



# Chatham County, NC

## Meeting Minutes

### Board of Commissioners

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Monday, October 18, 2021

2:00 PM

Historic Courthouse Courtroom

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#### Work Session - 2:00 PM - Historic Courthouse Courtroom

**Present:** 4 - Chair Mike Dasher, Vice Chair Diana Hales, Commissioner Franklin Gomez Flores and Commissioner Jim Crawford

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Karen Howard

#### PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

*Maurice Nunn stated he has an issue with his property taxes. They have gone up \$10 million. Mr. Nunn stated he took 1.5 acres off the tax roll and his property tax still went up 20%. He stated his relatives in the area are experiencing the same problem. He wants to know if something different can be done in the future.*

#### BOARD PRIORITIES

##### [21-4035](#)

Introduction of new Chatham County Veteran Services Officer Michael Daniels

*Assistant Manager Carolyn Miller introduced new Veteran Services Officer Michael Daniels.*

*Mr. Daniels said he is glad to be a part of the County team.*

*Commissioner Crawford asked why Mr. Daniels chose Chatham County. Mr. Daniels stated he has been a resident of the county for the last five years. Commissioner Crawford thanked him for serving the county's veteran population.*

*Vice Chair Hales stated she is a member of the West Chatham NAACP and she believes they would love to meet with Mr. Daniels. She stated she appreciates his work.*

##### [21-4046](#)

Receive Recreation Advisory Committee Annual Report

**Attachments:** [Recreation Advisory COMMITTEE SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT 2021 FILLABLE](#)  
[Recreation Advisory Committee Summary annual report 2021.pdf](#)

*Tim Mounce, Recreation Advisory Chair, presented the annual report to the Board. (Presentation attached)*

*He thanked the members of the committee: Joy Hewett, Maria Gomez Flores, Anne Geer, Ann Alston, James Fogleman, Andrew George, Kent Barlow, Megan Lynch, and Tammy Phillips.*

*Chair Dasher stated he appreciated Mr. Mounce's passion and advocacy for the county's parks.*

*Commissioner Crawford asked when Mr. Mounce joined the Recreation Advisory Committee. Mr. Mounce stated he joined 20 years ago.*

*Commissioner Crawford stated the Stroud Mountain property would make an excellent mountain bike area. Commissioner Crawford also asked about reviewing the policy of per capita funding to municipalities to see if any changes should be made to the policy. Mr. Mounce said he believes now is the time to review the policy.*

*Vice Chair Hales stated she uses the Southwest Park walking trail and she knows it will have an expansion. She also appreciates the story walk there because it was about George Moses Horton.*

*Vice Chair Hales asked about the possibility of Parks and Recreation working with the Council on Aging to provide programming for older residents. Parks and Recreation Director Tracy Burnett stated they have collaborated with the Council on Aging to provide chair aerobic classes in person and virtually and are looking to expand that collaboration in the future.*

*Chair Dasher asked if the restrictions with Chatham Grove were contractual or COVID-related. Ms. Burnett stated they were COVID-related. She stated staffing is also an issue.*

*Chair Dasher asked about plans for Parkers Ridge Park. Ms. Burnett stated they are having CIP discussions with the budget team about a strategy that they plan to present to the Board in November.*

## [21-4056](#)

Receive 2021 Chatham County Cooperative Extension 4-H presentation.

**Attachments:**     [2021 BOC Meeting - Chatham County 4-H Presentation](#)

*Cooperative Extension Director Ginger Cunningham stated Parks and Recreation has been a wonderful partner to the Extension Office. She introduced 4-H Program Assistant Liz Mauney and 4-H Community Resource Development Extension Agent Kaley Lawing. Ms. Cunningham thanked the volunteers who helped the program persevere during the pandemic.*

*Vice Chair Hales asked if Chatham Marketplace was a distribution point for 4-H programming. Ms. Cunningham stated it was not but it may have been involved through Debbie Roos' pollinator programming.*

*Ms. Lawing continued the presentation.*

*Vice Chair Hales asked if there was a livestock show in Chatham County this year. Ms. Lawing stated there was not.*

*Ms. Mauney continued the presentation.*

*Vice Chair Hales stated she is amazed at how much work and outreach is achieved by 4-H every year.*

*Commissioner Crawford thanked them for the vision and ability to translate programming into virtual learning.*

*Chair Dasher stated he is excited about the programming.*

*Commissioner Crawford asked if Cooperative Extension could give a presentation to the EDC this year. He believes it would help give the EDC a balanced understanding of the county. Ms. Cunningham stated they would appreciate that opportunity. She stated that the Small Business Grant Committee has involved Cooperative Extension.*

## [21-4052](#)

### Receive FY2022 First Quarter Budget Update

**Attachments:**     [FY22 1st Quarter Budget Update](#)

*Darrell Butts, Budget Director, gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached)*

*Chair Dasher commended the Board and the residents of Chatham County for approving the Article 46 sales tax. He responded to the resident who spoke about property taxes during public input, stating property tax is based on the property value and the Board did not raise property taxes. Property values are increasing. That is how local governments are directed to raise money.*

*Vice Chair Hales asked when the availability of Article 46 funds start. Mr Butts stated anything approved in FY22 would come at year end. Other funds are available now.*

*Commissioner Crawford asked how funding for affordable housing is handled since it is used as opportunities emerge and is less predictable. Is the money isolated in a fund until it needs to be drawn upon?*

*Finance Director Hope Tally stated that is correct. A budget amendment will come to the Board next month to transfer funds out to holding pots so they can be accessed whenever needed.*

*Commissioner Crawford asked if the departments budget for these funds. Mr. Butts stated the departments receive conservative estimates of the funds they will receive.*

## [21-4060](#)

### Receive update from the Chatham County Economic Development Corporation

**Attachments:**     [10-18-21 Chatham BOC Presentation - EDC](#)

*Chair Dasher congratulated Project Manager Sam Rauf on his recent recognition from Business North Carolina.*

*Chatham Economic Development Corporation President Michael Smith thanked Mr. Rauf and Ann Fitts for their work for Chatham County.*

*Mr. Smith gave a presentation to the Board (Presentation attached).*

*Commissioner Crawford encouraged Mr. Smith to find opportunities to collaborate with Cooperative Extension. Mr. Smith stated he is happy to reach out to Cooperative Extension.*

*Mr. Smith thanked County Policy Analyst Stephanie Watkins Cruz for her help with the*

*Small Business Fund application process.*

*Chair Dasher commended the EDC for their work with the community college.*

[21-4061](#)

Discuss and vote on a request to adopt Rules of Procedure for Public Hearings and Subdivision First Plats.

**Attachments:**     [Chatham County Hearing Rules](#)

*County Attorney Bob Hagemann presented a draft of the revised rules of procedure for zoning public hearings and major subdivision applications. Under the proposed rules, staff will present the application and answer questions from the Commissioners. The Chair will then open the public hearing. The applicant and the applicant's agents will have fifteen minutes total to present their request. Questions from the Board for applicants and other speakers will not count towards their time. Following the applicant, individuals who have signed up to speak will get two minutes each. The applicants will then have five minutes for rebuttal. The Chair will then close the hearing or continue it to a future meeting.*

*A provision was added to the draft that individuals cannot address the Board on the same matter at a subsequent meeting unless asked to by the Board. A provision was also added that allows the Board to deviate from the rules to provide flexibility.*

*Vice Chair Hales asked if individuals speak about wastewater regarding a particular subdivision, can they speak on wastewater issues at a subsequent meeting. Mr. Hagemann stated the Chair will have to exercise some discretion.*

*Commissioner Crawford stated that the Board cannot consider wastewater issues when voting on subdivision applications. He does not want to encourage the belief that the public can affect change on a private matter by speaking to the Board. It is also the only venue the public has.*

*Chair Dasher stated the policy only mentions first plats and not final plats. Residents often ask the Board to deny final plat approval which the Board does not have the authority to do.*

*Mr. Hagemann stated the final plats that have gone before the Board recently were under legacy subdivision ordinances. His understanding is final plats will not come before the Board anymore. If more final plats do come before the Board, his recommendation is to apply the rules of procedure for a first plat approval.*

*Mr. Hagemann stated there is no requirement to adopt the rules tonight. If adopted, the rules will take effect at the November Board meeting.*

*Vice Chair Hales stated she has no problem with limiting applicants' and the public's speaking time. She believes it is a workable rules of procedure.*

*Commissioner Crawford stated he would like to have a formal means of deviation from the rules.*

*Chair Dasher stated there is a provision for deviation. He would support increasing time limits when the majority of the Board is in favor.*

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

**vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Crawford

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Howard

**CLOSED SESSION****21-4055**

Vote on a request to go into Closed Session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) and (4): (a) to consult with an attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege; and (b) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Gomez Flores, to go into Closed Session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) and (4): (a) to consult with an attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege; and (b) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Crawford

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Crawford

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Howard

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**RECESS****End of Work Session****Regular Session - 6:00 PM - Historic Courthouse Courtroom****INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Chair Dasher asked everyone to pause for a moment of silence after which he invited everyone present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**CALL TO ORDER**

*Chair Dasher called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.*

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA and CONSENT AGENDA**

*Item 21-4049 was removed from Board Priorities due to the application being*

*withdrawn.*

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

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Crawford

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Howard

[21-4053](#)

Vote on a request to approve the naming of one (1) private road in Chatham County

**Attachments:**    [High Clover Trail Petition](#)  
[HIGH CLOVER TRAIL MAP](#)  
[HIGH CLOVER TRAIL AREA MAP](#)

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

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Crawford

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Howard

[21-4040](#)

Vote on a request to accept \$31,813 Covid-19 Vaccination Program Funds (continuation from last fiscal year)

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

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Crawford

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Howard

[21-4041](#)

Vote on a request to accept \$960,380 Covid-19-Preparedness and Response Funds (continuation from last fiscal year).

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

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Crawford

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Howard

[21-4042](#)

Vote on a request to accept \$1,050 Community Health Grant funds

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

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Crawford

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Howard

[21-4043](#)

Vote on a request to accept \$107,869.34 funds from the Duke Endowment's Healthy People, Healthy Carolinas grant (continuation from last fiscal year).

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

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Crawford

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Howard

[21-4044](#)

Vote on a request to approve \$70,140 of special LINKS funding to help young adults that have been in foster care.

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

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Crawford

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Howard

[21-4045](#)

Vote on a request to appoint Reverend Patrick Jones to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC).

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

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Crawford

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Howard

[21-4050](#)

Vote on a request to approve allocating \$333,500.00 from Utility Capital Reserve for the water system's Hwy. 902 Booster Pump Station Chemical Feed Project.

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

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Crawford

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Howard

[21-4063](#)

Vote on a request to approve an easement with Duke Energy on Progress Blvd. for a Chatham County radio tower.

**Attachments:** [14326 CHATHAM COUNTY PROGRESS BLVD ROWMAPFOR42136995 \(2\)](#)

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

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Crawford

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Howard

[21-4014](#)

Vote on a recommendation from the Chatham County Tax Department to award the property tax software contract to DEVNET Incorporated for \$554,870.20 over a five-year period and authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute all contracts and agreements.

**Attachments:** [DEVNET 2021](#)

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

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Crawford

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Howard

[21-4051](#)

Vote on a request to approve Tax Releases and Refunds

**Attachments:** [September 2021 Release and Refund Report](#)  
[September 2021 NCVTS Pending Refund Report](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, 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:** 4 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Crawford

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Howard

[21-4062](#)

Vote on a request to approve a Resolution Proclaiming November 2021 as Family Caregiver Month

**Attachments:** [Family Caregiver Month.doc](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Vice Chair Hales, that this Resolution #2021-38 Proclaiming November 2021 as Family Caregiver Month, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Crawford

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Howard

[21-4067](#)

Vote on a request to adopt a Resolution Proclaiming November 20, 2021 as Adoption Day in Chatham County

**Attachments:** [Resolution - National Adoption Day 2021 - 10.14.21.docx](#)



A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Vice Chair Hales, that this Resolution #2021-39 Proclaiming November 20, 2021 as Adoption Day in Chatham County, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Crawford

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Howard

[21-4057](#)

Vote on a request to adopt a resolution setting the time and place for meetings of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners for calendar year 2022.

**Attachments:**     [2022 BOC Meeting Calendar Resolution](#)  
                              [2022 Final Draft BOC Meeting Calendar](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Vice Chair Hales, that this Resolution #2021-40 setting the time and place for meetings of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners for calendar year 2022, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Crawford

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Howard

[21-4058](#)

Vote on a request to adopt a resolution approving the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on proceeds relating to the settlement of opioid litigation.

**Attachments:**     [Opioid MOA resolution](#)  
                              [FAQ on NC MOA 4.28.21](#)  
                              [Opioid Litigation Settlement Overview](#)  
                              [Opioid MOA](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Vice Chair Hales, that this Resolution #2021-41 approving the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on proceeds relating to the settlement of opioid litigation, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Crawford

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Howard

[21-4059](#)

Vote on a request to adopt a Resolution to Amend the Chatham County Personnel Policy

**Attachments:**     [Personnel Policy \(DRAFT Amended 10-18-2021\)](#)  
                              [Personnel Policy Amendment.doc](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Vice Chair Hales, that this Resolution #2021-42 to Amend the Chatham County Personnel Policy, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Crawford

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Howard

[21-4065](#)

Vote on a request to approve Pyrotechnic display at the former Boling Chair property located at 311 N. Chatham Ave. Siler City NC for Chatham 250 celebration on November 13, 2021

**Attachments:**     [Attachment A-N.C.G.S 14-410 and 14-413](#)  
[Attachment B- Letter of Request Siler City 2021](#)  
[Attachment C-NC Pyrotechnic Display Operators License](#)  
[Attachment D- Hale Certificate of Insurance 2021](#)  
[Attachment E- Hale ATF License 2021](#)  
[Attachment F-Site Plan Siler City 2021](#)

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

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Crawford

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Howard

### **End of Consent Agenda**

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

[21-4066](#)

Receive Chatham 250 Update

**Attachments:**     [10.18.21 BOC Chatham 250 Presentation](#)

*Community Partners Analyst Hilary Pollan gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached)*

*Vice Chair Hales commended Ms. Pollan for all her work with Chatham 250. She especially appreciated the Los Jets presentation and how engaged the students were.*

*Commissioner Crawford stated he hopes some of the Chatham 250 activities can be held annually. He thanked Ms. Pollan for her work.*

*Clerk Lindsay Ray thanked Sarah Martin and Travis Patterson for their help leading ChaTeens 250. There will be a time capsule station at the fireworks event to engage youth.*

### **PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

*Doug Sedlak asked the Commissioners to ban vaccine passports in Chatham County. He believes vaccine passports enable discrimination against the disabled and people of color. He is also upset the Commissioners have not responded to his emails on the issue. He stated the Commissioners were in violation of their code of ethics for not responding to his emails. He thanked the Commissioners for requiring masks in government buildings and the schools but expressed concern about the lack of mask wearing in the Beverage District.*

*Vice Chair Hales stated that vaccine passports are not a function of Chatham County government. It is up to individual businesses to develop and enforce their own policies relating to vaccines and COVID-19.*

*George Chesney spoke in support of the Vickers Village development. He believes the development is well planned, inclusive, and well-integrated. He hopes to buy one of the town houses in the development and likes that the community will have a nature reserve with walking trails and a commercial area that is convenient for residents. He believes the development will offer reasonably priced housing and an increased tax benefit for the county.*

*Rose Krasnow stated she lives in Fearington Village and wanted to speak on the proposed Vickers Village development. She read a letter into the record that she and Liz Rolison previously provided to the BOC about the Vickers Village text amendment. She is concerned about the unintended consequences of the Vickers Village development's proposed text amendments to the Compact Communities Ordinance. She believes the text amendments encourage developers to propose extensions to the map.*

*Gary Sears stated he is concerned about the latest tax increase in Chatham County. He stated he is the fourth generation of his family to live on his farm. He would like to allocate a different tax rate to new land owners than old land owners. He wants to be able to pay the property taxes and keep his land. Vice Chair Hales the land transfer tax was voted down in Chatham and it has sunset at the state level. She recommended Mr. Sears speak with the Tax Office to find ways to reduce his tax bill.*

*Susie Crate submitted the following comments:*

*My name is Susie Crate and I have lived in and owned the property at 235 Bynum Church Rd, Bynum, NC since 1997. I am also a professor of Environmental Science and Policy. I understand in a deep way the challenges to Chatham County natural resources that this time brings and also the actions that need to be taken to protect and conserve those resources.*

*I am writing today to urge you to allocate American Rescue Plan (ARP), Article 46 sales tax revenue and Parks Bond funds to address all of our (re: all Chatham County residents') urgent need to protect Chatham County greenspace, develop Chatham County trails and to overall make outdoor recreation a high priority. This is ever more important considering the substantial increase of residents due to Chatham Park and other developments that have been established recently and are in the works. I encourage you to use funds to protect Chatham's natural resources far into the future. This investment now will pay off many-fold down the line.*

*To begin, I urge you to invest in stormwater management and drinking water protection infrastructure. One of the most cost-effective ways to manage stormwater is by enlarging and protecting greenspace, most importantly riparian buffers. This includes acquiring land and easements for greenspaces and trails along the Haw River corridor.*

*Second, I ask you to invest in infrastructure that will bolster our recreational resources, for both Chatham residents and for visitors. This includes funds for developing trails and other infrastructure (canoe put-ins, visitor amenities, etc) along the Haw River corridor for both hiking and paddling. Not only do we need this infrastructure strengthened and developed out to conserve our natural areas and protect them from erosion and overuse, it will also benefit county coffers and build back the local economy. People will want to come and see the beautiful trails and waterways of Chatham!*

*Third, it is central to both of the above asks that the county hires a full time Trails Coordinator. Such a position, once filled by a highly qualified professional, will ensure that all of our efforts, from the county government to civil servants to citizens advocates, will be realized. Such a specialist will be able to coordinate efforts in a timely and purposeful manner. Alamance County has such a Trails Coordinator, and their work to date has improved the trails and brought an increase in usage by residents and visitors. Such a coordinator position is critical now with this onetime ARP funding because they will be responsible to see that the timely work of trails, greenspace and outdoor recreation, will be addressed.*

*As a resident of the Bynum mill village, I am also increasingly concerned about the safety of my neighborhood. I and my neighbors have noticed the increased traffic along our streets due to visitation to the Bynum Mill site. At present, the main parking lot is only accessed by a narrow, pot-holed windy road that passes the church and eight residences. My concerns grew recently when we realized that out of town people were using a dumpster we had rented for renovations on our home. If visitors are going to do this, what next? Bynum prides itself as a tight-knit community where neighbors watch out for neighbors. However, if the increased traffic coming through our neighborhood is increasing the risk of questionable practices, how are we to maintain our community safety? Many of us strongly believe that one of the best ways to ensure less of these kinds of incidences is to relocate the Bynum Mill entrance away from the residential neighborhood by building a new roadway between the smaller parking lot on Bynum Road at the mill entrance near the pedestrian bridge that connects to the larger parking lot by the canoe put-in and trailhead. Once that road is established, the entrance to the parking lot on Bynum Church Road can be closed and our community will be safer.*

*In closing, let me say that I appreciate your time considering my appeals and I look forward to your response.*

## **BOARD PRIORITIES**

### **[21-3970](#)**

Vote on a request to approve a legislative request by the Vickers Bennett Group LLC for text and map amendments to the Chatham County Compact Community Ordinance specifically Section 6.1, p 3 for an expansion of the CCO map and text amendments to support the expansion of area request.

**Attachments:**     [More information from the Planning department webpage](#)

*Planning Director Jason Sullivan reviewed the specifics of the request.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, 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:** 4 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Crawford

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Howard

[21-4049](#)

Vote on a request by Zach Daugherty on behalf of Garden Street Communities Southeast, LLC for conservation subdivision **First Plat** review and approval of **Savannah Ridge**, consisting of 158 lots on 150.58 acres, located off Moncure School Road, SR-1931, parcels #11229.

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

*The application was withdrawn and this item was removed from the agenda.*

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

[21-4047](#)

A legislative public hearing for a request by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners to consider amendments to the Chatham County Subdivision Regulations; specifically, Sections 1.13, Variances; 2.3, Meaning of Specific Words and Terms; 6.4, Final Plat, subsection B, Features; 5.2B Concept Plan; and 7.7 Conservation Subdivision - Alternative Standards for Development; and to the Chatham County Conservation Subdivision Guidelines for Conservation Space Selection to include an appeals process of staff decisions, remove the option allowing off-site septic systems for subdivision lots, require environmental impact assessments be reviewed by the Environmental Review Advisory Committee, and revise conservation subdivision development standards and guidelines.

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

*Planning Director Jason Sullivan reviewed the specifics of the request.*

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

[21-4048](#)

A Legislative public hearing for a request by the Chatham County Planning and Watershed Protection Departments to consider amendments to the Chatham County Watershed Protection Ordinance; specifically, Article 100 Section 103 (D) Exceptions to Applicability; Section 106 (A) Remedies; Section 109 General Definitions; Article 500 Section 501 Watershed Administrator and Duties; and updating department and division titles throughout the document.

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

*Planner Hunter Glenn reviewed the specifics of the request.*

**This Agenda Item was referred to the Watershed Review Board.**

**CLERK'S REPORT**

*Clerk to the Board Lindsay Ray stated she would RSVP for the Seaforth ribbon cutting on behalf of the Commissioners. She has registered all of the Commissioners except Chair Dasher for the TriangleJ Summit. The Board of Commissioners will have a meeting on November 1st.*

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

*County Manager Dan LaMontagne gave an update on the Unified Development Ordinance. The project is currently in Stage 1, which includes scheduling listening sessions with county departments, boards, and advisory committees.*

*Chair Dasher asked if the intent of the meetings with advisory committees is to get input. Planning Director Jason Sullivan stated the meetings are an initially kickoff and then gathering feedback.*

*Mr. LaMontagne gave an update on the collection centers. The county has hired two additional Solid Waste drivers who are in training. He hopes the centers will all be back open soon.*

*Mr. LaMontagne stated applications for the Wastewater Study Commission are coming in. He hopes to present those applications to the Board in November.*

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

*Commissioner Crawford acknowledged the passing of Colin Powell. He encouraged everyone to be patient as we continue to deal with COVID-19.*

*Vice Chair Hales attended the Jordan Lake One Water meeting. Jordan Lake One Water is looking at several avenues for cleaning up Jordan Lake. Vice Chair Hales recommended Commissioners do a site visit for planning applications. She stated it helps provide context for planning applications. She also stated she was delighted to attend the Los Jets presentation at Chatham Middle School.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Crawford

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Howard