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Crawford attended the EDC meeting on May 8th and there was a good report from the small business fund. He attended the Chatham-Orange Joint Planning Task Force on May 10th. Pittsboro gave a presentation on Chatham Park and there was also a presentation on Obey Creek. TJCOG will meet this Wednesday and the TJCOG charter amendment will be on the June agenda.

Commissioner Howard has been invited to join the Governor's Crime Prevention Task Force and she accepted. She is waiting to see if she will be appointed.

Commissioner Petty thanked the Board for its patience and understanding for his absence at the last meeting. He also thanked the staff for their hard work on the budget. The staff constantly amazes him with how they are able to figure out a way not to have a tax increase even with two million dollars increase in expenses.

Chair Hales attended the Friends of the Library 50th Anniversary Celebration. She also attended a focus group at the UNC School of Government last Friday. They were trying to determine what types of courses they could add to their curriculum for elected officials.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Petty, seconded by Vice Chair Dasher, 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