



Chatham County, NC

Meeting Minutes

Board of Commissioners

Monday, July 16, 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

No one signed up to speak.

BOARD PRIORITIES

[18-2685](#)

Discuss request by Moncure/Haywood Event Organization for funding for a community event on September 29, 2018.

Attachments: [Moncure Food Truck Event](#)

Quentin Murray made a request to the Board for funding from the Duke Energy coal ash project for the Moncure/Haywood Food Truck event in September. Mr. Murray also submitted a letter to the Board from a Moncure resident expressing her health concerns.

Mr. Murray stated last week they held a "Thank You Sunday" event where they passed out free slushies and drinks and they gathered some statistics about things the community wants.

Commissioner Hales asked if they were profitable last year. Mr. Murray stated there was no profit. The monies received were only from the food truck participants. Everything else was given by the committee and one of the local churches.

Commissioner Howard stated she liked the notion of community building. She asked if the event is going to be a fundraiser. Mr. Murray stated they are not looking for a profit. They want it to be free to the community and charging for it may send people away. Last year about 32% of the participants were former residents who came back for the event. They would like to bring back the Christmas parade in Moncure. The goal is not to make a profit but to bring the community together. Commissioner Howard asked if Mr. Murray had any cost estimates from what they did before. Mr. Murray submitted that to the Board and it was on the agenda.

Commissioner Petty asked if what was submitted was a proposed budget or was it

expenses from last year? Mr. Murray stated it was a reflection of both. This year they are expanding from six to eleven food trucks and a car show and a pop up museum. They car show has a small entry fee of \$15. They had to pay for the music performers. Commissioner Petty asked if they went through the County's nonprofit process. Mr. Murray stated they did not do that last year. They have applied for nonprofit status and are waiting to hear back.

Commissioner Petty stated most businesses in communities really enjoy being part of something like this. He asked if they had approached local businesses. Mr. Murray stated they did approach local businesses. The major factories are Warehouse, Slater and the brick company. They never responded to him. They indicated they usually give back to the county. Many local businesses stated they didn't know where Moncure School was and didn't want to be a part of the event.

Vice Chair Dasher stated he would be in support of assisting with funding. He believes there needs to be some mechanism for local groups in the area to have access to the coal ash funds. This is a great example of bringing the community together.

Chair Hales stated the County works on a reimbursement basis of expenses.

Commissioner Howard said that as they continue their work local businesses will see the value of contributing to the event. Mr. Murray stated only two businesses came last year. The committee is made up of nineteen members. Five are past residents, one is the pastor of Liberty Community Chapel Church and the rest are residents of the community.

The County Manager recommended the Board direct staff to work with Mr. Murray on the details and the contract.

Staff will bring this back to the Board at the August meeting if needed.

Commissioner Dasher would like to establish a process in the budget for community building using the coal ash funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Vice Chair Dasher, to direct staff to negotiate a contract with the organization not to exceed \$100,000. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[18-2717](#)

Receive presentation on Small Business Loan Program

Attachments: [Power Point Presentaton - Loan Program](#)

Deputy County Manager and Finance Officer Vicki McConnell gave a presentation to the Board about the small business loan program. (Presentation attached)

Vice Chair Dasher asked if there has been a change in how the loan is marketed. EDC President Kyle Touchstone stated they marketed to commercial lenders that had come to the county.

Commissioner Howard asked why the bank would refer them for this loan. Mr. Touchstone stated they may not have all the collateral they needed.

Chair Hales asked if there were no targets for minorities anymore. Mr. Touchstone stated they were not asked, because there was not any interest.

Commissioner Petty asked since this is gap funding, does the same lending/debt ratio apply? Mr. Touchstone said this is more collateralization than gap funding. In the past, part of the issue was that the loan approvals came before the Board of Commissioners and all the financial information would be made public. Since Mr. Touchstone has been here they have looked into how to make this more accessible. If they have a revolving loan fund there really needs to be a full time person to administer it.

Vice Chair Dasher asked if there is a contractual obligation with Self Help for the \$50,000. Mr. Touchstone stated no. The two loans were recently paid off and that money can go back into the interest bearing account.

Commissioner Howard asked if in 2007 and 2008 when the EDC was reviewing the fund, was there a study of what the need/demand was? Mr. Touchstone and Ms. McConnell said no.

Chair Hales asked about the term of these loans. Mr. Touchstone stated that the loans are typically four or five year terms.

Commissioner Crawford requested an annual report on the loan. The Board agreed.

This Agenda Item was received and filed.

CLOSED SESSION

[18-2705](#)

Closed Session to discuss matters relating to economic development, attorney-client privilege and personnel.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Vice Chair Dasher, to approve going out of the Work Session and convening in Closed Session to discuss matters relating to attorney-client privilege, economic development 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 Hales asked everyone to pause for a moment of silence after which she 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 6:03 PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA and CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Hales noted that Item #18-2718 was added to the agenda after it was published and the Commissionres received the item on Friday.

The County Manager stated that there also needed to be a closed session at the end of the meeting for matters relating to personnel.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that the agenda and consent agenda be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[18-2709](#)

Vote on a request to approve the June 18, 2018 Work and Regular Session Minutes.

Attachments: [Draft Minutes 06.18.2018](#)

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

[18-2581](#)

Vote on a request to approve the fire contract between the County and North Chatham Volunteer Fire Department

Attachments: [North Chatham VFD Contract FY 19](#)
[Attachment A-N.C.G.S. 69-25.5](#)

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

[18-2683](#)

Vote on a request to approve contract for economic development

services with the Chatham Economic Development Corporation

Attachments: [EDC AGREEMENT draft 2018-19 - Revised RJR 7.2.18. \(Clean\)ocx](#)

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

[18-2690](#)

Vote on a request to approve the FY 2018-2019 funding allocation contract with Chatham Trades and authorize the County Manager to sign.

Attachments: [Chatham Trades 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 - Commissioner Crawford, Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Vice Chair Dasher and Commissioner Howard

[18-2691](#)

Vote on a request to approve the FY 2018-2019 contract with Chatham Transit and authorize the county manager to execute the contract.

Attachments: [CTN 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 - Commissioner Crawford, Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Vice Chair Dasher and Commissioner Howard

[18-2694](#)

Vote on a request to extend the time of performance for mowing services as stated in the Second Amendment to Agreement with Green Revival Landscaping; locations Water Utility, Parks and Recreation, and Solid Waste & Recycling; for FY 2019 with an estimated annual total of \$108,620.00; and authorize County Manager Renee Paschal to execute the agreement.

Attachments: [FIRST AMENDMENT Green Revival Landscaping-FinalRecommended FY 19 Additional Amendments - Extension for Green Revival -LG Reviewed-for Agenda](#)

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

[18-2695](#)

Vote on a request to approve the license agreement with the Town of Cary for use of Cary Fire Station #8 and authorize the County Manager to

execute the agreement.

Attachments: [Chatham County License 6-7-2018 CARY Station #8 Ambulance \(2\)](#)

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

[18-2701](#)

Vote on a request to sign FY 2020 Forestry funding contract with the NC State Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Attachments: [Forestry](#)

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

[18-2711](#)

Vote on a request to approve FY 2019 contract with Council on Aging

Attachments: [Council on Aging](#)

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

[18-2693](#)

Vote on a request to approve the appointment of Valerie Broadway to the Chatham County Board of Social Services.

Attachments: [Valerie Broadway Application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Jim Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Karen Howard, that this Appointment was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[18-2699](#)

Vote on a request to approve F-L Legacy Owner, LLC for subdivision Final Plat approval of **The Legacy at Jordan Lake Portion of 4A2** consisting of 14 lots on 3.883 acres, located off SR-1716, Big Woods Road, parcel 92463

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

[18-2702](#)

Vote on a request to approve Tax Releases and Refunds

Attachments: [June 2018 Release and Refund Report](#)
[June 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

[18-2706](#)

Vote on a request to approve Sheriff Vehicle Purchase 2018-2019.

Attachments: [18-04-0912 Award Spec 93 Ford Utility](#)
[18-04-0912 Award Spec 146 Dodge Durango](#)
[18-04-0912 Award Spec 178 Ram Truck](#)

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

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

[18-2708](#)

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

Attachments: [TOWN N COUNTRY LANE](#)
[TOWN N COUNTRY LN PETITION](#)
[EMMA RIDGE CT Map](#)
[EMMA RIDGE PETITION](#)

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

[18-2687](#)

Vote on a request to Revise Advisory Committee Policy Addendum to Reflect the Change in Status of the Transportation Advisory Committee

Attachments: [Proposed changes July 2018 Advisory committee policy addendum.doc](#)

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

[18-2716](#)

Vote on a request to approve Order of Collection for 2018 property taxes.

Attachments: [Order of Collection](#)

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

[18-2718](#)

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

Attachments: [2018 Tax Settlement](#)
[Tax Settlement - Collection of Delinquent taxes - Board Resolution](#)
[List of unpaid taxes](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that Resolution #2018-40 for the Annual charging the Tax Collector with collections of delinquent taxes Collector, 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

End of Consent Agenda

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Hugh Swaso submitted the following comments:

My question is regarding the coal ash monitoring. On July 9, 2018 the News and Observer reported that the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League has found in their own study an increase in ground water contaminatnts including arsenic, cobalt, lead, copper, and zinc that could all be related to the coal ash dumping. Now I understand that with regards to that coal ash dumping that it was actually decided by the state and not our county commissioners. Looking back at the June 15, 2015 vote of three to two in favor of the nineteen million dollar payout from Duke to help monitor this, I can't help but think that something like this would be a more unanimous vote with regards to monitoring our environment, water, and air. This leads me to believe that, or shall I actually ask, did the Board have any doubts with regard to the effectiveness of the payout to properly monitor the environmental affects of coal ash dumping with regards to ground water and air contamination, or its effectiveness to actually deal with said contamination in a Flint, Michagan type scenario knowing what we know now? Obviously the report went on to say that the Department of Environmental Quality declined to comment on said things as well as Duke Energy

declined to comment on such things. As a concerned parent with two children who lives in this county, big businesses that don't answer for reasonable questions lead to bad things. Thank you.

Commissioner Petty stated that while the commissioners normally do not have a lot of input during the public comment period it has been a while since the Board has had an update on these issues. Chair Hales suggested adding this to the August agenda.

John Wagner submitted the following comments:

I appreciate our previous speaker and I am extremely concerned about the toxic coal incinerator that is going to be coming up for a permit here and I hope that the county commissioners will help DEQ, which has done a terrible job on the previous two public hearings and getting the word out. I hope you all will show up and get the word out to Siler City and to Bear Creek. That is not why I am here today. I am here because I love Chatham County. I have canoed the rivers, I have hiked through the forests and I have lived and raised my family here and I love Chatham County. The adults of this county haven't done a good job with the statue which is outside here. So my invitation to all of you is that you involve the schools in coming up with ideas for a statue. I came across a book called "Courageous, Eccentric and Diverse", which came out of New Orleans. In May of 2017 four confederate monuments were removed from public spaces in New Orleans. The third graders at one of the schools used their empathy, creativity and unique perspective as young citizens of New Orleans to present persuasive proposals for a new monument that would represent all people of the city. We can do better than this. Get some input from the kids. Get some creativity and new thoughts. We've got cool dinosaur skeletons from the clay pits. We've got tribes that used to live here. We have poets, artists, writers, musicians, sculptors and amazing rivers. We've got the white pines and the incredible grand trees which are about to be presented. We've got wildlife, we've got the Cape Fear Shiner, which is a wonderful example of a survivor. We've got great blue herons. Find out what the kids love about Chatham County. Find out what they think is something that represents all the people of Chatham County. Have them work on it. Involve art, history, writing, and it could involve multidisciplinary projects across grades. This book, and I will give you a copy when I get them, was done by third graders but get some input from the high schools. Get some really creative ideas because the adults of Chatham County have done a miserable job and I think this could be a fantastic thing sponsored by the commissioners for the entire county. Get some ideas. Thank you.

Alyssa Byrd submitted the following comments:

I am with Chatham County Economic Development Corporation. I have had the pleasure of working with all of you for several years as well as your staff in my role. As you know, Kyle Touchstone, the County's economic developer, will be leaving at the end of this month. He is leaving very big shoes to fill. I am taking position as Interim President while we rebuild our team. I really look forward to looking with you and the professional staff here to continue the hard work Kyle has done and including Diane Reid's work as economic developer. I worked with her for over five years. I look forward to the big tasks ahead and bringing jobs and investment to Chatham County. Thank You.

Pam Cash Roper submitted the following comments:

My name is Pam Cash-Roper, I reside at Bellemonte Pointe in Pittsboro, and I am a lifelong resident of Chatham County. I will begin by stating that I respect the hard work that all of you do and even if we do not agree on all issues, whether we are Democrats, Republicans, or Independents, I believe that we are all trying to create a better Chatham for everyone. With that in mind, I have three quick items that I want to address this evening.

1. I am a citizen who lives in Bellemont Pointe, which is an income based, tax credit financed, affordable living community in Pittsboro. The market based program that created the tax credit program that develops communities such as Bellemont Pointe was enabled by legislation passed when Ronald Reagan was President. This program has been around for awhile, it works, it has made a difference in my life and I encourage the County to push for more projects like Bellemont Point in Pittsboro and Chatham County.

2. I noticed that you will receive input this evening from the task force regarding whether we expand the board of commissioners and change the method of election. I once again will go on the record stating that the best input we can receive regarding this matter is to simply place questions before the voters of Chatham County and receive direct public input in the form of a vote. This method worked to eventually pass liquor by the drink in Chatham County and will work to decide this issue as well. In that spirit, I brought some language for you to consider on the matter.

3. I had an opportunity to read Commissioner Petty's comments he made a few weeks ago at a political event he attended with the other Republican candidates Mr. Bock and Mr. Lindley.

Here is the quote from Commissioner Petty that I would like to discuss: "Now we find ourselves trying to fix affordable housing, we try to fix all these other issues that are true issues, true issues that need attention. My argument has been with the current board is, if we want to fix these problems, the best way to fix them is to give people a job. A good paying job. An opportunity to go to work"

Commissioner Petty, I live in an income based affordable living project. This project is not Section 8 housing and the incomes vary from around \$12,000 per year to approximately \$40,000 per year with children. Some of the people who need housing are on fixed incomes, some have severe health problems and some are handicapped. This is not simply a jobs issue but rather an issue of human awareness that we have a problem with affordable living and a problem of homelessness in Chatham County. I am happy to discuss these items offline and I thank you for your time.

Virginia Penley submitted the following comments:

My name is Virginia J. Penley and I reside at 465 Rosswood Road which is in the Mann's Chapel Precinct. I have lived in Chatham County for roughly forty years. As many of you know I was injured a few months ago so it is harder from me to get around. I am thankful that friends such as Pam Cash Roper could bring me to this meeting tonight. I am here to seek clarity from one of our Commissioners.

Mr. Petty, I think you are a fine man and I enjoy hearing your views even if I do not always agree with them. I had the chance to watch a recent video of a speech that you gave that was posted on the chatlist. In the speech, which granted was political and we are in election season, I noticed that you made some broad statements about the

board of commissioners, policy disagreements and why you wanted to replace Commissioners Hales and Crawford.

You made a specific quote about jobs. Here is the quote from you Commissioner Petty:

"...unfortunately the current board that we have wants to try to stop everything, and that includes jobs. Now that's not what they will say. You will hear them publicly, and openly say, "We need more jobs, we need more jobs." But in the back rooms when you start talking about ordinances, and changes, and things we need to do, there's so many road blocks that are being developed to stop industry, and stop business."

Commissioner Petty, I have heard and read these types of accusations before from a wide variety of conservatives and I would like to hear something more specific from you this evening on this issue. All of the Democrats I know care about job creation and good wages so I find it surprising to read that you think the Democrats on your board are against jobs. All of the Democrats I have known since I was a girl were for jobs and good wages. I would appreciate a more specific critique from you on this issue. Thank you.

Farrell Moose submitted the following comments:

I live and work here in Chatham County. I appreciate the opportunity to address you. My family is still farming the same area of Cabarrus County where they settled in the 1700s. Took us a while to move to Chatham County but I consider myself upwardly mobile. When your family has been in the same place for hundreds of years, history can be undeniably close. Members of my family owned slaves. Members of my family fought and died in the civil war. It is because of this closeness of history that, for me, I am compelled to speak to you today. I would like to ask you to begin the process of relocating the confederate memorial in front of our courthouse as soon as possible. While I obviously empathize with people who see the statue as a connection to the past, I have to argue that this statue, in this location is a serious impediment to our country serving all of its citizens. Our county serving all of its citizens. The Historic Courthouse is our community's most prominent symbol of our commitment to each other and equal protection under the law. To allow a confederate memorial to stand in front of that is unfortunately a very ambiguous message. I understand the political difficulties of what I am asking you but I still would like to call upon you to begin this process immediately. This statue in this location in this community is a particular affront to citizens of color whose rights the statue's army fought to deny, including people in my family. This statue in this location is also unbearable for those of us who want to celebrate the richness of a history that includes us all and our ability to change for the better. Thank you.

Commissioner Petty asked the Chair if he could make a couple of comments. He asked that along with the coal ash update he thinks it would be prudent to include how the monies have been used.

Commissioner Petty said he knows it is dangerous ground to start commenting on public input. However, he would like to address one particular item as it pertains to affordable housing. He is a big supporter of affordable housing. The conversation mentioned was about jobs and sometimes the topic like affordable housing will get

cast in the same light. The conversation was about jobs and opportunity for people to get a job to afford housing. It wasn't the need spaced housing as was portrayed tonight. He knows many people that are in affordable housing and it is not a job related issue. He has distant relatives that are in affordable housing for health reasons and he is sensitive to that topic. He supports affordable housing 100% but some of the affordable housing needs can be eased by job creation, which would open up more of the affordable housing for people that is not job based needs.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

18-2703

Receive report from the Board of Commissioners' Elections Method Task Force

Attachments: [Report to the Chatham County Commissioners](#)

Peyton Holland, Chair of the Election Task Force, gave a report to the Board. (Report attached) Vice Chairs Sara D'Amato and Sarah Lambert were also present.

Chair Hales stated the Task Force has gone through a very impressive process. She believes the free flow of ideas and the guidance of the facilitators has been extraordinary. She thanked the staff for providing the extensive history of this topic in the county over the last forty years.

Commissioner Howard asked if the Task Force had a sense of how many more meetings it would need. Mr. Holland said they believe they will need at least two additional meetings after the August 2nd meeting to go through all of the public comment. They are on track to be done before the end of the year.

18-2704

Receive annual presentation by the Grand Trees of Chatham

Attachments: [GTOC Awards Presentation 2018](#)

Phil Cox, Chair of the Grand Trees of Chatham, gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached)

Mr. Cox and Chair Hales presented awards to the following Chatham County residents:

- St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church for Landmark Trees*
- Ms. Rachel J. Johnson for a Post Oak (*Quercus stellata*)*
- Ms. Rachel J. Johnson for two Shortleaf Pines (*Pinus echinata*)*
- Ms. Shirley Lindley for the Grand Loblolly Pine (*Pinus taeda*) of Chatham County*

After the awards presentation, Commissioner Petty asked the Chair if he could go back and address comments made during the public input session. He stated he would like to validate one of the comments he made earlier, that he supports affordable housing. He has donated many man hours to Habitat for Humanity. He has donated equipment to set trusses on Habitat houses. He has also donated generators for Habitat houses. He realizes it is political season but he will not tolerate an attack on his character. He believes the allegations are unsubstantiated.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

[18-2700](#)

A Legislative Public Hearing request by the Planning Department to adopt revisions to the Chatham County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.

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

Planner Cara Coppola reviewed the specifics of the request.

The Chair opened the hearing.

No one signed up to speak.

The Chair closed the hearing.

This Agenda Item was referred to the Planning Board.

BOARD PRIORITIES

[18-2697](#)

Vote on a request to approve by Chris Seamster, PLA on behalf of Seali Enterprises for subdivision **First Plat** review of **Ryan's Crossing Subdivision**, consisting of 61 lots on 114.85 acres, located off Mann's Chapel Road, SR-1532, parcel #88505, 1777, 88506, and 1780

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

Planner Cara Coppola reviewed the specifics of the request.

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

MANAGER' S REPORTS

The County Manager stated the Health Director became aware that UNC is planning to open a maternity and delivery program at the hospital in Siler City. She asked the Board for unanimous consent to allow the Chair to sign a letter of support from the County. The Board gave unanimous consent.

Deputy County Manager and Finance Office Vicki McConnell said staff had a very successful trip to New York to talk to the rating agencies. Renee Paschal, Kyle Touchstone and Hope Tally did a terrific job. Even though Moody's did not give the County a AAA rating it was a successful trip. The County sold bonds on June 12th and it was a very successful sale. She thanked the County's financial advisors, DEC, especially Jeremy Carter. Bank of America and Merrill Lynch did a great job selling the bonds and PNC was the co-manager. There were ten times more orders than bonds available. The County's interest rate was 3.056%. The County was going to borrow \$125,000,000 and only had to borrow \$111,000,000 and got \$14,000,000 in premium.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Crawford said the Pittsboro Summer Fest was a tremendous success even though it was very hot.

Commissioner Howard attended the Chapel Hill Chamber of Commerce event last month and Chatham EDC President Kyle Touchstone presented on the County's behalf. The commentator said that surrounding counties should look at Chatham County and consider the traffic patterns and movement of people will stop being out of the county and instead into the county.

Commissioner Hales said Chatham County Schools is going to have a new teacher convocation in mid-August. They are asking for donations of gift cards for the teachers.

18-2720

Closed Session to discuss matters relating to personnel.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Vice Chair Dasher, to approve going out of the Regular Session and convening in Closed Session to discuss matters relating to 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 Vice Chair Dasher, seconded by Commissioner Howard, 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