



# Chatham County, NC

## Meeting Minutes

### Board of Commissioners

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Monday, July 18, 2016

6:00 PM

Historic Courthouse Courtroom

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#### Rollcall

**Present:** 4 - Chairman Jim Crawford, Vice Chair Diana Hales, Commissioner Mike Cross and Commissioner Karen Howard

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Walter Petty

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

#### PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

*Chairman Crawford stated Commissioner Petty had a family emergency and would not be able to attend the meeting.*

*No one signed up to speak.*

#### BOARD PRIORITIES

[16-1763](#)

Presentation by Chatham Transit's Executive Director Anna Testerman.

*Anna Testerman, Executive Director of Chatham Transit, demonstrated software upgrades the Board funded last year. Ms. Testerman also discussed the Pittsboro Express. They are planning a route expansion adding three more trips between Pittsboro and Chapel Hill.*

*Vice Chair Hales asked when the new stops would be active. Ms. Testerman stated January 2017.*

[16-1764](#)

Chatham County Climate Change Advisory Committee Presentation on Natural Capital

**Attachments:** [natural capital presentation](#)

*Amanda Robertson presented a PowerPoint Presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached)*

*The Board encouraged the Climate Change Committee to move forward and give recommendations to the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.*

*Kathleen Hundley, 136 Rocky Falls Sanford, stated she would like the Board to*

*consider limiting what people can do with their land such as clear-cutting timber.*

[16-1777](#)

Vote on a request to approve the adoption of Chatham County Transportation Advisory Committee 2016-2019 Strategic Plan. Chatham County Citizen Advisory Committees Policy, the Transportation Advisory Committee requests to present its 2015-2016 Annual Report to the Board of Commissioners.

**Attachments:** [Final Draft TAC Strategic Plan edited at TAC 6 28 16](#)  
[TAC Annual Report 2015 2016](#)

*Cara Coppola introduced Ed Regan, Chair of the Transportation Advisory Committee.*

*Mr. Regan presented a PowerPoint Presentation. (Presentation Attached)*

*Vice Chair Hales suggested asking someone from the trucking industry to serve on the Transportation Advisory Committee. She has been very impressed with the work of the committee over the past year.*

*Mr. Regan stated the committee has difficulty recruiting from the western part of the county.*

*Chairman Crawford asked to correct Economic Development Committee to Economic Development Corporation.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Hales, seconded by Commissioner Howard, to approve the adoption of the Chatham County 2016-2019 Strategic Plan and receive the annual report. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Petty

[16-1779](#)

Vote on request to approve a letter of support for the Wildlife Resources Commission Partners for Green Growth Grant application and update the status on the Comprehensive Plan.

**Attachments:** [Comp Plan Update Wildlife grant PGG Application 2016](#)

*Hillary Pace, Planner, updated the Board on the Comprehensive Plan. 300 have taken the survey and they need 700 people to take the survey to reach their goal. The survey closes Friday, August 5th. A color ad will be run in the newspaper to advertise the survey. Ms. Pace thanked the Health Department for helping to coordinate and leverage grants. They also supply staff time and provide input on the questions in the survey. They have been working closely with the Climate Change Committee. The committee is currently shaping goals. The Green Growth Grant has already been used by the consultant in two other counties to help create contextual development illustrations for areas that are vulnerable to rapid development and are also very vulnerable ecologically. Staff submitted a pre-grant application in May and asked for \$20,000. The application was strong and the County has been invited to apply formally August 9th. The grant requires an in kind match of 35%. That is easily done with the expenditure of the Comprehensive Plan and the staff time involved in facilitating the meetings. Staff has scaled back the application to \$10,000. They will work with the Chatham County Conservation Partnership should the grant be awarded. It has over 50 members. The goal is to apply the conceptual*

*development through the County's Conservation Subdivision Ordinance.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Hales, seconded by Commissioner Howard, to approve a letter of support for the Green Growth Grant application. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Petty

[16-1780](#)

Vote on a request to approve an Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan Contract to add a Natural Gas Impacts Study to the scope of services at a cost of \$41,260 and approve of a budget amendment to cover the additional cost from the County General Fund Balance.

**Attachments:** [Natural Gas 18July16](#)

*Hillary Pace, Planner, stated the County approved a Temporary Moratorium on Oil and Natural Gas Development Activities in August of 2015. Section six states there is a requirement for a study to be conducted. The consultant for the Comprehensive Plan found a professor and environmental consultant from West Virginia University. His task will be to review and develop an environmental profile potential for natural gas development in the area, look at case studies, do a field survey and review the region and address how regional and local planning agencies have addressed natural gas development in other regions of the country. He will also do on site presentations as required which includes a presentation of findings to elected and appointed boards, preparation of a final draft and report which will summarize all the findings and recommendations from the study and integrate the findings into public meeting materials and presentations. The contract includes coordination of meetings and all of the administration required. There is an optional task for a conditional use ordinance.*

*Vice Chair Hales asked the name of the professor. Ms. Pace stated his name is Charles Luill.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to approve an Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan Contract to add a Natural Gas Impacts Study to the scope of services at a cost of \$41,260, approve a budget amendment to cover the additional cost from the County General Fund Balance and authorize the County Manager to execute the contract. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Petty

[16-1778](#)

Discuss a recommendation by the Planning Board to request liaisons between the county and municipal Planning Boards.

*Dr. George Lucier, Chair of the Planning Board, reviewed the specifics of the request.*

**A motion was made by Chairman Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, to authorize the County Manager to work with the Town Managers to coordinate with the different boards to find liaisons. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Petty

**CLOSED SESSION**

[16-1767](#)

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

*16-1768 has been postponed to August*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Commissioner Cross, to approve going out of the Regular Session and convening in Closed Session to discuss matters relating to economic development, personnel and attorney-client privilege.. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Petty

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Petty

**End of Work Session**

**Rollcall**

**Present:** 4 - Chairman Jim Crawford, Vice Chair Diana Hales, Commissioner Mike Cross and Commissioner Karen Howard

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Walter Petty

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

**INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Commissioner Cross delivered the invocation after which the Chairman invited everyone present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**CALL TO ORDER**

*Chairman Crawford welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.*

*He stated Commissioner Petty had a family emergency and will not be able to attend the meeting this evening.*

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

*Chairman Crawford stated Item 16-1768 will be moved to the August 15, 2016 Board of Commissioners Meeting.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cross, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that the Agenda and Consent Agenda be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Petty

### **16-1784**

Vote on a request to approve the June 6, 2016 Regular Session Minutes and the June 20, 2016 Work and Regular Session Minutes.

**Attachments:** [Draft Minutes 06.06.2016.pdf](#)

[Draft Minutes 06.20.2016.pdf](#)

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Petty

### **16-1771**

Vote on a request to approve an appointment to the Community Advisory Committee for Nursing & Adult Care Homes.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Petty

### **16-1774**

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

**Attachments:** [June 2016 Corrected Receipts Report](#)

[June 2016 NCVTS Pending Refund Report](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cross, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that the Tax Releases and Refunds, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Petty

[16-1769](#)

Vote on Appointment of Blake Arnett to the Triangle South Workforce Development Board

**Attachments:** [Triangle South Nomination Form B. Arnette.pdf](#)

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Petty

[16-1758](#)

Vote on a request to approve contract with Chatham Transit Network for the Fiscal 2016-2017 budget appropriation and authorize the County Manager to execute the contract.

**Attachments:** [chatham transit contract.pdf](#)  
[CTN Letter signed.pdf](#)

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Petty

[16-1759](#)

Vote on a request to approve contracts with Chatham Trades for the Fiscal 2016-2017 budget appropriation and authorize the County Manager to execute the contract.

**Attachments:** [chatham trades contract.pdf](#)  
[Chatham Trades letter signed.pdf](#)

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Petty

[16-1772](#)

Vote to approve Microsoft Enterprise Agreement and have the county manager sign.

**Attachments:**    [Chatham\\_EA\\_Renewal\\_Quote\\_06.22](#)  
[Contact Information Form](#)  
[EA SLG Enrollment](#)  
[EA-EASProdSelForm](#)

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Petty

[16-1762](#)

Vote on a request to adopt A Resolution Approving the Addition of Streets in the Valley View Subdivision to the North Carolina System of Secondary Roads.

**Attachments:**    [2016.06.15 Signed Resolution Request Phoebe Ln Addition.pdf](#)  
[Valley View Subdivision Resolution.doc](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cross, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that Resolution #2016-26 Approving the Addition of Streets in the Valley View Subdivision to the North Carolina System of Secondary Roads, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Petty

[16-1773](#)

Vote on a request to approve a resolution authorizing staff to establish and maintain an account with Multi-Bank Securities

**Attachments:**    [Multi Bank Securities Resolution](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cross, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that Resolution #2016-27 Authorizing Staff to Establish and Maintain an Account With Multi Bank Securities, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Petty

[16-1775](#)

Vote on a request to approve NNP Briar Chapel, LLC for subdivision Final Plat approval of Briar Chapel, Phase 16, South Section 1 consisting of 61 lots on 13.94 acres, located off Andrews Store Road, SR-1528, and Boulder Point Drive, Baldwin Township, parcel #82828 & 82829.

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

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Petty

[16-1765](#)

A vote to approve a request for Chatham County membership in ICLEI and Triangle Clean Cities as requested by Climate Change Advisory Committee Membership in ICLEI and Triangle Clean Cities.

**Attachments:** [ICLEI Mem](#)

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Petty

### **End of Consent Agenda**

### **PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

*Eric Neumann submitted the following comments:*

*I am up here today to talk about the need for additional boat and rv storage. I know it has been a concern recently. I have first hand experience of the inability to find quality covered areas. I have a rather large investment in a personal piece of equipment and unfortunately letting it sit outside ages it and it detracts from its value. Recently my family and I, we spend a lot of time around Jordan Lake and we came across a lot of really good facilities out that way and we inquired about moving our camper out to that particular location and was informed at the time that there is a rather large waiting list. We did hop on that and we are presently on that waiting list. We were rather impressed with the facilities that were around the lake and we do enjoy spending our summers out there and one of the nice things about having our camper located at that particular location it does provide us the ability to pull that thing out and travel rather short distances. It is rather difficult to navigate the streets around the area with this camper and for us it is a great opportunity to be able to store close by where we do most of our camping during the summer. I would like you guys to consider, I know there is a lot of discussion and reference to this particular topic. It is rather important to myself and a few other people in reference to the shortage of storage areas, especially the quality that we've seen around the Jordan Lake area. Thank you.*

*Carl Thompson submitted the following comments:*

*I am the pastor of Word of Life Christian Outreach Center in the Silk Hope community of Chatham County. I would like to add my voice to the chorus of voices that will probably come forward tonight seeking support for the reactivation of the Human Relations Commission. I don't think anyone could argue legitimately with the fact that*



*this country has some serious issues to resolve. We have communities divided, violence against citizens and law enforcement to proportions unheard of. While we have not experienced this kind of violence and lawlessness in this county the demons of fear and hatred have raised their ugly heads in every region of this country from the north to the south from the east to the west and in between. I think at this juncture we need to be proactive and take the necessary measures to ensure that nothing we have witnessed on the national scene manifests itself locally. But let's make no mistake here. In speaking with many of our citizens I hear voiced the same sentiments of anger and distrust and despair and hopelessness that has propelled our country into this quagmire of violence. The institution of a Human Relations Commission would create the kind of mechanism for years to come that would allow public officials, community leaders from all cultures, law enforcement and any other interested parties to engage each other in a form of collegiality and respect. There are some who would argue that this commission would become a political football if reactivated. My response would be this, while there has been some debate over staffing issues and I personally think staffing is critical, the commission was created by ordinance over twelve years ago and every Board of Commissioners since that time has supported it, including the Board that I served on. That leads me to believe that the majority of our citizens support its existence and see it as a need at this time. Lastly, from an overall perspective the existence of a Human Relations Commission would serve as a valuable recruiting tool for businesses and citizens to our county, serving as a symbol to everyone that our county is a place that holds a high premium on perpetuating unity, tranquility and respect for the rights of all of its citizens. I respectfully urge you to not delay but to move to take this step at the earliest possible convenience. Thank you.*

*Esther Coleman submitted the following comments:*

*I live in North Chatham and I am pleased to join the voices advocating for the reactivation of the Human Relations Commission. But why? Yes in preparing my remarks I asked myself this and other questions such as aren't there boards and committees already that make decisions around a myriad of issues such as health, social services, economic development, education and the systems they support? So I stepped back to the days when we did have a Human Relations Commission. I reviewed their annual reports to remind myself as their former director how they were different from the other boards and committees. That look into the past took me to the mission of a Human Relations Commission, which was this, the mission of the Human Relations Commission is to actively promote amicable relations and mutual respect among all groups within Chatham County and to discourage all manner and manifestation of discriminatory practices toward such groups. Through these actions we will enhance the general welfare of the community. Given the events of the day in Chatham County, in North Carolina and across the nation with regard to race, income inequality, policing, HB2 and other related matters, I am here to suggest while each of the boards and committees have their singular focus, a Human Relations Commission has a larger and more expansive role. It focuses on these issues in their totality by preventing and resolving problems that everyday people have around them and because of them. By identifying and addressing systemic breaks that result in disparities, discrimination and lack of access within those systems by providing productive and peaceful ways for people to express their concerns by brokering strategies that unite people and communities. Human relations is about more than policies, it is about the people protected by them. Human relations is about more than best practices. It is about the community groups that either benefit from those practices or are under served by the institutions implementing them. Human relations transcends procedures and makes them work for the people, not just the institutions. I invite you to take a look at the HRC's annual reports that I will*

*leave with the clerk. When their work ended, the HRC was developing an ordinance that would not only have addressed housing discrimination but would have also brought federal funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to this county. I am here tonight to implore you to proactively reopen the door to a Human Relations Commission in order to as the mission asserted. Actively promote amicable relations and mutual respect among all groups in Chatham County. That time is now. Thank you for your kind attention.*

*Karl Kachergis submitted the following comments:*

*I am here to add my voice in favor of re-establishing the Human Relations Commission. Amen to what Esther and Carl had to say. In light of what is going on around the nation, I have met a number of law enforcement people in Chatham County and Chatham's finest is, I believe, among the very finest in the world. As long as we are talking about the finest I just want to give a shout out to Mike Cross, one of my favorite elected officials, and the rest of you I appreciate it. I think about Chatham's identity and to me, I lived here since 1969, its always been an extraordinarily friendly county. It has also been a county where citizens, and this is good on you five, take a fair amount of ownership in their own county, in their government in the place they live. A Human Relations Commission will be another significant form of outreach for people who otherwise may feel that they have no recourse. Who feel isolated. A group of people we do not want to lose. We want them on board. That is why I am grateful for the opportunity to have this commission, speak on behalf of it. I am thankful for what I have seen in the Sheriff's Department because they seek to collaborate with every community they possibly can. They show up for everything they can. They want to be friendly. It is my understanding that Siler City and Pittsboro Police do also. I think that this county is in many ways a leader in the state and of course in the country. I appreciate your consideration in helping make this happen. Thank you.*

*Pat Myers submitted the following comments:*

*I am a resident of Briar Chapel community. I really don't have a lot to say except that the residents of Briar Chapel are quite confused by the proposals that you received on June 20th, which we had no knowledge of and feel may have significant impact on our quality of life and use of the facilities there. All I am asking, we don't know if it is good or bad yet, we just have not been able to get the information and the transparency and answers that will allow us to participate in making this decision. We ask for your patience since we were totally blindsided. We are going to work with the Planning Board, Newland, and Briar Chapel, LLC to see if we can't resolve what we feel are fairly significant issues. Don't have anything to say pro or con other than the fact that we have no knowledge and we represent thousands of people who feel like there is some work to be done here before you approve anything, especially considering that this is the first compact community in Chatham County. What you decide and how we reach decisions will impact lots of future development.*

*Larry Brooks submitted the following comments:*

*I am Chair of the West Chatham NAACP and also Chair of the Chatham County Agricultural Fair. I am here tonight to ask you to re-establish the Human Relations Commission. Today we have so much violence across the nation. Other issues are happening throughout the country. I feel that the Human Relations Commission is a*

great way for Chatham County to build relationships in the community. Today there are issues in schools, juvenile justice, county employment, institution of racism, economic and lack of employment opportunities. I feel that this is a good time to re-establish, re-energize in a light of the climate today. We need to have some place, some people that are willing to stand up for the people in the community. Again, I ask that you consider bringing back the Human Relations Commission to meet the needs of the community and encourage positive dialogue. Thank you.

*Ilana Dubester submitted the following comments:*

*I live in Silk Hope. I am here are the Executive Director of the Hispanic Liaison as well as a past member of the Human Relations Commission from 2008 to 2011. I also want to express my full support for the revival of the Human Relations Commission and its office. The Human Relations Commission was active since 2000 and was established after several serious incidents happened in our county, including the KKK rally in Siler City. For years council members worked to compile data and conduct research in the community and outreach, but the HRC really became effective as an organization and an entity after the County created a staff position, a HRC Director, and established its office within Chatham County Government. From 2008 when HRC had a director, Esther Coleman, and thanks to her leadership and vision until it was disbanded in 2011 the HRC was engaged in the community on multiple levels and working toward creating a Chatham County that was inclusive, equitable and welcoming of all of its residents. I am going to cite a few examples of the work we have done in the past. In 2010 the HRC office produced a first report on issues impacting communities of color and people of color in Chatham County with multiple concrete recommendations of how we can improve as a community to reduce health disparities, eliminate the educational achievement gap, increase the cultural and linguistic competence within Chatham Government, and create inclusive hiring practices. The HRC also instituted important programs to promote civil discourse and raise awareness among all residents such as racism trainings, civil rights book clubs and awards, student essay competitions, training community civil rights educators, and generally promoting greater communication and trust among our communities. Chatham had a bold vision and the courage to address the very real issues facing communities of color and all of our communities in Chatham. Issues that we all know are still relevant today. The ground work for the HRC and its office have already been completed and vetted through all those years we have worked here in Chatham. What our communities need now is a new group of Human Relation Commission members and a new director to pick up the work where we left off. This is the type of investment that will pay off in a thousand ways in our communities. Thank you for your time and consideration.*

*Taylor Bingham submitted the following comments:*

*I want to talk about the need for storage, indoor storage for motor vehicles and boats. We moved back to the Raleigh area and we brought our RV with us and the only place we could find to store it was out here. More recently we have had the occasion to sell this RV and as part of the negotiation the gentleman who wanted to buy it wanted a place to store it. I told him to get a place here. It turns out there is no place here. So we sold the RV for less than I wanted to and gave away my spot as well. Now I am in line for another spot if and when it becomes available.*

*Willie Hood submitted the following comments:*

*I represent Walt Lewis who could not be here tonight. He wanted to share with you a phone message that he received that is typical of the dozens and dozens he receives every month. He is the owner of the Extra Garage facilities. This is from Maggie Wells on June 14th at 11:00 am:*

*"Hi Walt, My name is Maggie Wells, we have a boat and would like to get a spot at one of your facilities (The Extra Garage covered storage). We thought we were on the waiting list but my mother in law wasn't 100% sure whether we were not. We are really good friends with the Girouards and Scanlons who store their boats with you and they gave us your number so we could contact you directly. Right now we tow our boat all the way from a field in Fuquay (they live in Holly Springs). Please, please do you have a spot for us so we won't have to do this anymore? Call me back please, my number is \_\_\_\_\_ and husband's number \_\_\_\_\_ is . I hope we can get on the list and if you happen to have an opening we'd be grateful. We have a '96 Wellcraft boat and we really hope you can find a place for us, I look forward to hearing from you. Goodbye"*

*This is an example of what the need is for these spaces. Thank you.*

*Randy Voller submitted the following comments:*

*I am here as the President of Sustainable Prosperity and a former board member of the Governor's Crime Commission and actually a subcommittee on juvenile justice planning. I would like to speak out for the re-establishment of the Human Relations Commission. I think the commission is a building block of the community. I can't really say any more than has already been said by a bunch of great speakers with a lot more knowledge on the topic than I have. I think the existence of such a committee and support by Chatham County says something about who we are, what we value, and how we want to present ourselves to the community at large. It provides a really good mechanism for folks to address issues in a way that is reasonable with professionals so that we don't have the kind of situation you see occurring all over the country. About nine years ago I stood in this courthouse when Rev. Thompson was actually Chairman of the Board when we came to report on a situation that occurred to him where he was the victim of what I would consider race based violence or vandalism. We beseeched the Board to pass a resolution condemning such behavior and of course that eventually went to the human relations commission. We did the same in Pittsboro when I was the mayor. I just think it is a reasonable commission to have. The amount of money we spend returns back to the community many fold. I think Ester Coleman spoke eloquently about the fact that when you have such a commission and when you provide information and be the tie that binds with all these committees there are also real dollars at stake. It would put us in the game to get investments in this community from the federal government, the state government, and perhaps other agencies by having such a commission. I would beseech you to move forward on it. I think you would have the support from your municipalities. I think it is one of the services that the community has provided through Chatham County that has been successful and it is time to bring it back. Thank you very much.*

## **BOARD PRIORITIES**

[16-1768](#)

Present Certificates of Extended Volunteer Committee Service with the

Transportation Advisory Committee to Phil Bors, Keith Gerarden, and Dennis Geiser.

*This item was moved to the August 15, 2016 Board of Commissioners Meeting.*

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **16-1761**

Hold a public hearing to receive public comment on the DRAFT Stormwater Ordinance.

**Attachments:**    [Final Stormwater Ordinance Final Revision 07-18-2016](#)  
[Final Stormwater Ordinance redline Revision 07-18-2016](#)

*Dan LaMontagne, Assistant County Manager and Director of Public Works, reviewed the specifics of the request.*

*The Chairman opened the hearing.*

*No one signed up to speak.*

*The Chairman closed the hearing.*

*Chairman Crawford feels this is a step in the wrong direction.*

*The Board deferred the vote until the August 15, 2016 meeting.*

### **16-1770**

Public Hearing to receive public comments on the naming of State Road 1964 Top Chord Way and vote on a request to approve the name Top Chord Way for State Road 1964

**Attachments:**    [Top Chord Petition](#)  
[Top Chord Way](#)

*Janet Scott, Emergency Operations Director, reviewed the specifics of the request.*

*The Chairman opened the hearing.*

*No one signed up to speak.*

*The Chairman closed the hearing.*

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Petty

### **16-1776**

Legislative public hearing and consider a vote on a request from Enerparc Solar Development LLC for a text amendment to the Chatham County Watershed Protection Ordinance to add the use of Solar Farms to Attachment A of uses permitted.

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

*Dan LaMontagne, Assistant County Manager and Director of Public Works, presented a PowerPoint Presentation. (Presentation attached).*

*The Watershed Review Board voted 8-1 to recommend approval of the text amendment with the following conditions: "disturbed tree cover less than the built upon area percentage for the corresponding watershed" and "they use only crystalline silicone solar photo voltaics."*

*The applicant stated they are fine with the restrictions.*

*The Chairman opened the hearing.*

*No one signed up to speak.*

*The Chairman closed the hearing.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Hales, seconded by Commissioner Howard, to approve adding to Attachment A the use of Solar Farms that: 1) Disturb tree cover less than the built-upon area percentage for the corresponding watershed (i.e., Solar Farms in WS-III can disturb less than 12% of existing tree cover). 2) Use only crystalline silicon solar photovoltaics. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Petty

## **MANAGER' S REPORTS**

*The County Manager stated the Board needs to reschedule the date of the CIP Presentation. Staff would like to move the presentation from November 7th to November 14th. This item will be added to the consent agenda for the next meeting.*

*The County Manager asked the Board to send in their Legislative Goals to Debra Henzey. She stated there will be a joint meeting with the EDC Board of Directors on August 9th at 6:00 PM, the location is to be determined. There will also be a joint meeting with the Pittsboro Town Board and the Board of Education on September 29th at 6:30 PM in the CCCC Multipurpose Room. She asked if the Board would like to invite Chatham Park to that meeting. The Board agreed they would like a short update from Chatham Park.*

*The County Manager stated staff has reserved both Northwood and Chatham Central's auditoriums for the August 15th meeting in the event there is a large crowd. She stated the County would not be able to use the PA system at Chatham Central and asked if the Board would like to move the meeting to Northwood. She stated she would make some calls to see if there was any way to work it out with Chatham Central and asked if the BOC preferred Chatham Central. The consensus is that the board preferred Chatham Central if PA issue could be resolved.*

## **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

*Commissioner Cross asked the County Manager to check on rv's and boats in storage in Chatham County as they are to be taxed in the county they reside. The County Manager stated the Tax Office gets a list from the boat storage owners annually.*

Vice Chair Hales asked if there was consensus among the Board to have staff begin to reconstruct the Human Relations Commission. She asked if the Board was simply on hiatus. Debra Henzey, Director of Community Relations, stated she does not believe there was ever any official action to disband it, however, when there was a change in Board of Commissioners the existing Human Relations Commission members resigned in protest to some decisions made by that Board. It was never activated again. They did advertise for new members and did not get interest. It was also never part of the Advisory Committee Policy. Vice Chair Hales would like staff to work out a process to figure out how to reinstitute the commission for the next budget year. Chairman Crawford stated staff could do a preliminary gathering of information and give the Board a brief on it. He does not feel comfortable going any further without Commissioner Petty's input. Commissioner Cross suggested the first process should be to establish guidelines and expectations of what the Human Relations Commission will be responsible for.

Vice Chair Hales stated Chatham Park held numerous meetings on their different elements that are going to be incorporated into their master plan. She attended some of those meetings and also attended the Pittsboro Town Board meeting where their Planning Director brought a discussion to the board about which of the elements might need community input and which would be handled by staff. There were five areas in her review of the elements where there are implications for the County. Those are development phasing, transportation, affordable housing, public facilities which includes schools, and open space. She is proposing a member of the Transportation Advisory Committee be a liaison to Pittsboro. She requested the County Manager make an official request to the Town of Pittsboro Manager that County Staff be included in the five elements she mentioned. The County Manager stated she is comfortable doing that.

Chairman Crawford stated he attended a meeting called by the Pittsboro Mayor and it was attended by the Siler City Mayor, the Chiefs of Police, and Sheriff. They talked about the problems and tensions between police forces and the elements of the community at large, particularly the African American Community. Law Enforcement officers stated things are good in Chatham County and they would be surprised for something to happen here like has happened in the rest of the country. They are interested in better community relations. They have specific things to do such as the National Night Out in Siler City. They want to be proactive instead of reactive.

Chairman Crawford stated there are health issues in Chatham County. He would be open to a public body looking into the issues, such as the Human Relations Commission.

Chairman Crawford stated he CCCC Board of Trustees meets this week but they had a preliminary sub-committee meeting and it points to the necessity of the Health Sciences Building that will be built in Briar Chapel. They have had to turn away nursing students and dental hygienists because they do not have the facilities to accommodate them at this time.

Chairman Crawford stated he was invited by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce to an elected officials appreciation event. He met members of the business community and also other elected officials. They extended their thanks to the Chatham County Board of Commissioners for serving as public officials.

Commissioner Howard stated the Human Relations Commission is a timely issue. She believes there are issues that exist in the Hispanic and African American communities in Chatham County. Organizing Against Racism is a North Carolina based group that provides racial equity training. Some of our deputies have already

*attended their training sessions and have found them to be very useful. She is meeting with ORAC to see if there is something they can do specifically for Chatham County.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Petty