



# Chatham County, NC

## Meeting Minutes

### Board of Commissioners

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Monday, February 20, 2017

6:00 PM

Historic Courthouse Courtroom

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#### Rollcall

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

#### Work Session - 1:30 PM - Historic Courthouse Courtroom

#### PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

*Doug Emmons submitted the following comments:*

*Good afternoon. My name is Doug Emmons and I've lived in Pittsboro since 2008. My professional career spans 40 years in the computer industry, where I worked at a startup software company for 5 years, and three different global F500 corporations for 35 years. For much of my career, I managed global marketing and business development organizations and had the opportunity to significantly grow three unique businesses. A year before taking early retirement from traveling 2-3 weeks a month, I realized I needed to become more familiar with Pittsboro and Chatham County. I saw an ad in the Chatham Record seeking candidates for the Board of the Economic Development Corporation and I applied, faxing my handwritten application from my hotel. I interviewed with Dianne Reid, Bud Marchant, Joe Glasson, and Bill Mulhollen. I've now completed my first 4-year term, having served the last two years as Treasurer for the EDC.*

*My time spent with the EDC has been personally rewarding. After six months on the Board, I initiated a Board Ambassador program to help create awareness for the EDC in Chatham and adjacent counties. We reached over 1,000 people that first year. My board involvement has enabled me to meet many people across the County spanning elected officials (like yourselves), other ex-officio and regular board members, as well as local business people. Making these connections has also enabled me to serve Pittsboro and Chatham County in additional capacities, including previous involvement with the Retire Pittsboro steering committee, and current involvement with the Main Street Pittsboro program, the Pittsboro Chatham Park Additional Elements Review Committee, and the executive board of the Chatham Literacy Council, a non-profit focused on providing adult literacy services (including workforce soft skills training) across Chatham County.*

*I am committed to the mission of the EDC to help attract, retain, and grow business for Chatham County. Executing on this mission will better balance our County's high reliance on residential tax revenues and provide improved employment prospects for our citizens. I have enjoyed my time on the EDC Board and believe my involvement and contributions have helped make a difference. I thank you for allowing me to serve the last 4 years and appreciate you considering me for re-appointment to a second term.*

*Rachel Burton submitted the following comments:*

*Like Doug, I am up for reappointment on the Board of Directors for the Chatham Economic Development Corporation. I thought I would take some time to introduce myself a little bit. I have been on the EDC Board for almost four years. I first became involved with the EDC when I was the research director at Piedmont Biofuels. We were looking for grant funding for our research to expand our biodiesel production and operation. With the EDC's help and guidance from Dianne Reid we were able to obtain both state and federal funding for our biodiesel operation for a series of four years. When our federal funding ended, Piedmont decided to spin off this technology and I run that spinoff. In addition to my work in biofuels, my husband runs a small business in Chatham County. It is Chatham Wireless, formerly Blast Internet, which has been in business since 1997 in Pittsboro and throughout the county. Chatham Wireless provides fiber and wireless internet solutions along with networking support throughout the county. We do support services to many small local businesses like Pittsboro Roadhouse, Chatham Market Place and the Town of Pittsboro. Before working in both biofuels and broadband, I was an automotive instructor and a graduate of the Automotive Technology Department at Central Carolina Community College where I taught both high school and college level automotive to students from Chatham Central, Jordan Matthews and Northwood. Right now I am very excited about our developing K-14 workforce development project between CCCC and the County Schools. I think quality skill building and vocational education, are key options for our outside of four year college students. I'd really like to continue my service to the county via the EDC Board and support these types of activities.*

*Commissioner Petty stated Ms. Burton is recognized and travels nationally. She holds a couple of patents and it all started at CCCC. Mr. Burton stated it literally started when she had a broken transmission and the automotive instructor at the high school convinced her to put in a transmission. Then she got a scholarship to go to school.*

*Chris Ehrenfeld submitted the following comments:*

*I am a Chatham County resident and owner of several small businesses located in Chatham County. I serve on a number of different volunteer boards in our county. I am here today as I am up for re-appointment to the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) board. I am currently the Chair of the EDC board. I want to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve on this board for the past four years.*

*As somebody that works in real estate & construction, I've had plenty of opportunities to tell people what a great place Chatham County is to live. But what has been most fulfilling for me is that through my involvement with the EDC I've had the opportunity to tell people, based on my experience, what a great place Chatham County is to do business.*

*My involvement with the EDC has allowed me to work with everybody from single employee entrepreneurs to mom & pop shops to Mountaire Farms. This has been fun and rewarding. My involvement with EDC has also given me a greater exposure to all that our county has to offer. I live in North Chatham County. I first moved to Chatham County in 1999. However, until my involvement with the EDC, I never had great exposure to the rest of the county. Now, I have many friends, support local artists and do business with residents & companies throughout the entire county all because of connections I've made through the EDC.*

*The EDC has been very successful in the past 4 years. And this success has to do with the quality of the individuals we have on our board. Our board consists of professionals from many different fields of expertise. In my opinion, the EDC is the most successful and most respected non-profit organizations we have in Chatham County. I appreciate you considering me for re-appointment to the EDC board.*

*Gina Harrison submitted the following comments:*

*At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chatham Arts Council on February 14, 2017, the following resolution was proposed and approved by the board:*

*WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Chatham Arts Council to invest in artists and to educate kids through the arts;*

*WHEREAS, compelling research has shown that children are deeply affected by the buildings in which they are educated and the art- whether visual, literary, or performing art- they are encouraged to make and by the art to which they are exposed;*

*WHEREAS, the identity of the county of Chatham, North Carolina is intimately associated with arts and agriculture;*

*WHEREAS, the identity of the county and people of Chatham, North Carolina, will necessarily be shaped by growth and development;*

*WHEREAS, it is the position of the Chatham Arts Council that the kinds of buildings we build and their relationships to each other and to the land on which they are built greatly influence the communities in which they are placed; that architecture is perhaps the most visible artistic expression of what it means to be human, the place where basic human needs for shelter meet great art; and that we should aspire to make the built environment the best of what we do as humans;*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chatham Arts Council hereby expresses publicly its support for planning that involves great architecture and public art of all kinds, from temporary art installations, to permanent public art, to libraries, galleries, and buildings for the performing arts, because we believe that great public buildings and public art ennoble every member of the communities they serve.*

*Meyer Liberman submitted the following comments:*

*I am speaking from the perspective of 131 homeowners and approximately 260-300 people who reside in Phases I & II of Fearrington Village's Historic District and who have been most negatively impacted by Briar Creek/Newlands Communities SD EAST/SD WEST development. These homes lie on or near the boundary line of the development and the aforementioned residents. They are shocked and angered by what has transpired.*

*The first phase of development which has consisted of clearing the land and clear cutting trees has raised serious concerns by residents of what lies ahead. Where formerly there was a quiet, wooded and clean living environment which enticed residents to relocate, there is now a compromised living environment with distractingly high noise levels from 15/501, marred wooded views and nighttime lights, and degraded creeks and ponds. Too, the massive debris of the clear-cut acreage has been burned with little concern for the health and welfare of the*

residents; burns have occurred when strong winds have blown ash all over Fearrington Village and caused some residents to experience eye and respiratory issues which required medical treatment.

We are not opposed per se to responsible growth for Chatham County but feel it to be the developers' responsibility to remediate some of the most egregious negative effects and to prove they are "Green". We wish to go on record that we plan to petition the Planning Commission and Town Board that in any final development plan approved by them, there will be included some reasonable provisions for remediation by the developer for issues outlined here. Preliminary meetings with landscape planners indicate that plantings and/or fencing along the perimeter line would be helpful in easing noise and sighting problems. Systems for maintaining creek and pond health under all weather conditions should also be included.

Developers will stress that in the zoning phase they provided a magnanimous gesture of a 300 foot buffer zone; however, since the property lies high above the development and looks down upon it, the buffer does little to help. Too, the 300 feet in question lies at a steep angle and would in any case be a challenge to develop. We are hopeful that the Town Board and Developers will be sympathetic and understanding of how this development has and will affect the life of the residents.

Sharon Garbutt submitted the following comments:

The first item I want to speak about is the burning of the stumps on 15-501. I believe that is somehow related to Briar Chapel. As a resident of that area and also just driving through, I don't know if you all have driven through when that is going on but it is really upsetting. People come into Chatham County down 15-501. We are the green county and here it is smoked filled. It sets a bad tone for our county. I'd like to request if at all possible, I know that other counties and cities have ordinances on how much tree cutting can be done. I don't know if that is possible for you to consider here in Chatham County. It would avoid a lot of the problems of burning the stumps if the trees were never cut down. You also spoke earlier in the year about natural capital and seemed to commit yourself to that. This would be in line with your earlier commitment to the concept of natural capital. It seems today with all we know about trees and retaining trees, it is helpful to our environment. It is also helpful to the long term value of the land. A house would sell for more, a building would sell for more. It is worth more in the long term economically. If the trees have to be cut down don't burn them so we all have to suffer. The second thing I wanted to ask about was I've heard now twice about the lack of funds the EDC has for recruiting businesses. I am one of the Chatham residents who would like to see more small businesses. I know you are looking for a big huge business at the megasite. Having grown up near a boom and bust town, the car companies would come in and there would be a boom and then there would be the bust. Then another car company would come in and there would be another boom but not as big as the first boom and the bust would be worse than the first bust. I saw this happening. I am one of these residents who does not want that size of an industry in our county but I would also like, either with or without it, I'd like to see more emphasis and money put into recruiting small businesses. My third issue is regarding coal ash. I know you do air and water samples. I want to ask whether or not you can also begin soil sampling. All those pollutants in the air will eventually come down into the soil. This is a consequence to families living in the area. As the pollutants seep down into the soil they will also seep down into the water table. I request you begin doing soil samples along the routes of the trains and around the Moncure area.

The Commissioners asked the Clerk to include the comments received by Shelley

*Colbert in the minutes:*

*Commissioners,*

*I'm submitting comments (below) on the following matter:*

*17-2063 Presentation on Green and Sustainable Building Practices in Briar Chapel.  
Attachments: Chatham County Work Session 2-20-2017 V1*

*Newland, as a developer, attempts to focus the county's attention on the economic benefits of new home building and sales, and its role in developing a "green" community. Absent from the Newland presentation as attached is any discussion of post-development costs and administrative burdens to the county and its citizens, particularly with respect to environmental compliance, infrastructure, and health and safety issues associated with expansion of Briar Chapel. It's a sales pitch, of course, and I want to provide a different perspective, as a concerned BC homeowner and citizen of Chatham County, for your consideration.*

*I want to describe for the commissioners how Newland's questionable oversight, management and communication with respect to the Briar Chapel Community Association (BCCA) ends up shifting additional administrative burden and expense to the county for community services that Newland promised to deliver via the BCCA, in accordance with the BCCA covenants that align with the county's regulations and CCO requirements for the compact community.*

*As you know, Newland (as the HOA "declarant") controls the BCCA through its appointment of three Newland employees to the HOA Board, which has five members. The Newland supermajority hired United Community Management to manage the HOA in 2014. Mary Hurand has oversight for United Community Management staff at Briar Chapel (based on emails I have received from her directly, and her presence at various meetings). Mary Hurand is apparently married to Keith Hurand, the Newland executive to whom the Newland employees on the BCCA board report. In my opinion, that's a neatly circular conflict of interest that all but ensures that the BCCA board's oversight of United Community Management is constrained by the financial interests of the Hurands, in addition to the financial interests of their employer Newland.*

*As a result of those relationships, homeowners have limited effective means to influence the BCCA, or to protect their interests and property rights, except to contact governmental entities and elected officials, primarily those in Chatham County.*

*For over two years, United Community Management has failed to monitor and enforce relevant BCCA covenants for numerous environmental, health, and safety compliance issues that also fall within the purview of county government: things like uncontrolled runoff, native plants, impervious surface restrictions, appearance standards, etc. for contractors, individual residences, and large common areas. The Newland Board members provided inadequate oversight with respect to United Management's failures to monitor and enforce compliance standards that are also required by the CCO. Management failures- in oversight, action and communication- thus resulted in many residents contacting the county (and state) directly for additional services that have included complaints about trash, construction debris, unpermitted work, poor pool cleanliness, food inspections, signage issues, and animal control, to name just a few.*

*I understand very well that the County can't enforce private covenants. However:*

*when the Newland-controlled BCCA fails to execute its responsibilities to enforce its CCO-aligned CC&Rs, that failure results in community noncompliance with county regulations and the CCO itself. That inaction then creates additional financial and administrative burdens to the county and its taxpayers. That's the not-so-hidden additional cost to the county for Newland's questionable oversight of the day-to-day management of the BCCA, and that is something I believe is of critical importance for your consideration in evaluating Newland's "green" assertions with regard to the BC community.*

*Newland needs to be held to account for its continuing management role, as well as its development role, in the Briar Chapel community in any honest assessment of how "green" its plans are in fact. Standards without post-development compliance are meaningless.*

*My greatest fear is that Newland's post-development failures to ensure BCCA compliance with the county's requirements and regulations will result in county government and BC residents alike holding a very expensive bag to remediate an environmentally hostile and potentially ungovernable compact community-- especially after Newland collects its money and leaves.*

*Thank you for your consideration of my comments.*

## **BOARD PRIORITIES**

### [17-2062](#)

Presentation on FY 2016 Audit

**Attachments:** [Chatham County 2016 CAFR](#)

*Erica Brown with Martin Starnes & Associates gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached)*

### [17-2063](#)

Presentation on Green and Sustainable Building Practices in Briar Chapel.

**Attachments:** [Chatham County Work Session 2-20-2017 V1](#)  
[Colbert Comments](#)

*Laurie Ford, Senior Vice President of Newland Real Estate Group, gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached)*

*Bob Kingery, Owner of Southern Energy Management, continued the presentation.*

*Peter Winkler, Community Sales Manager at Homes by Dickerson, continued the presentation.*

*Lee Bowman, Senior Project Manager at Newland Real Estate Group, concluded the presentation.*

### [17-2067](#)

Vote on a request to adopt an amended Resolution Establishing the Board of Equalization and Review

**Attachments:**     [BOER Resolution 2001](#)  
                              [BOER Amended Resolution 2017](#)

*Kep Kepley, Tax Administrator, suggested appointing three alternates instead of two. The Board agreed to amend the resolution to state three alternates would be appointed.*

*Commissioner Hales asked that the Board of Equalization and Review be provided lunch when they convene.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Hales, seconded by Commissioner Petty, that Resolution #2017-04 Amending the Establishment of the Board of Equalization and Review, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

#### [17-2048](#)

Vote on a request to appoint members to serve on the Board of Equalization and Review

**Attachments:**     [E&R Resolution 2001](#)  
                              [2017 Board of E&R Applicants](#)

*Commissioner Petty wishes to appoint Herbert Gaines to represent District 5. Vice Chair Hales wishes to appoint Lillian Alston to represent District 3. Commissioner Howard wishes to appoint Peter Hewitt to represent District 1. Chairman Crawford wishes to appoint Bibi Haddad to represent District 4. Commissioner Dasher wishes to appoint Doug Watson to represent District 2.*

*The Board wishes to appoint Joe Hunt, Leonard Kreisman, William Euker as alternates.*

*The Board directed the Clerk to come up with the length of terms for each appointment.*

*The Board selected Herbert Gaines as the Chair of the BOER.*

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

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

#### [17-2059](#)

Chatham EDC Update

**Attachments:**     [Chatham EDC Update for Board of Commissioners](#)

*Kyle Touchstone, President of the Chatham Economic Development Corporation, gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached).*

**This Agenda Item was received and filed.**

#### [17-2068](#)

Vote on a request to adopt a Resolution to Seek Additional Applicants for Chatham Economic Development Corporation Board Members.

**Attachments:**     [EDCResolutionAppts\\_Feb\\_2017 RE-edited 2.15.17 FINAL DRAFT](#)  
                                 [EDC Amended Resolution 02.21.2017](#)

*Vice Chair Hales read the resolution into the record.*

*Vice Chair Hales made a motion to adopt the resolution.*

*Commissioner Petty stated he would like the Board to reconsider or postpone the resolution. He does not believe the resolution is completely accurate. He is concerned about only allowing Chatham County residents to serve on the EDC Board. If someone has a business in the county they should be allowed some input in how business is done in the county. He suggests that a couple of commissioners sit down with the EDC Board to try come up with a resolution.*

*Commissioner Petty made a motion to delay considering the resolution. Chairman Crawford seconded.*

*Commissioner Petty believes this should be done in private and not in a public setting.*

*Vice Chair Hales stated the commissioners were not notified after their election in 2014 that they had an opportunity to nominate to the EDC Board. She stated Commissioner Petty was given an opportunity as an elected commissioner in 2010 to nominate to the EDC Board. Somehow in 2014, and in this case in 2016, the application door closed in July. The election was in November and it denied the newly elected commissioners the opportunity to have a nomination.*

*Commissioner Petty stated the EDC is a 501-3c. If the Board of Commissioners appoints every member of the EDC Board it no longer is a governmental board. Vice Chair Hales stated the commissioners do appoint every member of the Board and it is a public/private partnership.*

*Commissioner Howard stated the timing of the process does not allow newly appointed and elected commissioners to have input into who serves on the EDC Board. The resolution follows every properly amended bylaw.*

*Commissioner Dasher stated he is inclined to support the original resolution from Vice Chair Hales. He is not as concerned with the history as his is with what they do moving forward.*

*Commissioner Petty asked if the Board could hear from the EDC Board Chairman.*

*Chris Ehrenfeld, Chairman of the EDC Board, addressed the Board. Mr. Ehrenfeld asked if the intent of the resolution is strictly the timing. He stated the 2010 and 2013 bylaws amendments were done correctly. They were approved by the EDC Board and the Board of Commissioners. The reason the timing doesn't work out is because if the EDC waits till the December election to open up applicants, they allow a sixty day time frame to allow people to submit applications. That would push the process into February. Then the group has to get together to conduct interviews and go through all the applications. Then it has to be presented to the EDC Board which requires a ten day notice. Then it has to get on the Board of Commissioners' agenda which must be submitted two weeks before the commissioner meeting. The resolution does not allow the EDC enough time to accept applications, notice their meeting and meet the Board of Commissioner agenda deadline. Going back to the 2009 bylaws would also change the number of directors on the EDC Board from fifteen to eleven.*



*There was discussion about the different versions of the bylaws.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Petty, seconded by Chairman Crawford, to delay consideration of the resolution. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 2 - Chairman Crawford and Commissioner Petty

**No:** 3 - Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Howard

*Commissioner Howard seconded Commissioner Hales motion.*

*There was further discussion about the different versions of the bylaws.*

*Mr. Erhenfeld stated the EDC cannot adhere by the timeframe given in the resolution. The EDC's next meeting is March 14, 2017 and they require a ten day notice. The date the agenda item would be due to the commissioners is March 6, 2017. Even if they call an emergency meeting they cannot make it happen. They could have the applications ready by the April 17, 2017 Board of Commissioners Meeting.*

*Commissioner Petty stated he would not be at the March 20, 2017 Board of Commissioners Meeting and he would like to be available to vote on the applicants.*

*Mr. Ehrenfeld asked if EDC members can only be residents of the county, will that apply to current board members or will they be grandfathered in. Commissioner Petty thinks the Board should also open up the application process to Chatham County Business owners. The Board agreed to open the application process up to residents of or business owners in Chatham County and this requirement would apply to current board members and members up for reappointment.*

*Vice Chair Hales asked to amend the motion so the resolution states " Now therefore be it resolved that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners hereby reinstates the 2013 nominating process for the Chatham County Economic Development Corporation by instructing the EDC to follow the 2013 process adopted May 14, 2013 including its rules and procedures", the applications will come back to the Board of Commissioners at the April 17, 2017 meeting, and residents of Chatham County or Business Owners in Chatham County can apply and this would apply to current members and members up for reappointment.*

*The Board agreed they would receive all applications for consideration but they would also consider the EDC's proposed slate.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Hales, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that Resolution #2017-05 to Seek Additional Applicants for Chatham Economic Development Corporation Board Members, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Howard

**No:** 1 - Commissioner Petty

[17-2061](#)

Vote on a request to approve Chatham EDC Board members

**Attachments:**     [EDC Board Nominations Letter to Chatham County Board of Commissioners](#)  
[BOD recommendations - reappointments](#)  
[BOD recommendations - vacancies](#)  
[2017 Chatham EDC Completed Board Applications](#)  
[2013 Applications - Reappointments](#)  
[Board Members Present January 31](#)  
[BYLAWS - FINAL - Amended 5-10-16](#)

*This item will be moved to April 17th Board of Commissioners Meeting*

#### [17-2065](#)

### County Recommendations for Chatham Park's Additional Elements of Master Plan

**Attachments:**     [Chatham Park Element Recommendations 3](#)

*The County Manager stated the Board asked staff look at five areas of Chatham Park's additional elements. Staff has gone to listen to their presentations. The first public hearing on the additional elements will be on February 27, 2017. The Town of Pittsboro has requested the County submit its recommendations in writing to be considered for the public hearing.*

*Tansy Long, Policy Analyst, reviewed staff's recommendations. (Recommendations attached)*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Vice Chair Hales, to approve staff's recommendations. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

#### [17-2064](#)

### Presentation on Sustainable Facilities Policy

**Attachments:**     [Cost of LEED M 012317 RD LEED Narrative \(1\)](#)  
[LEED Policy](#)  
[Sustainable Facilities Policy PPT](#)

*Assistant County Manager Dan LaMontagne gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached)*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Vice Chair Hales, to approve staff's recommendations. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Howard

**No:** 1 - Commissioner Petty

**A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Commissioner Dasher, to approve that the Health Sciences Building, the new high school and the new northeast elementary school follow the previous version of LEED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Howard

No: 1 - Commissioner Petty

### **CLOSED SESSION**

[17-2069](#)

Closed Session to discuss matters relating to economic development.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dasher, seconded by Vice Chair Hales, to approve going out of the Work Session and convening in Closed Session to discuss matters relating to economic development. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

### **End of Work Session**

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

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

### **INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

6:04pm

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

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

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

[17-2047](#)

Vote on a request to approve the January 10, 2017 Retreat Minutes, the January 11, 2017 Retreat Minutes, the January 17, 2017 Work and Regular Session Minutes, the January 23, 2017 Legislative Breakfast

Minutes and the January 23, 2017 Retreat Minutes.

**Attachments:**     [Draft Minutes 01.10.2017](#)  
[Draft Minutes 01.11.2017](#)  
[Draft Minutes 01.17.2017](#)  
[Draft Minutes 01.23.2017 Legislative Breakfast](#)  
[Draft Minutes 01.23.2017 Retreat](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Vice Chair Hales, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

#### [17-1994](#)

Vote on a request to accept \$12,681 Public Health Preparedness Funds for Zika Education and response.

**Attachments:**     [\\$12,681 Preparedness & Response Funds](#)

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

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

#### [17-1995](#)

Vote on a request to accept \$834 Family Planning Funds

**Attachments:**     [\\$834 Family Planning Funds](#)

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

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

#### [17-2027](#)

Vote on a request to accept \$963 Maternal Health Funds

**Attachments:**     [\\$963 Maternal Health Funds](#)

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

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

#### [17-2031](#)

Vote on a request to accept \$18,000 grant funds from the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO).

**Attachments:**     [\\$18,000 AFDO Risk Factor Survey Funds](#)

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

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

[17-2032](#)

Vote on a request to accept \$2,500 grant funds from the Association of Food and Drug Officials.

**Attachments:**     [\\$2,500 Completion of upated self-assessment of all 9 standards](#)

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

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

[17-2033](#)

Vote on a request to accept \$ 1,700 Retail Food Program Standards Self-Assessment and Verification Workshop (AFDO) Grant Funds.

**Attachments:**     [\\$1,700 FDA Retail Food Program Standards Self-Assessment and Verification Workshop](#)

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

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

[17-2052](#)

Vote on a request to approve the Tax Releases and Refunds.

**Attachments:**     [January 2017 NCVTS Pending Refund Report](#)  
[January 2017 Release and Refund Report](#)  
[November 2016 Manuel NCVTS Pending Refunds](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Vice Chair Hales, 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 - Chairman Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Commissioner Dasher and Commissioner Howard

[17-2058](#)

Vote on a request to approve the return of Chatham County to a four-year revaluation cycle

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

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

[17-2051](#)

Vote on a request to approve the 2016 tax lien advertisement

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

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

[17-2028](#)

Vote On A Request To Adopt A Resolution Proclaiming February 2017 As Animal Spay/Neuter Awareness Month

**Attachments:**     [Resolution of the CC Board of Commissioners](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Vice Chair Hales, that Resolution #2017-06 Proclaiming Rebruary 2017 As Animal Spay/Neuter Month, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[17-2030](#)

Vote to amend Franchise Ordinance regulating emergency medical, first responder, and rescue Services and granting of franchises and contracts for operations in the County of Chatham

**Attachments:** [2017 AMENDED EMS, FIRST RESPONDER, RESCUE SERVICE FRANCHISE ORDINANCE](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Vice Chair Hales, that this Ordinance, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[17-2049](#)

Vote on a request to appoint two members to the Board of Adjustment.

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

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

[17-2046](#)

Vote on a request to accept David Webster, DVM to fill the vacant Veterinarian Seat on the Board of Health effective 2-1-2017.

**Attachments:** [BOH Veterinarian Application for Boards & Committees](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Vice Chair Hales, that this Appointment be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[17-2053](#)

Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center Policy Revisions

**Attachments:** [Revised CCACC Policy 02.08.17](#)

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

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

## **End of Consent Agenda**

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

[17-2060](#)

Ed Kerwin, Executive Director of Orange Water and Sewer Authority

(OWASA) to thank Chatham County for the assistance provided to their community.

*Ed Kerwin, Executive Director of Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA) thanked the Board for the County's assistance with the drinking water emergency. He especially wanted to thank County Manager Renee Paschal, Assistant County Manager Dan LaMontagne and Utilities Director Larry Bridges.*

## **PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

*Ilana Dubester submitted the following comments:*

*Good evening. My name is Ilana Dubester and I'm the executive director of The Hispanic Liaison. Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you tonight. I'm here to share information about the recent ICE raids in North Carolina. But first, I wanted to thank you for your resolution on behalf of Yosselin Herrera. Following your lead, the towns of Pittsboro and Siler City, and the Chatham Board of Education also issued resolutions on her behalf. Your support made a huge difference in her life and for her immigration case. On January 31, she appeared before the Charlotte immigration court and was granted the chance to present her case for asylum on November 1. A lot can change at the national level between now and November. There are no guarantees that she'll be granted asylum. The Charlotte immigration court, on average, approves only 13% of the petitions they receive, whereas the NY immigration court approves 78%.*

*About the recent ICE raids. There have been numerous raids across the country leading to the arrest of at least 600 immigrants. These raids came after President Trump signed an executive order on interior immigration enforcement that essentially removed any and all prioritization, unlike his earlier statements that they would pursue only those with serious criminal violations or with previous deportation orders. The media reported that there were many "collateral arrests", that is, when ICE entered a home or workplace, they also arrested immigrants with clean records and no deportation orders. The administration's definition of a criminal is expanding to include anyone who is here without proper documentation. In Arizona, a woman was arrested in court where she was petitioning for a protective order against her abuser.*

*In Virginia, at least 7 homeless immigrants were arrested as soon as they left a shelter at 6 AM. Our whole community is less safe when victims fear calling the police for help or don't seek relief from the courts to protect them from abusers. In NC, 84 people were detained by ICE last week in raids in Alamance, Forsyth, Guilford and Mecklenburg. There have been no raids in Chatham since last September. ICE tries to remove people as quickly as possible, before they could have an opportunity to speak with an attorney or see a judge. In Washington state, ICE arrested a DACA recipient even though he has legal permission to live and work in the US. This arrest is a huge concern for the 700,000 DACA youth across the country. In North Carolina alone, there are at least 47,000 youth with legal permits through DACA. In Orange and Chatham counties there are at least 1,000 youth with DACA permits. These immigration enforcement tactics are causing panic and chaos in the community.*

*Although ICE agents are not the local police, there's widespread fear of anyone in a police uniform. This makes the job of local law enforcement that much more difficult. Mr. Trump said that he wants to revive the 287g program and enlist local law enforcement in capturing undocumented immigrants. He wants local police to be his "eyes and ears". Families are thrown into a crisis when they're torn apart by the sudden arrest of one or both the parents. If no provisions were made for someone to*

*take care of their children, the kids are taken by DSS and placed in foster care. Reuniting children with parents who have been deported is extremely hard, since they cannot come back into the country to claim their children. Losing just one of the parents puts the family into extreme emotional and financial stress.*

*We have spoken with many immigrant families, some of whom I've known since El Vinculo opened in 1995. They are scared and preparing for the worst - getting all of the family's documents in order, such as passports for the children. They're asking for help with powers of attorney to protect their children from being placed into foster care. We'll be helping our community by hosting an all-day Legal Fair on March 18 in Siler City to talk about these issues. Sheriff Roberson is going to participate in a town hall style session at the Legal Fair. We'll also have an expo of attorneys, legal services and agencies. Right now, all law enforcement agencies in NC are required to submit information through several databases for anyone charged with a felony or DWI. If the person is flagged as undocumented, ICE can ask local law enforcement to detain that person for up to 48 hours, at which point, ICE would take them into custody.*

*In Chatham County, we are fortunate that El Vinculo, since its beginning, has invested in working closely with local law enforcement to help them understand the issues facing immigrants and open the lines of communication. We are also incredibly fortunate to have Sheriff Roberson, Chief Tyson and Chief Crutchfield in leadership positions. All three want to have better communication and build relationships with the Latino community. It's a work in progress and we're committed to helping. But effective local policing requires cooperation, communication and the trust of local residents. If local police are forced to cooperate with ICE, this will be an impossible task to accomplish.*

*Curt Devereux submitted the following comments:*

*Update on American Tobacco Trail Crossing at O'Kelly Chapel Road: Continuing Need to Improve Crossing Safety for ATT Users.*

*Background: With support from NC DOT District 8, the Triangle Rails to Trails Conservancy (TRTC) conducted hourly, round the clock monitoring of vehicle speeds and volume and hourly counts of trail crossers at selected 3 to 4 hour periods. These counts were done in early May 2015 and provided useful info to document the high vehicle speeds and volume and large number of users at this crossing. While the mean speed of vehicles over the entire period was 40.2 mph, the maximum speeds seen during the nine 24 hour periods ranged from a low of 57.2 mph to a high of 76.5 mph. During this study period (May-2015) the posted limit was 50 mph and our user counters saw only a small % of through traffic slowing significantly or stopping for users to cross safely. The vehicle speed data during this period indicate that some substantial portion of drivers did not seem to recognize they were going through an area where slowing should be anticipated due to a pedestrian crossing. Over the course of this study we saw Average Daily Traffic volume of 7000 to 7200. This represented about a 10% increase from volumes DOT documented in 2013. DOT did no follow-up counts in 2016 and so far has indicated they are not planning to do any here in 2017. As a part of Chatham County's Bicycle Signage Study (received May 2016), the contractor collected vehicle and trail user counts for a small # of days in April 2016 using video capture technology. For the three 4 pm to 7 pm one hour periods, the contractor's vehicle counts were within 2% of those collected one year earlier while user counts were about 3% lower for the late afternoon and weekend peak periods. With these two studies corroborating the very high volumes at this crossing, we believe it is safe to conclude that future vehicle volumes will probably*



exceed those documented in these studies. Future factors include a large amount of residential construction in Wake County just east of this crossing, increasing east-west commuting traffic from Durham and southern Orange County to Wake, and the growing traffic associated with the Southpointe Mall area in Durham County.

*Changes/Progress Since 2015:* Shortly after the May 2015 study, DOT installed yellow 35 MPH advisory signs at the crossing. About two months later, DOT installed regulatory pedestrian signs about 50' from the crossing. Later on in August 2015 and in May 2016 DOT District 8 staff became well acquainted with the concerns of residents living near O'Kelly through meetings with the Carolina Preserve HOA, Town of Cary staff and officials from Chatham County and DOT District 5. In early July 2016, after over a year of consideration, DOT lowered the speed limit on all of the Chatham portion of O'Kelly from 50 mph to 45. While this was a welcome step, it by no means makes this crossing truly safe, since speed enforcement by both the State Patrol and Chatham's Sheriffs has from all appearances continued at low levels. DOT has indicated one additional change to this crossing, the installation of center line rumble strips. These are not a change requested by TRTC or the local HOA and it is unclear how they will improve the safety of users crossing the road. In May 2016, TRTC partnered with the Town of Cary to procure warning signs for trail users crossing O'Kelly to alert them that they were approaching a high speed road as well as a larger STOP sign. Users report they see these signs as an improvement.

*Remaining Issues:* The speed limit and signage changes have been helpful but a high % of through traffic still does not appear to treat this as a pedestrian crossing. Since user crossings at peak hours at O'Kelly are often comparable to those at school crossings, one safety option we have considered is the installation of user-activated blinking lights. These would be large (~12" diameter) amber lights mounted 250 to 400' from the crossing and would flash only when activated by a user attempting to cross the road. 3' high pedestals would be mounted on each side of the road and utilize wireless technology to operate the lights. Based on contacts with Transportation staff at Chapel Hill, we understand the installed cost of two lights and the posts would be \$35,000 to \$ 38,000. See the following link to see specifications for the R820 model from Carmanah Technologies: [http://carmanah.com/files/docs/spec-sheets/R820\\_Spec.pdf](http://carmanah.com/files/docs/spec-sheets/R820_Spec.pdf). If these lights were not needed at O'Kelly some years from now, movement to a school crossing would be a viable option. For more on these issues contact Curt Devereux at: [cdevereux@nc.rr.com](mailto:cdevereux@nc.rr.com)

Greg Jones submitted the following comments:

*I live in Hickory Mountain and I have been there for twenty-five years. I am sure you have heard from many people that the internet service in this county is virtually non-existent. There are three or four suppliers. The two I know of are AT&T and Centurylink. The speeds are slow, the costs are high. I spoke with Debra Henzey and she explained to me that there is a state law that forbids counties from providing internet service to their residents. If Chatham County were to provide internet service to the entire county, the county would be in violation of state law. That may be so. I don't believe that the State of North Carolina is going to come after Chatham County for providing a needed public utility, which internet service is. We don't hesitate to spend millions of dollars on buildings. We are standing in one. There is a multimillion dollar building over there. There is an Agricultural multimillion dollar building over there that isn't even open yet. I am of the opinion that we need it. We need it for development, we need it for education and we need it for business. I don't think it is unrealistic to at least explore the possibility of finding an internet provider that can put up towers, that is probably the way to go, and provide internet service to*

*the county. I believe most people would be more than willing to pay. We are paying now for sub-standard service. We have no leverage with these utility companies. They are based out of town and out of state. They do not respond to requests for upgraded or adequate service. I would like to see some internet available. I can research this and I can find out how much we are spending on buildings, how much we are spending on commissioner salaries, and how much we are spending on everything. I am sure this stuff is public information. I would be willing to bet that we could provide internet service to the County for a reasonable fee and that we don't have to worry about the State of North Carolina. I believe we could get away with this.*

*Judy Johnston submitted the following comments:*

*I am here with Joan Cunningham. We are here to represent the over 100 volunteers of Chatham Animal Rescue and Education also known as C.A.R.E.. First we want to thank you for passing the resolution that makes February spay and neuter awareness month. We have nearly 1,000 spays and neuters that take place every year with our strong partnership with Chatham Animal Rescue and Chatham County Animal Services. We feel that our programs are making a difference in the county because we continue to see the number of euthanizations at the animal shelter decrease every year. Thank you and we hope to be here doing this again next year.*

*MaryAnn Bumbera submitted the following comments:*

*I came tonight to support Ilana Dubester and the Hispanic Liaison. I am increasingly disturbed by news about the ICE raids around the country. I heard about one this morning in Virginia. A man's entire business was wiped out and the workers were taken and their families didn't know what happened to them. No one wants felons in this country but the way these raids are done reminds me of the Holocaust. I am here to ask you to support the Hispanic Liaison and thank you for the support of Yosselin Herrera. I saw Diana on TV. Thank you.*

*Jim Elza submitted the following comments:*

*I am Chair of the Steering Committee for the Comprehensive Plan. We have been listening. We started meeting in January of 2016. We reviewed all the old plans and did a county-wide survey that had 1,700 respondents. We had focus groups. We have done a special study on 15-501 commercial. We have done a special study or participated in a conservation development study. We still have the fracking study underway. We have a lot on the Chatham County website. What I am trying to say here tonight is the draft framework plan is going to be rolled out tomorrow night at Chatham Central High School, February 21st from 5-7PM. It will be rolled out February 22nd from 5-7PM at Chatham Community Library. On February 23rd it will be at Silk Hope Ruritan Community Center from 5-7PM. This plan is taking shape. If you want to take a look at what we've done and what we've found it is time to come. We are only a few months away from bringing the Board the plan.*

#### 17-2073

Vote to approve the participation and initial funding of a regional agricultural business district being led by Harnett County.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Petty, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that this Agenda Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

[17-2050](#)

Set the dates of three Budget Work Sessions in May.

*The Board agreed to hold the Budget Work Sessions on May 23rd, May 24th, and May 30th. All three meetings will start at 9:00 AM and will be held in the new Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center in meeting rooms A & B.*

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

[17-2057](#)

A legislative public hearing request by the Chatham County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for a general legislative rezoning on Parcel No. 11417 located on the Moncure Pittsboro Road from R-5 and R-1 Residential zoning to NB Neighborhood Business, being approximately 0.957 acres, Haw River Township.

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

*Tom Glendinning stated he missed the Public Input sign-up and asked the Board if he could speak. The Board agreed.*

*Mr. Glendinning submitted the following comments:*

*My comment relates to the stickers on our vehicles for access to the recycling centers. I am not current on every rule. Is it such that without a payment of taxes we do not get these stickers? (Staff said yes) I think that particular rule is regressive. I think it was a good idea to encourage people to pay taxes but I think it hurts the poor people more than anyone else. Since this rule I have seen more trash on 15-501. It is just not working. I would recommend separating those two things.*

*The Chairman moved on to the public hearing.*

*Zoning Administrator Angela Birchett reviewed the specifics of the request.*

*Patrick Bradshaw, attorney for the ABC Board, reviewed the application. He stated adding this property should make the site more flexible and should lead to some better design options, especially as it relates to road frontage.*

*The Chairman closed the hearing.*

**This Agenda Item was referred to the Planning Board.**

## **BOARD PRIORITIES**

[17-2056](#)

Vote on a request to approve NNP Briar Chapel, LLC for subdivision Preliminary Plat review and approval of SD West, consisting of 9 non-residential lots, on 29.20 acres, located off Taylor Road, SR-1529, and US 15-501 N, parcels #18911 and #86288, Baldwin Township.

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

*Lynn Richardson reviewed the specifics of the request.*

*The Planning Board by vote of 9-2 and the Planning Department recommend granting approval of the road name, 'Ballentrae' and recommend granting preliminary plat approval of Briar Chapel, SD West with the following conditions:*

- 1. The design of the greenway from Briar Chapel to SD West be completed and necessary permits be obtained prior to final plat submittal.*
- 2. Condition # 11 of the 2014 CUP revision regarding designation of park-and-ride spaces and the bus shelter be resolved between Chatham Transit and NNP Briar Chapel, LLC prior to final plat submittal with the understanding that Briar Chapel has committed to at least 18 spaces.*
- 3. Condition 14 (g) of the 2014 CUP revision regarding reservation of 5,000 square feet of shell space, to be constructed and provided to the County at no cost or charge to the County, for the Chatham County Sheriff's Office for a satellite office (the "Reservation") be resolved between Chatham County and NNP Briar Chapel, LLC prior to final plat submittal.*
- 4. The final plat shall state the width of the riparian buffers and clearly designate the 10 foot no-build.*
- 5. The access and maintenance easement for the stormwater pond on Parcel A shall be located as shown on attachment # 4 in order to lessen the impacts on the viewshed buffer and adjacent property owners.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Hales, seconded by Commissioner Howard, to approve with the stipulations recommended by the Planning staff and Planning Board. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

#### 17-2055

Vote on a request to approve Lewis Metty Development, Inc. for subdivision Revised Preliminary/Final Plat approval of Cedar Mountain, Phase 3A, consisting of 16 lots on 30.79 acres located off Jones Ferry Rd, SR-1540 and Cedar Grove/Cedar Mountain Road, Baldwin Township, parcels #'s 1611 and 1721.

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

*Lynn Richardson reviewed the specifics of the request.*

*The Planning Board by unanimous vote and the Planning Department recommend granting final plat approval of Cedar Mountain, Phase 3A with the following conditions:*

- 1. The plat not be recorded until the county attorney has reviewed and approved the form of the contract and financial guarantee.*
- 2. Prior to recordation of the final plat, the developer shall install all of the supply lines for the off-site sewage treatment systems at one time, use only gravel less systems, have one contractor complete all of the work, and install the supply lines at least 30 inches deep. The Chatham County Environmental Health Department will inspect and approve the installation prior to final plat recordation.*
- 3. The developer shall install a locked gate or chain across the emergency access roadway at the common boundary of the Cedar Mountain Subdivision and parcel #75530 and provide emergency personnel with a key.*

*Condition # 3 was modified by the Planning Board to read:*

*The developer shall install a locked iron gate across each end of the emergency access roadway and provide emergency personnel with a key for each gate and that appropriate signage be installed at each end of the access road to indicate that use of the road is for emergency personnel only and that the developer be encouraged to plant suitable plantings to create a privacy barrier along the length of the access road.*

*The Board discussed the recommendations and agreed with the Planning Department's recommendations.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Petty, seconded by Commissioner Dasher, to approve Planning staff's recommendations. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

## **MANAGER' S REPORTS**

*The County Manager stated she appreciated the work Utilities Director Larry Bridges did to help OWASA. He worked most of the weekend to make the arrangement with Orange County as smooth as possible. The County also supplied the hospital with tankers full of water so they could keep their boilers running.*

*She asked the Board to allow her to be excused from the March 20th meeting for personal reasons.*

*She stated it has been a while since the Board approved of staff moving forward with Phase One of its due diligence on Chatham Park. It looks like staff will start working on that shortly. There will be a fiscal impact analysis that will show the impacts of Chatham Park and also give the County a build out schedule for the next ten years. The consultant will help staff look at all the possible impacts of doing a special assessment district. The outcome will be some financial policy guidelines that will give staff a framework for consideration of whether to approve the district. They will also ensure there is no negative impact on the County's credit rating. Tansy Long will take the lead on working with the consultant. Before work commences the County will have a signed MOU with Chatham Park that states they will pay all of the costs. The County will not make a decision until the Legislature has approved the legislation that has been introduced.*

*The Board received a request through its weekly update from Habitat for Humanity that the funds remaining from the FVRC shelter be redirected to their Roberts Run development. Staff recommended when they presented their findings that they would like to have a task force to assess the need of whether a domestic violence shelter is still necessary. Staff would like to hold those funds in reserve until that effort is done. The Board agreed for staff to move forward.*

## **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

*Vice Chair Hales stated she went to Yosselin Herrera's immigration hearing in Charlotte. She stated she is glad the County is working on broadband and it should be part of the county's economic portfolio. Unfortunately, until the Legislature changes its position the county is stuck.*

*Chairman Crawford stated Chatham County will receive another historical marker commemorating the mine explosion in Cumnock in 1926. The explosion claimed almost thirty lives. The marker will be near the Chatham/Lee County line on 15-501.*

*Commissioner Howard stated she attended the Board of Education retreat last week. They are still struggling with recruiting teachers, principals and assistant principals. She and Commissioner Dasher attended the Local Elected Leaders Academy and did their ethics training. She attended a session on the changing and disruptive demographics in North Carolina. She will share the information with the rest of the Board and the County Manager.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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