



Chatham County, NC

Meeting Minutes

Board of Commissioners

Monday, July 15, 2019

6:00 PM

Historic Courthouse Courtroom

Work Session - 1:30 PM - Historic Courthouse Courtroom

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

INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF

County Manager Dan LaMontagne introduced the new Assistant County Manager, Bryan Thompson and the new Community Engagement Coordinator, Hilary Pollan.

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

No one signed up to speak.

BOARD PRIORITIES

[19-3161](#)

Receive Presentation from NC Cooperative Extension Agent Ashley Robbins on Livestock, Equine, Forages, Field Crops and Pesticide Education

Attachments: [BOC Presentation2019](#)

Ashley Robbins, Chatham County Extension Agent for Livestock, Forages, Field Crops and Pesticides, gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached)

[19-3174](#)

Receive request from members of Girl Scout Troop #1006 about their "Skip the Straw" project.

Attachments: [Girl Scout Troop 1006 Skip the Straw Video](#)

The Board viewed a video from members of Girl Scout Troop #1006 asking the Board to support their Silver Award Project "Skip the Straw". The Board agreed to present a resolution supporting the project at the August 19, 2019 BOC meeting.

[19-3167](#)

Screening of the film Resilience followed by a group discussion.

Attachments: [resilience event flyer generic TB](#)

Lara Kehle, a representative of the Chatham Action and Resilience Initiative, introduced the item. Ms. Kehle stated they have been holding some community screenings of the documentary Resilience with facilitated discussions afterwards. They received a grant from Think Babies to help with the initiative. Ms. Kehle introduced the other facilitators Sara Garrison and Kristen Leonard. Angela Birch from Think Babies also attended the presentation.

Resilience looks at trauma and adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). The facilitators distributed some handouts including an ACEs questionnaire which was anonymous.

The Board, staff and audience viewed the documentary. Due to copyright reasons the Clerk paused the live stream and recording until after the film was over.

After the film, the facilitators asked the group if there was anything in the film that stuck out to them. Commissioner Crawford said he serves on the Board of Health and they have seen that youth contemplation of suicide is a problem in Chatham County. He thought some of the results from the state of Washington showed that this could be an area the County could address.

Ms. Kehle stated Chatham County Schools has bought the rights to the film. The principals, school counselors, and teachers will be screening it. They will also be presenting to the Chatham Health Alliance.

CLOSED SESSION

[19-3171](#)

Closed Session to discuss items relating to personnel and property acquisition.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hales, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, to approve going out of Work Session and convening in Closed Session to discuss matters relating to personnel and property acquisition. 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 Vice Chair Hales, seconded by Commissioner Howard, 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

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End of Work Session

Regular Session - 6:00 PM - Historic Courthouse Courtroom**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

Chairman Dasher called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Wilkie

[19-3163](#)

Vote on a request to approve the May 30, 2019 Budget Work Session Minutes and the June 17, 2019 Work and Regular Session Minutes.

Attachments: [05.30.2019 Draft Minutes](#)
 [06.17.2019 Draft Minutes](#)

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

[19-3164](#)

Vote on a request to approve appointments to the Agriculture Advisory Board.

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

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

[19-3165](#)

Vote on a request to approve appointments to the Community Advisory Committee for nursing homes and adult care homes

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

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

[19-3173](#)

Vote on a request to reappoint Commissioner Mike Dasher as the County representative to TARPO and also reappoint Commissioner Diana Hales as the County alternate.

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

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

[19-3061](#)

Vote on a request for a legislative rezoning by Chris Sanders of Sanders Automotive for a rezoning of Parcel No. 77022, located off Ruth Lane and US 15-501 N, being approximately 7.07 acres, from Conditional Use District O & I and R-1 Residential to Conditional District Neighborhood Business, Baldwin Township.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that Resolution #2019-33 Adopting a Consistency Statement for the Approval of Rezoning for Chris Sanders of Sanders Automotive, 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 for Chris Sanders of Sanders Autotmotive, 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

[19-3166](#)

Vote on a request to adopt a Resolution donating easements and right-of-way to the NC DOT for the Pittsboro traffic circle improvement project and approve the easements.

Attachments: [DOT Easement Resolution](#)
[Maps](#)
[Agreement for Entry- parcel 4](#)
[Donation Agreement- parcel 4](#)
[Permanet Utility Easement Agreement- parcel 4](#)
[Agreement for Entry- parcel 7](#)
[Donation Agreement- parcel 7](#)
[Deed for Highway Right of Way- parcel 7](#)
[Agreement for Entry- parcel 11](#)
[Donation Agreement- parcel 11](#)
[Permanent Utility Easement- parcel 11](#)
[Agreement for Entry- parcel 12](#)
[Donation Agreement- parcel 12](#)
[Permanent Utility Easement- parcel 12](#)
[Agreement for Entry- parcel 13](#)
[Donation Agreement- parcel 13](#)
[Temporary Construction Easement- parcel 13](#)
[Agreement for Entry- parcel 17](#)
[Donation Agreement- parcel 17](#)
[Temporary Construction Easement- parcel 17](#)
[DukeEnergy sheet UO-5 \(2019-05-17\)](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that Resolution #2019-34 Donating Easements and Right-of-Way to the NC DOT for the Pittsboro Traffic Circle Improvement Project, 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

19-3156

Vote on a request to approve request by David Johnson for subdivision First Plat review of Fern Creek Subdivision Section II, consisting of 4 lots on 21.05 acres, located off Sugar Lake Road, SR-1714, parcel #80855.

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

19-3153

Vote on a request to approve process changes for fees in the Health Department.

Attachments: [BOH Clinic Charges Memo](#)

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

[19-3155](#)

Vote on request to approve the contract with Waste Management of Carolinas Inc. and authorize County Manager to execute the contract.

Attachments: [SERVICE AGREEMENT- Waste Management of the Carolinas Inc. 7.1.19](#)

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

[19-3170](#)

Vote on a request to approve an automatic aid contract between Moncure Fire Department and Apex Fire Department and authorize the County Manager to execute the agreement.

Attachments: [Apex Moncure Auto Aid Contract 2018 \(Final v2\) - cwelch edits. mcgee response - Clean](#)

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

[19-3158](#)

Vote on a request for County Manager and legal counsel to negotiate and approve the renewal of the three year Microsoft Enterprise Agreement at \$161,040.00/year and authorize the County Manager to execute the agreement.

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

[19-3169](#)

Vote on a request to approve detention food purchases under the US Communities Cooperative contract with US Foods (vendor) in the amount of \$110,000.00

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

[19-3159](#)

Vote on a request to approve Tax Releases and Refunds

Attachments: [June 2019 Release and Refund Report](#)
[June 2019 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

[19-3160](#)

Vote on a request to approve Order of Collection for 2019 property taxes.

Attachments: [Chatham County Charge 2019](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that the Order of Collection, 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

[19-3162](#)

Vote on a request to approve Annual Settlement and Resolution, charging the Tax Collector with collections of delinquent taxes

Attachments: [Tax Settlement Resolution](#)
[Outstanding Property Tax](#)
[Commissioners Annual Settlement Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that Resolution #2019-35 Charging the Tax Collector with Collections of Delinquent Taxes, 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

Robert Butler submitted the following comments:

I stand in support of the Confederate Memorial Statue. That statue outside has stood for the last 112 years or so with little or no opposition. That statue stands as a memorial to the many men and young boys, some as young as 12 and 14 years old, that lost their lives and still lay in unmarked graves and never got to come home to a decent burial. My sentiments are the same as many, the opposition comes as a

modern day rebellion from people not from the South and from outside our state, prime example being you, our Commissioners. Four of you were not born in Chatham County or even North Carolina.

The War of Northern Aggression gave the people of the South no choice but to fight or be killed. If you chose not to fight then you were shot for treason. Many and most fought to save their families and farms from the onslaught of the Union Army which was under orders to burn, kill, devastate, and ravage the South. Many women and young girls were brutally raped and murdered by the fine Union Army. So you want to remove a statue of honorable men that stood to protect their families and property. I say not.

I thought you commissioners were to represent the people of Chatham County but it's pretty evident that is not the case. Mr. Dasher, your tweet and support of Maya Little is really appalling and a slap in the face to the people of Chatham County. Mr. Crawford, your meltdown at the last meeting was at the least very unprofessional and uncalled for. You were elected to represent the people of this county and not your self interests or associated groups, or pandering yourselves to anarchists, as you have done. We, the people of Chatham County, are tired of your partisan politics. Your arrogance and the audacity to use your political position to try to change 150 years of history is beyond reprehensible.

You cannot and will not erase history, no matter how hard you try. Leave the statue alone and concentrate on issues more pertinent to the tax paying citizens of Chatham County. Thank you for your time and consideration because we will not stand idly by and watch our Southern history be destroyed.

Mike Pool submitted the following comments:

I am a twenty-two year resident of Chatham County. I speak in favor of the Confederate memorial staying where it is. I have a question and I realize you don't take questions but it is something I would like addressed at a future meeting, or possibly this meeting. At one of the first meetings we had about the monument at the Ag Center, you passed a resolution asking the lawyer to give what the legal options are for this monument. To my knowledge, those options have never been made public. Could the commissioners please make that information public to the residents of Chatham County. Thank you.

Howard Fifer submitted the following comments:

My name is Howard Fifer. I am a resident of Chatham County and a member of Chatham for All. Last month you announced that the majority of the Board found the position set forth by community members at the April Board meeting, which was held at the Ag Center, to be persuasive and are of the opinion that that the County is within its rights to return the Confederate monument to the UDC. You opted, in the first instance, to try to work with the UDC, as people of goodwill, to find a path forward to, in your words, "modify and rededicate" the monument, and accordingly you entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the owners of the monument.

In the ensuing month, no information on this process has been forthcoming from either side. It would be more than just appropriate for you to take some time this evening and let all of your constituents know, to put it succinctly, what is going on? Have the

negotiations commenced and are they proceeding with both parties demonstrating good faith, good will and an interest in working together? What are the opening positions of both sides, and what compromises have been made or requested by each side in an effort to, again in your words, "reimagine" the monument? What is the timeline for concluding the negotiations and removing the confederate monument from the heart of our community?

Please demonstrate that our faith in our elected officials is fully warranted, and that when you announce your intentions it is because you intend to do something and in a timely manner. Thank you for listening.

Patti Justice submitted the following comments:

I was born, and have lived in Chatham County for 67 years. I am here in favor of keeping the monument where it stands, as it appears, at the Historic Courthouse. Also, it is an antique, it is art and it gives a charm to the Pittsboro community. In these 67 years, I have never once thought of the monument as a racist issue to slavery. I have thought of it as it is, a monument for those who fought in the Civil War. I am not a racist person and I am sick of being called racist by the activists that have seeped into our county and those from outside of the county.

One of those people that never came home was my great great grandfather, Private Haywood Marshall Craven who died on Sept. 17th, 1862 at the age of 24 years old 5th North Carolina Regiment under command of Major General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, Major General Daniel Harvey Hill, and Colonel Duncan K. McRae. He was killed near Bloody Lane, Battle of Antietam, Sharpsburg Maryland, his body never returned home. I declare this monument in his memory and his honor and I want it to stay where it stands and is it appears, at the historic Courthouse in honor of my great great grandfather Pvt. Haywood Marshall Craven. His blood runs through my veins, my son's veins and my granddaughter's veins. May you rest in peace grandfather!

BOARD PRIORITIES

[19-3172](#)

Discussion on possible uses of Article 46 sales tax revenue.

Attachments: [Article 46 presentation July 15 BOC meeting](#)

Budget Analyst Darrell Butts gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached)

Chair Dasher asked if staff could present at the September meeting as to what the best use of the funds would be based off of suggestions from the Board. Staff agreed.

Commissioner Howard suggested affordable housing, teacher supplements and salaries, and landbanking.

Vice Chair Hales suggested education.

Commissioner Crawford agreed with teacher pay and affordable housing.

Chair Dasher suggested broadband access.

Staff will bring back options to the Board in September.

MANAGER' S REPORTS

On June 23rd Carolyn Miller, Dan LaMontagne, Courtney Jones, Stephanie Watkins-Cruz, and Lindsay Ray visited Martin County to discuss the Martin-Bertie-Washington County Leadership Academy. It was a great day and Mr. LaMontagne is very happy with how it went.

He spoke with the Rotary Club and he and Ms. Ray gave a presentation at Galloway Ridge about shared sales tax leakage and County government in general.

The final Coal Ash payment from Duke Energy was received (\$1.495 million dollars). They are also delivering their last check for the ad valorem tax that was part of the agreement (\$114,193 dollars). Vice Chair Hales clarified that this was the tax on their facility.

Mr. LaMontagne met with a representative from Congressman Mark Walker's office, Keifer Wynn and they had a good conversation about issues like broadband, immigration, and the shortage of in-home care.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Vice Chair Hales attended a mock BOC meeting with the Hispanic Liaison OLP youth group. She felt it was a great event and a wonderful experience. She commended Lindsay Ray for facilitating it. Ms. Ray thanked Vice Chair Hales as well as staff for participating.

Vice Chair Hales is also attending a TJCOG meeting with Secretary Reagan from the Department of Environmental Quality tomorrow. There will be about 40 attendees (commissioners, mayors), including the mayor of Pittsboro, there to talk about water issues, particularly Jordan Lake, One Water, and what local and state bodies can do about the water upstream and down. She is glad for the opportunity to represent Chatham County.

Commissioner Crawford also attended the mock BOC meeting and expressed his gratitude to Lindsay and staff for helping with the activity and for allowing him to be a part of it. He looks forward to future groups and encourages his fellow commissioners attend. Commissioner Crawford also wanted to remind everyone once again that the TJCOG summit is taking place at the Agriculture and Conference Center on October 10 and that early bird registration is open. He requested Ms. Ray sign him up.

Commissioner Wilkie informed the other commissioners that the Agriculture Advisory Committee would like to see the proposed tax increase used for agriculture. The Board agreed to add that to the list of possible uses for staff to research.

Chair Dasher stated that an update will be given on the statue at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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