



Chatham County, NC

Meeting Minutes

Board of Commissioners

Monday, April 18, 2022

2:00 PM

Historic Courthouse Courtroom

Work Session - 2:00 PM - Historic Courthouse Courtroom

Present: 4 - Commissioner Diana Hales, Vice Chair Franklin Gomez Flores, Chair Karen Howard and Commissioner Robert Logan

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Mike Dasher

INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Howard welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA and CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Hales, seconded by Vice Chair Gomez Flores, that the Agenda and Consent Agenda be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hales, Vice Chair Gomez Flores, Chair Howard, and Commissioner Logan

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dasher

[22-4238](#)

Vote on a request to approve to award a service weapon to retiring Major Ken McDaniel.

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

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hales, Vice Chair Gomez Flores, Chair Howard, and Commissioner Logan

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dasher

[22-4240](#)

Vote on a request to approve to award a service weapon to retiring Lieutenant Joe Birchett.

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

vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hales, Vice Chair Gomez Flores, Chair Howard, and Commissioner Logan

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dasher

[22-4241](#)

Vote on a request to accept \$16,444 from NCDHHS Food Protection and Facilities Branch

Attachments: [\\$16,444 F & L Funds](#)

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

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hales, Vice Chair Gomez Flores, Chair Howard, and Commissioner Logan

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dasher

[22-4268](#)

Vote on a request to accept \$2,500 grant funds from UNC Chapel Hill

Attachments: [LOS EMBRACE UNC 3.21](#)
[Community Implementation of Severe Hypertension in Pregnancy and Postpartum Safety Bundle](#)

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

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hales, Vice Chair Gomez Flores, Chair Howard, and Commissioner Logan

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dasher

[22-4249](#)

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

Attachments: [EMMAUS TRAIL PETITION](#)
[EMMAUS TRAIL MAP](#)
[EMMAUS TRAIL AREA MAP](#)
[Scott Ridge Drive Petition](#)
[Scott Ridge Drive Map](#)
[Scott Ridge Drive Area Map](#)

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

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hales, Vice Chair Gomez Flores, Chair Howard, and Commissioner Logan

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dasher

[22-4250](#)

Vote on a request to approve the re-naming of one private road in Chatham County

Attachments: [STONY BROOK LN PETITION](#)
 [STONY BROOK LN MAP](#)
 [STONY BROOK LN AREA MAP](#)

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

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hales, Vice Chair Gomez Flores, Chair Howard, and Commissioner Logan

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dasher

[22-4251](#)

Vote on a request to approve Tax Releases and Refunds

Attachments: [March 2022 Release and Refund Report](#)
 [March 2022 NCVTS Pending Refund Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hales, seconded by Vice Chair Gomez Flores, 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: 4 - Commissioner Hales, Vice Chair Gomez Flores, Chair Howard, and Commissioner Logan

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dasher

[22-4247](#)

Vote on a request to approve Resolution for the MRF Grant related to the Western Intake Partners New Regional Water Treatment Plant for up to \$400,000.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION to Approve MRF Western Intake Partners Regional Water Treatment Plant Grant Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hales, seconded by Vice Chair Gomez Flores, that this Resolution #2022-026 approving the MRF Grant related to the Western Intake Partners New Regional Water Treatment Plant for up to \$400,000, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hales, Vice Chair Gomez Flores, Chair Howard, and Commissioner Logan

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dasher

[22-4253](#)

Vote on a request to adopt a Resolution Proclaiming April 30, 2022 as "National Therapy Animal Day"

Attachments: [RES National Therapy Animal Day 04302022](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hales, seconded by Vice Chair Gomez Flores, that this Resolution #2022-027 Proclaiming April 30, 2022 as "National

Therapy Animal Day”, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hales, Vice Chair Gomez Flores, Chair Howard, and Commissioner Logan

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dasher

[22-4259](#)

Vote on a request to adopt a resolution proclaiming May 2022 as Older Americans Month in Chatham County

Attachments: [Older Americans Month proclamation May 2022](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hales, seconded by Vice Chair Gomez Flores, that this Resolution #2022-028 proclaiming May 2022 as Older Americans Month in Chatham County, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hales, Vice Chair Gomez Flores, Chair Howard, and Commissioner Logan

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dasher

[22-4260](#)

Vote on a request to adopt a resolution proclaiming Vulnerable Adult and Elder Abuse and Exploitation Awareness Month in Chatham County

Attachments: [Elder Abuse Proclamation for May](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hales, seconded by Vice Chair Gomez Flores, that this Resolution #2022-029 proclaiming Vulnerable Adult and Elder Abuse and Exploitation Awareness Month in Chatham County, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hales, Vice Chair Gomez Flores, Chair Howard, and Commissioner Logan

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dasher

[22-4256](#)

Vote on a request to approve agreement with Southern Health Partners for inmate health services and authorize the County Manager to execute the agreement.

Attachments: [Southern Health Partners Annual Agreement](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hales, seconded by Vice Chair Gomez Flores, that this Contract, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hales, Vice Chair Gomez Flores, Chair Howard, and Commissioner Logan

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dasher

[22-4266](#)

Vote on a request to grant and execute the proposed Sewer and Greenway Easement to the Town of Pittsboro for the Robeson Creek

Greenway within an existing utility easement and additional areas outside the existing utility easement upon county-owned property located adjacent to, and south of, the Justice Center in Pittsboro, off Sanford Road, and with Parcel ID# 0007775

Attachments: [Chatham County Sewer Greenway Easement](#)
 [Preliminary Town of Pittsboro Greenway Plat](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hales, seconded by Vice Chair Gomez Flores, that this Easement, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hales, Vice Chair Gomez Flores, Chair Howard, and Commissioner Logan

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dasher

[22-4261](#)

Vote on a Request to Approve FY2022-2023 dental insurance administration service contract amendment with Delta Dental and authorize the county manager to execute the contract.

Attachments: [FY23 Delta Dental Revised Contract](#)
 [FY23 Delta Dental Voluntary Dental Benefits Summary](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hales, seconded by Vice Chair Gomez Flores, that this Contract, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hales, Vice Chair Gomez Flores, Chair Howard, and Commissioner Logan

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dasher

[22-4262](#)

Vote on a Request to Approve FY2022-2023 BCBS of NC Administrative Services Agreement (ASA) Contract Changes, the Agent Fees Collection Agreement and authorize the county manager to execute renewal application documents.

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

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hales, Vice Chair Gomez Flores, Chair Howard, and Commissioner Logan

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dasher

[22-4270](#)

Vote on a request to approve septic easement with Haw River Assembly.

Attachments: [Grace Ave Septic Easement](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hales, seconded by Vice Chair Gomez Flores, that this Contract, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hales, Vice Chair Gomez Flores, Chair Howard, and Commissioner Logan

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dasher

[22-4263](#)

Vote on a Request to Approve Grant Applications for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

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

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hales, Vice Chair Gomez Flores, Chair Howard, and Commissioner Logan

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dasher

[22-4264](#)

Vote on a request to approve the recommendation of the Chatham County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee to award Wallick Communities a low-interest loan totaling \$322,851 from the Article 46 Housing Allocation and Housing Trust Fund for the creation of 72 affordable income restricted units.

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

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hales, Vice Chair Gomez Flores, Chair Howard, and Commissioner Logan

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dasher

[22-4265](#)

Vote on a request to award a \$7,000 Affordable Housing support grant to After School LLC

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

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hales, Vice Chair Gomez Flores, Chair Howard, and Commissioner Logan

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dasher

[22-4267](#)

Vote on a request to convey a 0.47-acre parcel of land in ownership of Chatham County and located at 300 Elder Road, Siler City, NC to the Town of Siler City and execute the proposed Special Warranty Deed subject to this request.

Attachments: [Town of Siler - Chatham County - Blood Run Pump Special Warranty Deed](#)

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

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hales, Vice Chair Gomez Flores, Chair Howard, and Commissioner Logan

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dasher

End of Consent Agenda

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

[22-4257](#)

Recognition of recent County retirees

Chair Howard read a statement about Wes Collins into the record and congratulated him on his nine years of service to Chatham County. Mr. Collins said he will miss everyone, and it has been an honor to serve.

County Manager, Dan LaMontagne, also introduced the new Council on Aging Director Ashlyn Martin.

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

No one signed up to speak.

BOARD PRIORITIES

[22-4255](#)

Update from Chatham Trades

Attachments: [Chatham Trades Video by Local Government Federal Credit Union](#)

Executive Director of Chatham Trades, Shawn Poe, addressed the Board and presented a video produced by the Local Foundation of North Carolina.

Chair Howard said as a parent of a special needs child, this touched her very deeply. She was so glad to know the Chatham community valued these individuals as an essential and appreciated part of the community.

[22-4258](#)

Update from Vaya Health on performance.

Attachments: [BOC Meeting 4-18-2022 Cara Townsend](#)

Regional Director of Vaya Health, Cara Townsend, gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached)

Ms. Townsend said Jennie Kristiansen was a thought leader that provoked a lot of thought within the region and Vaya staff really enjoyed working with her.

In North Carolina, we have typically been a facility based instead of a family-based welfare system. The State was currently working on a Childhood Family Specialty Plan. There were pros and cons to the plan, and it was not fully worked out. Vaya was very concerned about the providers and the timeline of this plan.

Chatham sent a letter to the North Carolina Secretary of Department of Health and Human Services and so did the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

Chair Howard asked how providers could reach residents on the borders of counties not contiguous for the region. Ms. Townsend said Vaya can have some providers come to the clients here in Chatham. Chair Howard said hopefully this would inspire providers to expand their services.

Commissioner Hales asked Ms. Townsend to connect with Second Bloom. She could give Ms. Townsend their contact information.

Commissioner Logan said the school systems also partnered with agencies to bring services to their students. He asked what type of relationships Vaya had with the school districts in the region. Ms. Townsend said Vaya had partnerships that were working well but could be better. They were looking for creative solutions, especially due to the increased suicide rate. Commissioner Logan would like to talk to her more about that. He did not think the general public was aware of the increased mental health stress on students. He said more steps for preventive care and immediate treatment were needed.

Chair Howard said schools had a partnership and she was not sure if it was under Vaya or not and whether it was ongoing.

[22-4252](#)

Receive FY2022 Third Quarter Budget Update

Attachments: [FY22 3rd Quarter Budget Update](#)

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

Commissioner Logan said it seemed like the County was doing well. Mr. Butts said the County was blessed with a good collection percentage thanks to Jenny Williams and the Tax department.

CLERK'S REPORT

Lindsay Ray reminded the Board of the Chatham Development Briefing on April 26th. The commissioners would receive email notifications that they were registered. The commissioners' budget one-on-ones with staff would be held at county manager's office conference room. On May 2nd there would be the presentation of the Chatham County budget and May 4th there would be the Legislative Breakfast at the Agriculture Center.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Dan LaMontagne said the presentation of G.R.E.A.T. grant broadband maps had been delayed due to the State's new deadline. The Department of Information Technology (DIT) had extended the deadline to May 16th. The public hearing was not ready yet for VinFast because the incentive agreement was incomplete. The public would be given ten days' notice beforehand after some data had been finalized.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Vice Chair Gomez Flores had nothing to report.

Commissioner Hales asked if there was any development activity happening at the Triangle Innovation Point site. Mr. LaMontagne said it had not started yet. There were no incentive or state agreements that have been finalized. The site has already been zoned but the project still has to go through the appearance commission, site planning, stormwater with the County. The Department of Environmental Quality would do the erosion control agreement as any other industry would have. There has been no groundbreaking, yet. More information will come to the board and the public.

Commissioner Logan thanked the Board of Education and Superintendent for the One Chatham strategic planning session at the Agriculture Center. It was one of the best sessions he has ever attended. The schools looked at growth through an inclusive community approach. Commissioner Hales said the food and entertainment by the students was fabulous.

Chair Howard said the ribbon cutting for the hotel at Chatham Park was this week. She would not be here for the May 2nd meeting but will attend the Legislative Breakfast. She had a great Education Steering Committee meeting on micro-credentialing. Central Carolina Community College was working with industries to have good wages for future employees. She encouraged the other commissioners to follow and join the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners steering committees or send in comments to the State Board when they were unable to attend.

Commissioner Hales said tomorrow, April 19th at 5:30 PM the Department of Transportation will present their Second Avenue study at Wren Library in Siler City.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Hales, seconded by Vice Chair Gomez Flores, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hales, Vice Chair Gomez Flores, Chair Howard, and Commissioner Logan

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dasher