



Chatham County, NC

Meeting Minutes

Board of Commissioners

Monday, December 17, 2018

6:00 PM

Historic Courthouse Courtroom

Work Session - 1:30 PM - Historic Courthouse Courtroom

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

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

No one signed up to speak.

BOARD PRIORITIES

[18-2866](#)

Receive a presentation on the Chatham County Promise K-14 Program and vote on a request to approve an MOU between the County and the Community College.

Attachments: [Board of commissioners Handout Chatham-County-Promise Student Handout Chatham-County-Promise ENGandSPA Chatham County Promise MOU v7 12 12 2018 \(002\)](#)

Interim County Manager Dan LaMontagne reviewed the Chatham County Promise program. The County's obligation is \$200,000 the first year. This program guarantees up to two years of free in-state tuition for Chatham County residents who graduate from a public high school in Chatham County in 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022. The community college will invoice the County for all applicable tuition and fees prior to the end of each fall and spring semester.

Vice Chair Hales asked how long the pilot would be. CCCC President Dr. Bud Marchant stated it would be a five year pilot. The program will be evaluated at the end and then a decision will be made as to whether or not to continue. There will be a formal report at the end of every year.

Commissioner Petty asked if this is the same program the Chatham Economic Development Corporation looked at a few years ago. Dr. Marchant stated yes. Lee County has already approved the program. Harnett County made the program a reimbursement as well. The State of Tennessee has done a similar program on the state level.

Commissioner Howard asked if North Carolina has considered this on the state level. Dr. Marchant said not that he is aware of. Each program in the three counties is a little

different because there are three different school districts. Students in each county would have access to the program in the other two counties.

Commissioner Howard asked what the target student population would be. Dr. Marchant said students that want to go for two years and transfer to a four year school would be targeted, career and technical students. About half of the students in the program in Lee County are in a technical program. Commissioner Howard asked if it is the target population that sees the finances as a barrier. Dr. Marchant stated in Lee County the students were on the cusp and their parents made too much money and therefore were not eligible for federal financial assistance.

Vice Chair Hales asked about transportation. Dr. Marchant stated the college is working with all three county transportation agencies. Transportation will continue to be an issue.

Dr. Marchant said he hopes this will allow students to live and stay in the community and to work and prosper. Commissioner Howard said she hopes these students will be provided with the appropriate guidance to take advantage of the program.

Dr. Marchant said there is a need to bring blue collar jobs and place value on them. Commissioner Petty said we need to focus on skills training to meet the local needs.

Commissioner Howard appreciates that this program is a reimbursement. She asked how many students they are looking at for \$200,000 in 2020. Dr. Marchant said roughly two hundred.

Commissioner Howard asked if we are intentionally excluding some populations, for example, a Chatham County resident that goes to a Wake County high school. Dr. Marchant said the student must be a graduate of a Chatham County high school. CCCC Provost Dr. Mark Hall stated the student must also be a Chatham County resident.

Commissioner Howard asked about the timeframe for the program. At what point is the college considering an expansion beyond 2024? Dr. Marchant stated the college would come to the Board of Commissioners the budget year before 2024 with a proposal.

Commissioner Crawford stated the program is invoiced and is below initial estimate of \$400,000. It is open to all graduates for all programs. There is bipartisan support. The County is copying what Tennessee is doing statewide and it reduces a student's debt load. He hopes in the future the County goes above the current numbers.

Commissioner Petty asked if there is an economy of scale with this program. Dr. Marchant said a little. The more students that come, the more money the college receives from the state.

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

[18-2870](#)

Vote on a request to receive recommendations of findings for the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan summary and draft

recommendations

Attachments: [Recreation Master plan summary findings and draft recommendations 2018](#)

Rachael Cotter and Phillip Parnin from McAdams gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached)

Vice Chair Hales asked if there is a "Friends of Parks and Rec" in Chatham County. Parks and Recreation Director Tracy Burnett said not at this time but it is a goal.

Chair Dasher asked if it is possible to have joint facilities with other counties. Ms. Cotter said yes.

Vice Chair Hales asked if there was any interest in equestrian opportunities. Ms. Cotter stated there was strong interest at public meetings but not as much interest in the survey.

Vice Chair Hales asked if the Parks and Recreation department has a lot of volunteers. Ms. Burnett said she works with a local church and with Chatham Central but there is no volunteer program at this time.

CLOSED SESSION

[18-2867](#)

Closed Session to discuss matters relating to economic development and personnel.

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 personnel and economic development. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Chair Dasher, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

End of Work Session

Regular Session - 6:00 PM - Historic Courthouse Courtroom

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

INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Dasher asked everyone to pause for a moment of silence and reflection after

which he invited everyone present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dasher welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA and CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

18-2888

Vote on a request to approve the November 5, 2018 Regular Session minutes and the November 27, 2018 CIP Work Session minutes.

Attachments: [Draft Minutes 11.05.2018](#)
[Draft Minutes 11.27.2018 CIP Work Session](#)

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

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

18-2764

Vote on a Quasi-Judicial request by Carolina Meadows Inc. for a Conditional Use Permit revision to construct 40 residence units in four buildings, 3 stories each. In Area C, replace the existing Skilled Nursing Facility with a new four story facility and replace existing one story villas with 3 story unit. Also, replace the existing Independent Living apartments with four story Independent Living apartments. This will complete the total number of 750 residential units allowed per the CUP. Parcels 62114, 64734, 20033, and 74450, Williams Township.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that this Resolution #2018-55 Approving Revision to a Conditional Use Permit Request by Carolina Meadows, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

18-2885

Vote on a request to approve an interlocal agreement with the Town of Siler City for the County to provide building inspections for the Town and authorize the county attorney and county manager to negotiate and

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

[18-2772](#)

Approval of agreement with NC Department of Transportation and Tim's Farm and Forestry, LLC, agreement between Chatham County and Tim's Farm and Forestry, LLC for DOT contingency funding of transportation design services for the Chatham Advanced Manufacturing (CAM) Site, and an interlocal agreement with the Town of Siler City for mowing of the CAM site entrance and authorize the county attorney and county manager to negotiate and execute the agreements.

Attachments: [Tri-Party agreement](#)
[MOU with County and Booras](#)
[Interlocal Agreement for Maintenance of CAM Entrance FINAL](#)
[Maintenance Entrance Image](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that these Contracts, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[18-2879](#)

Vote on a request to approve and accept proposal for a full measure and list reappraisal, and award contract to Vincent Valuations and authorize the County Manager to execute the agreement and amend the budget as necessary.

Attachments: [Vincent Valuations Contract](#)

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

[18-2884](#)

Vote on a request to approve grant application to Crime Victim Services of NC Governor's Crime Commission for VAWA funding.

Attachments: [Internal Grant Approval Form](#)

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

[18-2820](#)

Vote on a request to approve a Debt Write-Off for the Chatham County Public Health Department

Attachments: [Copy of Bad Debt Write Off 16-17](#)

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

[18-2854](#)

Vote on a request to approve \$656.94 from the Aetna Foundation to cover costs of the Healthiest Cities and Counties Challenge Site Visit.

Attachments: [\\$656.94 Aetna Foundation Reimbursement](#)

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

[18-2855](#)

Vote on a request to approve \$450,000 from The Duke Endowment's Healthy People Health Carolinas initiative in support of the Chatham Health Alliance

Attachments: [\\$450,000 Duke Endowment Funds - Letter](#)

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

[18-2877](#)

Vote on a request to approve Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget Amendments

Attachments: [Budget Amendment 2018-2019 Dec](#)

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

[18-2871](#)

Vote on a request to approve Tax Releases and Refunds

Attachments: [November 2018 Release and Refund Report](#)
[November 2018 NCVTS Pending Refund Report](#)
[November 2018 Manual 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, Commissioner Petty, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Crawford and Commissioner Howard

[18-2869](#)

Vote on a request to approve amended project ordinances as proposed by staff

Attachments: [Project Ordinance Animal Shelter Amended 12-17-18](#)
[Project Ordinance Business Campus Revised 12-17-18](#)
[Project Ordinance EMS Base Amended 12-17-18](#)
[Project Ordinance Haywood Water Main Amended 12-17-18](#)
[Project Ordinance Schools Chatham Grove Elementary Revised 12-17-18](#)
[Project Ordinance Schools Locker Room Renovations Amended 12-17-18](#)
[Project Ordinance Schools Seaforth High School Amended 12-17-18](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that these Ordinances, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[18-2873](#)

Vote on a request to adopt the proposed Schools Central Services Building Project Ordinance

Attachments: [Project Ordinance Schools New Central Services Building Original 12-17-18](#)

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

[18-2874](#)

Vote on a request to adopt the proposed Schools Indoor Bleacher Replacements Project Ordinance

Attachments: [Project Ordinance Schools Indoor Bleacher Replacements Original 12-17-18](#)

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

[18-2875](#)

Vote on a request to adopt the proposed Increased Capacity for Data Storage Project Ordinance

Attachments: [Project Ordinance Increased Capacity Data Storage Original 12-17-18](#)

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

[18-2876](#)

Vote on a request to adopt the proposed Emergency Operations Center Expansion Project Ordinance

Attachments: [Project Ordinance EOC Expansion Original 12-17-18](#)

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

[18-2878](#)

Vote on a request to adopt the proposed Radio System Upgrade Project Ordinance

Attachments: [Project Ordinance Radio System Upgrade Original 12-17-18](#)

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

[18-2865](#)

Vote on a request to appoint Chanel Haugh to the Triangle South Workforce Development Board.

Attachments: [Recommendation of Appointment C. Haugh](#)
[Regional WorkForce Development - Chanel Haugh application](#)

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

[18-2882](#)

Vote on a request to adopt a resolution appointing Stephanie Watkins-Cruz as the Fair Housing Officer for Chatham County

Attachments: [12.17FHOfficerResolution](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that this Resolution #2018-56 Appointing Stephanie Watkins-Cruz as the Fair Housing Officer, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[18-2886](#)

Vote on a request to approve the appointment of Joan Burton to the Chatham County Housing Authority.

Attachments: [Joan Burton recommendation](#)

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

[18-2881](#)

Vote on a request to approve appointments to the Planning Board.

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

[18-2864](#)

Vote on a request to approve reappointments to the Board of Equalization and Review

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

End of Consent Agenda

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

[18-2887](#)

Approve and present a plaque honoring Carl Henry Outz, Jr. for 30 Years of Service.

Chair Dasher presented Carl Henry Outz, Jr. with a plaque honoring his thirty years of service with Chatham County.

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

No one signed up to speak.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

[18-2845](#)

A Legislative Public Hearing to consider County-initiated rezonings of 5 parcels in the formerly unzoned portion of Chatham County.

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

Planning Director Jason Sullivan reviewed the specifics of the request.

The Chair opened the hearing.

Denise Dunn submitted the following comments:

Thank you for the time to speak this evening. I really don't have much to say, I just want to make sure that the Gravel Pit is not zoned heavy industrial and remains non-conforming. I understand the paper said it is zoned R-1 but my understanding is that it is still non-conforming since that is what it was before the vote in 2016. My family owns Calico Quilt Antiques in Goldston the building is over 120 years old. Who is going to be responsible for damage done to this building if the blasting causes everything to rock and roll. Then what if there is a fire or emergency at the pit, do we have the resources to fight a fire on 220 acres, or the equipment to save someone's life? I also would like to ask for a TIA (Traffic Impact Analysis) report from the DOT, this report is supposed to show if our infrastructure can handle truck after truck of gravel approximately 500,000 tons traveling our small two lane road in and out of town. How is the pit going to effect the trains through town? These are just a couple of questions that I have. I understand that all of this is going to happen no matter what but if we zone the PIT heavy industrial it will open the door to other exploration, or other industries that we don't want. The pit is not a neighbor that we wanted or welcome, we are afraid, it is my understanding that the commissioners reached out to the PIT and offered this rezoning, I don't know if that is true, I certainly hope it isn't. I mean how many of you on this board would like a gravel pit within a mile of your home? I haven't even mentioned the health concerns and the other concerns that people have brought up on our facebook page. I invite you to come down to Goldston and be there when they blast, oh we would like a blasting schedule so that we know if the boom we hear is from the PIT or a plane crashing ... Once again I would like to request the TIA report from the DOT. Please do not zone to heavy industrial, remember that we are part of this county and we would like to remain the quiet small rural community that we have been for all of these years.

Marian Norton submitted the following comments:

Chatham County Commissioners. In May of 2016 we purchased a home on South Main Street in Goldston. It was an old and rather historic home, and in need of repair. The home has a beautiful "rocking chair" front porch, a large yard for the grandkids, and a view of our neighbor's pasture with train tracks behind it. We've loved the home, the porch and the view. That is, until Friday, Dec. 7th, 2018. On that day I was preparing for the expected snowstorm, and paused about 4pm to fix a cup of coffee. Before I got the K-pod in the coffee maker, there was a terrible explosion that rattled and shook the house, sending its waves through my body I exited out the back porch into the yard, thinking that Goldston was experiencing an earthquake! Once outside, I realized the ground was no longer shaking and looked around. I could see a cloud of dust behind the tree line that is just behind the tracks. Within days I learned that others were experiencing the same shocking blasts, and that an active mining operation was on the property where the "rezoning" signs were posted. Up until this time I had no idea that a quarry was in operation there. There are no signs up for the operation and we

received no warning of blasting taking place. In the abstract prepared for this hearing it notes goal #4 of Comprehensive plan ... and I quote "Diversify the tax base and generate more high quality, in county jobs to reduce dependence on residential property taxes, create economic opportunity and reduce out-commuting." These parcels do not meet these objectives, but rather they lower the quality of life and real property value for this community. Goldston area property tax values spiked unrealistically with the last county re-evaluation. Our home is currently valued at over four times what we paid for it. Realistically, we probably won't get a return of our investment. Another older home on South Main Street recently sold for less than half of its appraised value (and that was before blasting began).

I've prepared a map from our county's mapping with our property outlined in blue, and the properties proposed to be rezoned outlined in red. On the map I have noted property tax amounts for 2018. Please compare my tax bill with the property that recently sold for 9.5 million according to county records. Having a business on these 5 parcels has not created a "diversity of the tax base". Goldston is a small town, only one mile in diameter. It contains about 500 acres. We do not need an additional 220 acres just outside town limits in Heavy Industrial use. We're going to have to adjust to a lifestyle of no peace and quiet, devalued properties, and dangers involved with nearby blasting of heavy truck traffic, increased noise, jarring blasts, dust, and flying rock. My porch is no longer a haven, nor my yard a safe playground for the grandchildren. Please leave the zoning as it is, RI. Thank You

Primrose Sutton submitted the following comments:

The rock quarry is behind where I live. For the last three weeks they have been blasting. My whole house shakes. My question is if I have house damage, who is going to be responsible for paying for that? I did not agree for them to have a rock quarry there. My real concern is the blasting. I can hear the drilling but that doesn't bother my property but the blasting does. I would like you to consider that other people live in that area and they are probably going to end up with damage.

Sharon Wicker submitted the following comments:

I just came because I didn't know what was going on. I had no idea. Last Thursday, I was sitting at my kitchen table and the whole house shook. It felt like it was on the foundation. I don't think that is something the small town of Goldston needs.

Kenneth McIntosh asked if the permit that was given on the 14th, is a five year permit. Commissioner Hales said she believed it was a twenty year permit. Mr. McIntosh said he is on a well and he believes his water will be affected by this. He asked how he is protected from the damage to his well water. Mr. Sullivan said he could offer Mr. McIntosh some contacts with the Department of Mining at the State who may be able to answer those questions.

Goldston Mayor Tim Cunnup submitted the following comments:

I am sorry I could not be there tonight. Please accept this brief statement for the Town of Goldston regarding the Daurity Rock Quarry. The Town of Goldston is looking for a good neighbor from this business. Good in my words means a neighbor that will

benefit the Town and community. It will bring good commerce to us in the form of jobs and opportunity. What we do not want it to bring is noise, cracked foundations, water quality for people with wells, dust and a multitude of dump trucks through Town. So, with that being said, as we move forward with our new neighbor these words need to be recognized as something we mean. This tract of land lays as close to Town limits as you can get. With all the work the Town and County has done over the last decade implementing our infrastructure with the hopes of growth the last thing we want is to not be able to attract other good prospects in the form of business and residents to our town. My question to you is if there are problems as stated above is there an authority that will hear us and help bring things into compliance ? I thank you for work and time tonight.

Rep. Robert Reives submitted the following comments:

I appreciate you being here. I understand your position. I would echo what Mayor Cunnup said. I think that is the big concern you hear throughout the community and that is why I am here. There are a lot of people who are worried with what happens as we go forward. Nobody has ever experienced this in Goldston so we don't know what is going to happen. There are concerns about water quality. I can speak as somebody who owns one of those old houses, there are big concerns about that because it doesn't take much to shake the foundations. Suddenly you have homes that have been in families, in our case, close to one hundred years, that suddenly aren't family homes anymore. You can't get that value back. Unfortunately, a lot of our citizens are not in the position to just pick up and move or even pick up and sue. We do want to have those concerns come before the Board. I understand your position. I recognize there is a balancing act between the two. You have commerce, you have jobs, and you have opportunities that come when any business opens. On the flipside, the worst thing you want to do is after Commissioner Cross, Commissioner Petty and several others on the earlier Boards worked so hard to get water into Goldston. The last thing you want to do is be in a position where that city water doesn't benefit us because no one trusts that it any more than they did the original water. Thank you for your attention and the opportunity to speak.

James Womack submitted the following comments:

I appreciate this opportunity. I do not live directly with the affected properties that are being considered for rezoning. I am an Army veteran. Last week there were two blasts that rattled my house. Two days later there was a single blast. I hit the deck. You know why I hit the deck? I was in artillery. If you ever have been around artillery in the Army or any branch of the military and you hear a loud noise you are going to hit the deck. I got out of the Army fifty years ago. The quality of life, the damage to property and Goldston is a loveable, quiet, peaceful community. The mining permit is in place and there is nothing we can do about it. I think as County Commissioners and as a County we can do a lot as far as rezoning that to commercial. All the trucks will be going up and down the road. Right now a child can actually ride a bicycle in Goldston. If it is rezoned commercial, we have a lot of senior citizens and other citizens who walk daily in Goldston and there will be an impact on that. I heard no one say anything about noise abatement. We didn't even get a letter. The zoning is probably two hundred feet from where our residence is. I sure want everyone to consider the impact on the community, the quality of life and the humanity piece of it. Thank you very much.

Vice Chair Hales asked if there is any recourse for a government if infrastructure is damaged because of the blasting.

Chair Dasher asked if the quarry has to notify anyone prior to the blasting. Mr. Sullivan stated he believes the blasting is coordinated with the Fire Marshal's Office.

The Chair closed the hearing.

This Agenda Item was referred to the Planning Board.

BOARD PRIORITIES

18-2842

Receive update on coal ash fund spending and vote on a request to approve a request by the Moncure/Haywood Event for \$25,000 a year for the next three years.

Attachments: [Coal Ash funds](#)
 [Moncure.haywood event report](#)

Interim County Manager Dan LaMontagne reviewed the accounting of the coal ash funds.

Vice Chair Hales asked if the Board could have another tour of the Brickhaven site. Mr. LaMontagne said he and the Clerk would work together schedule tours.

Quentin Murray with the Moncure/Haywood Event Organization asked the Board for additional financial support for the food truck event.

After some discussion, the Board agreed to approve \$25,000 for the organization for the 2019 year. The Board also agreed to discuss coming up with a policy for community groups at its January Retreat.

A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, to approve up to \$25,000 for 2019 for the Moncure/Haywood Event Organization. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

18-2883

Vote on a request to approve Reimbursement Policy Changes for Affordable Housing

Attachments: [1999impact fee policy-09162016114928](#)
 [12.17.2018 Impact Fee Policy](#)

Policy Analyst Stephanie Watkins-Cruz reviewed the specifics of the request.

A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Commissioner Petty, that this Policies and Procedures be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

18-2860

Review and Update Commissioner Liaisons for County Boards &

Committees

Attachments: [Board of Commissioner liaison table dec 19 2017](#)

Commissioner Crawford will replace Chair Dasher as the liaison to the Chatham Economic Development Corporation.

Commissioner Howard stated JOCCA needs to be changed to Central Piedmont Community Action. Also, OPC is now Central Carolina Community Board. Commissioner Howard also asked that she be added as a member of the County Commissioner Advisory Board for Cardinal Innovations.

Vice Chair Hales asked to be added as the TARPO Alternate.

[18-2880](#)

Confirm acceptance of FY 2019 Board of Commissioner goals for FY 2020

Attachments: [FY 2019 Goals](#)

After some discussion the Board agreed to keep their current goals as the goals for FY2020.

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

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

MANAGER' S REPORTS

Interim County Manager Dan LaMontagne and Emergency Operations Director Steve Newton have been tracking the situation at Jeremiah Drive regularly. They have been working with the DOT to come up with estimates to elevate the road. Once there is a cost estimate, they need to figure how to pay for it, as DOT likely will not provide funding initially. The Plan B is to find a back road that would not be used as a through-road but rather as an access for emergency vehicles in necessary situations. This would still require funding. Mr. LaMontagne reiterated the importance of addressing this ongoing problem. Commissioner Crawford echoed the sentiment. The County is still very much in the planning phase.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Hales stated the governor has put together a climate change group that is meeting by phone on Wednesday and she intends to participate in the call.

Commissioner Crawford stated there will be a TJCOG Summit next year, Commissioner Crawford is pushing the idea of affordable housing. TJCOG is also focusing on law enforcement recruitment. He renewed his request as a commissioner and as a trustee for a report from the Small Business Center at CCCC. He would also like a report or recap from the Agriculture and Conference Center on bookings and vendors used to get an idea going into the next year. He will accept this report in writing or by way of a presentation. The previous year's data would be helpful as well.

Commissioner Howard was at the NCACC Executive Board meetings last Friday and Saturday. They discussed how to have more useful district meetings. The Legislative Goals Conference is coming up and although she will not be in attendance, Vice Chair

Hales will. There are some goals that Commissioner Howard finds worrisome that may not benefit the whole state and she would like the Board to keep an eye on them. Chair Hales said she is involved with Triangle J who has also formed a legislative goals committee and will be sure to share those developments.

Due to inclement weather Chair Dasher and Commissioner Howard were unable to discuss the comments they wanted to bring to the Board regarding their trip to Mexico and will do so at a later date.

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