



# Chatham County, NC

## Meeting Minutes

### Board of Commissioners

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Monday, June 5, 2023

3:30 PM

Agriculture and Conference Center

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#### Work Session - 3:30 PM - Agriculture and Conference Center

**Present:** 5 - Vice Chair Mike Dasher, Commissioner David Delaney, Chair Karen Howard, Commissioner Katie Kenlan and Commissioner Franklin Gomez Flores

#### PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

*No one signed up to speak.*

#### BOARD PRIORITIES

[23-4787](#)

Receive a presentation from Safe Kids Chatham

**Attachments:** [Safe Kids Chatham BOCC Presentation 6.5.20233](#)

*Safe Kids is a worldwide nonprofit. Ms. Stormzand covers Safe Kids in Chatham and in Orange Counties. Safe Kids is administered through the NC Department of Insurance and the State Fire Marshall's office. Kids are 0 to 19 years old. Motor vehicle collisions and gunshots are the top cause of fatalities among children.*

*Safe Kids is well known in the area for Child Passenger Safety (CPS) technicians. They administer car seat checks at various locations and training. There is a diversion program for individuals that get tickets on HWY 64 and instead of paying court costs, they can pay \$25 to take an hour-long online training program.*

*This year the program added the Safe New Drivers Education course which looks into practices and strategies to reduce risk. The program is free and available at schools.*

*Chair Howard asked how kids were selected for the class. Ms. Stormzand said currently the class is only offered to students signed up for specific courses like health, but they hope to offer the program to all students in the future.*

*Chair Howard said at the Governor's Crime Commission meeting last week there was discussion around off site gun storage for households concerned with family members experiencing crisis. Ms. Stormzand said the program just launched today through the Governor's Office. They're promising a huge campaign statewide, launching this week and going forward, they are promising access to free cable gun locks and safes. They are also hosting locations on their webpage and there are Chatham locations. Ms. Stormzand will send the information to the Board. She would like to promote the program more.*

*Safe Kids partners with the Chatham County Sheriff's Office, the Pittsboro and Siler*

City Police Departments, Chatham County Public Health, Chatham Department of Social Services, Chatham Fire Marshall's office, North Chatham Fire, Chatham Parks and Recreation, the Army Engineering Corps of Engineers, and Chatham Drug Free. All kindergarten classes have Fire Safety in October with the Fire Marshal's office. They help with the accessibility of smoke alarms for communities that need them.

**This Agenda Item was received and filed**

[23-4790](#)

Receive Student Health, Physical Education & Wellness IPF Annual Update

**Attachments:** [2022-2023 BOC Student Health.Physical Education.Wellness IPF](#)

*Chatham County School Health, Physical Education, and Wellness Program Facilitator, Rob Schooley, gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached)*

*Chatham County Schools has developed a logic model to help guide current initiatives and look toward the future for students' academic success.*

*Vice Chair Dasher asked if Mr. Schooley was able to identify, based on the survey results, if certain problems are unique to certain schools or are they universal. Mr. Schooley said the raw data is from the CDC and they process it and it is representative of the whole county and not organized by individual schools.*

*Chair Howard asked if the data is only from the public schools. Mr. Schooley said the data is collected through Chatham County public schools and charter schools do not participate.*

*Chair Howard asked if there were things the Board or staff could do to support Mr. Schooley's work. She asked if there are ways the Board can collaborate around access for students or getting the word out about risk or increased risk because of these substances. Mr. Schooley said as a community the most important thing we need to do is send out consistent messaging overall and send it repeatedly to the youth in Chatham County.*

*Chair Howard said there are parts of the community that keep hearing the same message. She believes if a resident does not have a youth in the public schools then they are not getting this messaging. Mr. Schooley agreed and said that it was a valid concern.*

*Commissioner Delaney asked how the data is tied to school expulsions. He asked if there are any trends in the school district with kids in school now. What do we know about children 0-5 years old? Mr. Schooley said this information is an overview. What Commissioner Delaney is referring to is more on a school level with individual school needs and individual students' needs.*

**This Agenda Item was received and filed**

[23-4784](#)

2022 Annual Community Child Protection Team and Child Fatality Prevention Team Reports

**Attachments:** [2022 CCPT Annual Report](#)  
[2022 Annual CCPT CFPT Presentation BOC 06.05.23](#)

*Social Services Director Jennie Kristiansen and Public Health Director Mike Zelek*

reported to the Board. (Report attached)

Ms. Kristiansen said Medicaid expansion would increase residents on Medicaid by about 3,000 residents.

Vice Chair Dasher asked about increasing the availability of parenting programs and if that is a funding or staffing issue. Ms. Kristiansen said it is mostly a funding issue. Vice Chair Dasher asked if some families or parents cannot get into the program because of availability. Ms. Kristiansen said transportation is a county-wide issue and there are models of going to the homes as a way to overcome the transportation barriers.

**This Agenda Item was received and filed**

## **RECESS**

### **End of Work Session**

#### **Regular Session - 6:00 PM - Agriculture and Conference Center**

**Present:** 5 - Vice Chair Mike Dasher, Commissioner David Delaney, Chair Karen Howard, Commissioner Katie Kenlan and Commissioner Franklin Gomez Flores

## **INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Howard asked those present to pause for a moment of silence and to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA and CONSENT AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Mike Dasher, seconded by Commissioner David Delaney, that the Agenda and Consent Agenda be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Chair Dasher, Commissioner Delaney, Chair Howard, Commissioner Kenlan, and Commissioner Gomez Flores

### **[23-4783](#)**

Vote to adopt a resolution amending the 2023 Board of Commissioners Meeting Calendar

**Attachments:** [RES AMENDING 2023 BOC Meeting Calendar](#)

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Dasher, seconded by Commissioner Delaney, that this Resolution #23-31 amending the 2023 Board of Commissioners Meeting Calendar, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Chair Dasher, Commissioner Delaney, Chair Howard, Commissioner Kenlan, and Commissioner Gomez Flores

[23-4786](#)

Vote on a request to donate one 2012 Dodge Durango VIN 1C4SDJFT3CC363318 to Central Carolina Community College for the Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) program.

**Attachments:** [2010-Sheriff-Dodge Durango Asset #7694](#)

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

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Chair Dasher, Commissioner Delaney, Chair Howard, Commissioner Kenlan, and Commissioner Gomez Flores

[23-4797](#)

Vote on a request to approve an application for the Partners for Green Growth Grant to establish metrics for and track progress towards Plan Chatham conservation goals.

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

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Chair Dasher, Commissioner Delaney, Chair Howard, Commissioner Kenlan, and Commissioner Gomez Flores

[23-4798](#)

Vote on a request to approve Amendment Number 1 to the 2020 Equipment Installment Purchase Contract with Banc of America Public Capital Corp.

**Attachments:** [Amendment Number 1 - Acquisition Period Extension](#)

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

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Chair Dasher, Commissioner Delaney, Chair Howard, Commissioner Kenlan, and Commissioner Gomez Flores

## **End of Consent Agenda**

## **PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

*Susie Crate submitted the following written comments:*

*Luther and Carney Bynum established a mill in 1872. According to The Architectural Heritage of Chatham County: "The Bynum mill housed 1600 ring warp spindles and produced 700 yards of sheeting and 600 pounds of yarn daily. Next to the mill the Bynums also operated a gristmill and cotton gin. Fourteen compact houses for workers were built on the hill in front of the mill, . These structures formed the nucleus of Chatham County's first and most prominent cotton mill and associated mill village."*

*Two more clusters of mill houses were built in the decades to follow as mill technology*

*improved and they could employ more workers. Bynum was a cultural center with stores, a movie theater and other amenities. Today all of those 43 mill houses and most of the other historic structures stand. When the mill disbanded in the 70s, many workers stayed in their homes and continued to perpetuate the history of Bynum. Clyde Jones, whose legacy lives on at his home and through the annual ClydeFest. Mary Council and Louise Riggsbee, both whom I knew and learned from. Jack Wheeler, Roy Hatley and other old timers spent their days at the general store telling stories, both tall and true.*

*Today we continue to have an active community and people come from far and wide to enjoy the Bynum Front Porch music series, to bird on the bridge, to hike, paddle and tube in and along the river, and to participate in events like the Halloween Pumpkin display and art shows on the bridge. Yes Bynum is rich in history and continues to make history right up to the present day. However, that history needs commitment and protection to stay alive. As an anthropologist I have heard the remorse people feel after not recording the stories of their elder once they passed. They thought they would have time. Similarly, if history is not perpetuated, it is lost.*

*People change and times change. Perhaps more threatening to Bynum's historical legacy are the forces beyond our control - - the rapid development in the county and in Pittsboro. We love our community, and we are compelled to protect it. We have started the process of getting Bynum on the National Historic Register. Sarah Woodard at the state office has told us we will get the status. In the meantime, we have the hard work to raise funds for a consultant to write up the mill village. The entire process will take from 1-3 years.*

*However, being on the National Historic Register does not guarantee any legal protection. It is an honorary title. We need there to be an ordinance on the county government level that protects Bynum and all our county's historical resources. Bynum is one of the treasures of Chatham County and we should have protections in our ordinances to prevent developments and rezonings that impair the integrity of historic places as we face unprecedented growth pressures. Now is the time to codify protections as we draft and adopt the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), not just Bynum but for all our county's rich historical places.*

*Jake Muehlbach, a lifelong Chatham County resident, said his family had a home built in Chatham County and the County signed off on all permits and inspections. After experiencing some structural problems, they had additional inspections by the County and the state and found the home actually had 30 building code violations. They were issued Certificate of Occupancy by the County that states the home was built to code. These permits and inspections were mandatory. Chatham County's negligence has cost them their life savings. He requests further investigation into emails between David Camp & the County Manager concerning the safety of his home. He wants Chatham County take responsibility and pay to fix his home. North Carolina should not allow local governments to hide behind immunity when they are grossly negligent. The state needs to put laws into place to require general contractors to carry sufficient insurance to protect homeowners. He is out of money and out of options.*

*Michelle Pinto is a lifelong resident and supports her brother, Jake Muehlbach, and his family.*

*Chair Howard said the Board does not normally respond to public input during the meeting but wanted to confirm with the County Attorney that this immunity is not unique to Chatham County and also Mr. Muehlbach did receive a judgment in his favor against the builder. The County Attorney said that was correct.*

**BOARD PRIORITIES**[23-4789](#)

Receive update on changes to the Recommended 2023-2024 Budget

**Attachments:** [Revisions to FY24 Recommended Budget Final](#)

*Assistant County Manager Bryan Thompson gave a presentation to the Board.  
(Presentation attached)*

*Commissioner Kenlan asked what it would look like to include the elected officials and the county manager in the \$4,400 flat rate increase for all employees. She does not see why that group should be excluded since the additional money is to address inflation. Mr. Thompson said while there are several options, he thought the option that staff would be looking at within the General Fund, an additional appropriation of fund balance would work because we have quite a bit more one-time expenses and eligible expenses per the County fund balance policy that staff can make that adjustment and absorb it and operating revenue.*

*Vice Chair Dasher asked if the Board can now adopt the budget ordinance or will that come later. Mr. Thompson said the Budget Ordinance will come back to the Board on June 20th for adoption.*

*Commissioner Delaney said the item the Board has not talked about very much is the request from the Board of Elections and what it would be to fully fund their request. Chair Howard said the discussion was around the salary structure, not how much it costs. The discussion was around the appropriateness of treating one department differently than all the others. Commissioner Delaney learned that the Board of Elections has a fundamentally different view than this Board. He is concerned that they are approving a different number than what they requested. Chair Howard said the Board has discussed it but the challenge is that members of the Board of Commissioners do not agree and the Board has heard from the County Attorney. Commissioner Delaney said he does not feel like it is the Board's legal prerogative to vote for a lesser amount than what they requested. His interest is just sharing with the rest of the Board where he stands, the legal responsibilities, and the way the relationship between the two boards has evolved over time.*

*Commissioner Kenlan respectfully disagreed. She did not feel like she needed more information on that process. She said she appreciates Commissioner Delaney sharing his perspective, but she did not need more information or discussion on this topic.*

*Commissioner Gomez Flores asked if the Board could ask departments that do not report to the county manager to come to the Board and make their budget request. Chair Howard said the Board supervises the manager, clerk, and attorney. The Board got clear advice from the county attorney on the authority of this Board concerning the Board of Elections. It is dangerous territory for this Board to begin to oversee things handled at a staff level.*

*Commissioner Delaney said he intended to be understood to say he has asked to have discussion for several months on topics like this. The Board of Elections is unique. He would support some evolutionary steps as to how the Board hears from departments like the Board of Elections and the Sheriff. Chair Howard said that is the purpose of receiving the Heads-Up presentation at the January Retreat.*

*Commissioner Kenlan commended Commissioner Delaney for sharing this with the Board and she encouraged him to continue to learn about this budget process.*

*Mr. Thompson said the additional amount based on what was requested by the Board of Elections is \$20,193 which includes benefits. If the Board wanted to move the pay table for equity across all departments it would be an increase of 15.85%. The current recommendation already raises the pay table by 11%. The difference between the 15.85% and the 11% would have a total impact of \$1.95 Million.*

*Commissioner Delaney said his question was what the small increase would be to only fund the full Board of Elections request without doing it across the board for all employees. Mr. Thompson said that would be \$20,193. Commissioner Delaney said if the Board is asked to vote on a budget that does not fully fund the Board of Elections' request he thinks it is contrary to the legal requirement that they vote according to the law. If there is a motion to add the \$20,193 to the final budget he would be in agreement.*

*Vice Chair Dasher said his issue is that simply adjusting one department's pay without changing the pay scale across the board would present real problems. Chair Howard said the dollar amount was not the discussion, it was around the impact of what it would mean to the entire organization. Vice Chair Dasher said the Board is at a compromise with the 7% raise and a flat increase of \$4,400. He does not think any of the departments are getting all that they requested. Commissioner Delaney said he would vote no on a budget that does not fully fund the Board of Elections request. Vice Chair Dasher said the Board of Elections does not have the expertise to set their own salary pay scale. Commissioner Delaney said he asked the other commissioners to allow the Board of Elections to come to the work session and no one ever responded. Chair Howard said the rest of the Board rejected that notion. She is concerned that Commissioner Delaney is comfortable rejecting the advice of the Board's attorney.*

*Commissioner Delaney said he did not want to personalize this issue. He has every respect and confidence in the county attorney and also knows the Board has him to advocate for a certain position. Chair Howard asked why the Board would not listen to its own attorney. Commissioner Delaney asked if she wanted him to say that because the county attorney gave an opinion the Board must adopt it. Chair Howard said that was not what she was saying. She is concerned with the willingness to reject his legal advice. Commissioner Delaney said he is not rejecting the county attorney's legal advice but his opinion does not cover all of these issues.*

*Commissioner Gomez Flores asked if the Board was interested in amending the emergency housing money to give a lending hand to the Muehlbachs. Chair Howard said she thinks that is dangerous territory. Mr. Muehlbach received a judgment from the court in his favor. Vice Chair Dasher said there is a homeowners recovery fund at the state level.*

*Commissioner Gomez Flores said he still wants to hear from departments about the challenges they have.*

*Vice Chair Dasher made a motion to direct staff to bring back a revised budget to include the revisions made at this meeting to add the \$4,400 increase for the elected officials and the county manager who were previously not included in the recommendation. Commissioner Kenlan seconded the motion.*

*Chair Howard asked if there was any discussion.*

Commissioner Delaney asked what the rationale was to include the elected officials and the manager in the \$4,400 flat increase for all employees. Commissioner Kenlan said the point of the increase was to address inflation and not including these positions in the flat increase creates an equity issue. Commissioner Delaney is concerned it is an overwhelmingly large increase. He would like to find a mechanism to increase the commissioners' salary. He would support increasing the Chair and Vice Chair salaries by \$2,000.

Chair Howard asked if there was any additional discussion.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Dasher, seconded by Commissioner Kenlan, to direct staff to bring back a revised budget to include the \$4,400 flat rate increase for the County Manager, Register of Deeds, Sheriff, and County Commissioners, previously not included in the revised recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 3 - Vice Chair Dasher, Chair Howard, and Commissioner Kenlan

**No:** 2 - Commissioner Delaney, and Commissioner Gomez Flores

### [23-4773](#)

Receive an update and provide feedback on the small area plan for the Moncure area of Chatham County.

**Attachments:** [Plan Moncure BOC Meeting Presentation 06.05.2023 FINAL v2](#)  
[Capital Projects Highlights Scenarios A-D REDUCED BOC](#)  
[Plan Moncure BOC Meeting Presentation 06.05.2023 FINAL v2 PDF](#)  
[Side by Side Scenarios Comparison REDUCED BOC](#)

*Small Area Plan consultants Tyson Smith, Meg Nealon, and Ben Hitchings gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached)*

*Commissioner Kenlan asked if there is a diversity of age groups within the responses. Mr. Hitchings said they had certainly gotten diversity from the different communities within the southeast part of the county. In the first survey, they asked more about demographics. The consultants can follow up and share more information through the county manager.*

*Mr. Hitchings turned the presentation over to Matt Newcaster who did the scenario planning work.*

*Commissioner Kenlan asked for clarification of carrying capacity. Mr. Newcaster said there is land within the study area that should/will not be developed such as permanent conservation and rights-of-way. It is disqualifying land that is not available. Commissioner Kenlan asked if that is land they recommend or land that is currently not available. Mr. Newcaster said at this time it is just land that has already been spoken for and that land is unavailable.*

*Mr. Newcaster said there is not enough capacity to meet the market demand under the current zoning. The scenario planning is to mix what has been learned and not to pick the winning scenario but to create a hybrid scenario or preferred scenario.*

*Commissioner Delaney asked if the reference to police officers implied the areas are*

*unincorporated areas where law enforcement is dependent on the Sheriff's department. Mr. Newcaster said that was correct.*

*Commissioner Gomez Flores said he appreciated the survey's ability to compare desires with needs.*

*Commissioner Kenlan asked if the numbers were based on actual numbers. Ms. Nealon said they relied heavily on the projections from the market analyst. Scenario D is the only scenario possible with the current regulations. Mr. Newcaster said there were very strong, often opposing opinions about what forms of development should occur. Sometimes they could not all fit and it was about how much could fit in each scenario. He said that is why the numbers were different than what they may be in another community.*

*Commissioner Kenlan asked how higher densities can be incorporated while understanding higher density does not always mean affordability. Mr. Newcaster said it is all a tradeoff and the project team can help the Board see what those tradeoffs are.*

*Chair Howard said there seemed to be tension around affordable housing with single homes on larger lots. What developer is going to think this is viable input because they cannot make a profit? She appreciates the data and community input is magical thinking of what residents want in a perfect world. The community seems to have conflicting wants and whatever decision the Board makes will never meet all those wants.*

*Ms. Nealon the project team is sorting out these things with the preference survey results determining what there is to give up and what there is to gain.*

*Commissioner Kenlan asked if when residents were presented with these scenarios there was an informational or educational component relating to the nature of the growth. Ms. Nealon said they did talk to residents about which entities are involved and who had different authorities and what is under the County's control. Talking in terms of change management is more beneficial than talking about a "no growth" option. Chance is already occurring.*

*Vice Chair Dasher said he struggles with the projected growth around VinFast including a grocery store when Chatham Park may have one come on the south end that could meet the need for Moncure. In other words, who gets to it first? Mr. Newcaster said what Vice Chair Dasher is describing is trade areas which can come in and out of the study area.*

*Chair Howard said they have seen that grocery stores do not care. Lowe's, Harris Teeter, & Food Lion are all within a mile of each other in North Chatham. She thinks they are looking at rooftops more than they are looking at their competitors.*

*Chair Howard asked if the goal is ultimately for the Board to be presented with an amalgam of options so that they can say they are meeting the high notes. Ms. Nealon said the project team will come back to the Board with a draft that respects what the community values and how it also responds to the realities of the study area, those physical constraints, and infrastructure. A draft will also acknowledge what is already on the ground.*

*Vice Chair Dashe asked if there are places that look similar to Scenario D that are county-administered. Even Briar Chapel has presented challenges because of the*

density and level of services that are required. Ms. Nealon said fast-growing counties have experienced this across the state and not happening just within municipalities.

Commissioner Delaney wondered if the Board could have a primer on the legal issues at the June 20th meeting. After receiving this information, it is the responsibility of the Board to decide whether it can require or create some municipality requirements around growth so that the County does not come a simple substitute for and incorporated space.

Ms. Nealon said the plan is not just the map; the other 50% is recommendations and strategies.

Mr. Hitchings said this is a complicated part of government involving service districts. The project team is about to start an exploration that will be derived from the preferred scenario with key County staff. They want to leave the Board with a manageable portfolio of measures to then implement the shared vision.

The County Manager said staff is working closely now with Johnston County and some of the issues they are dealing with in their unincorporated Cleveland community, and can learn from those lessons and talk about different scenarios.

Commissioner Delaney asked for a five-minute agenda item at the next meeting on things coming up and what to look out for.

Commissioner Gomez Flores asked if it would be helpful to get the information from the commissioners for the survey. Ms. Nealon said they are bringing this back to the community in August and have an option to have one on ones with all of the commissioners. That may be a good time to look at the draft.

Chair Howard said the presentation was very readable and she appreciated the ability to compare the scenarios. She asked if this information was on the County website. Ms. Nealon said yes.

**This Agenda Item was received and filed**

## **CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk Lindsay Ray reminded the commissioners of their one-on-ones next Friday and she will send an email reminder. She also reminded the commissioners that the next meeting is on Tuesday, June 20th due to the Juneteenth holiday.

## **MANAGER'S REPORT**

The County Manager had nothing to report.

## **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

Commissioner Kenlan had nothing to report.

Vice Chair Dasher had nothing to report.

Commissioner Gomez Flores said the Board of Health will start interviewing candidates for a vacant seat. Tomorrow he is meeting with Sheriff Roberson and the Guatemalan and Mexican Consulate.

Commissioner Delaney said he had a meeting with the cochairs of the Climate Change Advisory Committee. They want to make sure the County doesn't miss a chance for EV Bus grant funding. They do not believe the county schools have requested the funding. He asked if the County wants to aim to make this more possible for the school system and if so how to work together and engage with Board of Education peers.

Chair Howard said she believed the initial question should go to the Board of Education first. The Board of Commissioners does not know how school buses are funded and the time to purchase. She cannot imagine anyone would push against this at the county level. Commissioner Delaney said if it is not something to happen in the next two years, does the Board of Commissioners wish to be involved in the discussion? The state provides the funding for school bus purchases, but there is a question of gaps. He suggested inviting the Climate Change Advisory Committee to have a short discussion at a future meeting. The Board agreed by consensus. Chair Howard said it is important to understand the inherent challenges faced by the Board of Education before the Board of Commissioners makes a recommendation.

Commissioner Delaney said in May 15th agenda materials there was a draft Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Elections. He asked if there was anything he could bring back to them about when this will be discussed again. Chair Howard said the Board of Commissioners has not exhausted that conversation. She asked if the conversation can be added to a future agenda to discuss if the MOU is needed. The County Manager said the draft the Board of Elections provided staff had some mistakes and the attorneys need to work through some edits before bringing it back to the Board of Commissioners for consideration. The addition of the Machine Technician will require edits as well with the MIS department. This is also dependent on the budget. Commissioner Delaney asked for a potential timeline. The County Manager said staff will work with the Elections Director on the staff level and work that out.

Chair Howard said the Governor's Crime Commission is changing its grant portal and application process. There is going to be a delay in applications and they are not sure how long the delay will be but this information will be shared with the organizations that typically apply for those grants. She was approached about a resolution that the Town of Pittsboro passed last month for Racial Amity Day. The Massachusetts legislature was the first to pass a resolution in 2015. Its purpose was to recognize the multi ethnic/multi racial/multi-cultural groups and encourage civility, respect, and kindness in the community. The Board of Commissioners was asked to adopt a resolution that recognizes the principle of the oneness of humankind and the rich cultural, ethnic, and racial diversity of its inhabitants and forebearers. It invites individuals, communities, and neighborhoods to appreciate the beauty and richness of our diverse cultures and ethnicities and to strengthen bonds of respect, caring, and amity between one another.

Vice Chair Dasher made a motion to adopt a Resolution joining other municipalities, states, and organizations in recognizing Racial Amity Day on the second Sunday in the month of June 2023." Commissioner Kenlan seconded the motion.

## **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

Chair Howard said today is the last day of school for the last of her children. Her son would not be graduating had it not been for the commitment of Chatham County Schools and the Board of Commissioners' investment in Chatham County Schools.

*This is a celebration for the Howard family but it is more a celebration of the incredible resource we have in Chatham County Schools.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner David Delaney, seconded by Vice Chair Mike Dasher, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Chair Dasher, Commissioner Delaney, Chair Howard, Commissioner Kenlan, and Commissioner Gomez Flores