



Chatham County, NC

Meeting Minutes

Board of Commissioners

Monday, February 1, 2016

10:00 AM

Historic Courthouse Courtroom

Rollcall

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

Regular Session - 10:00 AM - 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 10:05 AM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA and CONSENT AGENDA

The Chairman stated the Board is giving the County Manager authority to execute the lease for Item #16-1577.

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

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

[16-1577](#)

Vote to approve the Lease of county-owned property located at 118 West Street, Pittsboro to Chatham Arts Council as office space.

Attachments: [LEASE-Chatham Arts Council 2016](#)

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

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

End of Consent Agenda

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

There was no one present who wished to speak.

16-1598

Introduction of new Economic Development Corporation President

Diane Reid introduced Kyle Touchstone who is replacing Ms. Reid as the new Economic Development Corporation president. Mr. Touchstone spoke briefly to the Board. He stated today is his first day and he thanked the Board for the opportunity to work in Chatham County. He also thanked Ms. Reid for helping him through transition.

CLOSED SESSION

16-1575

Closed Session to discuss matters relating to economic development.

A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Vice Chair Hales, to go out of Regular Session and convene in Closed Session for the purpose of discussing matters relating to economic development. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

MANAGER' S REPORTS

The County Manager reminded the Board of the legislative breakfast meeting with the local legislative delegation on February 25, 2016 from 8:30 AM to 9:45 AM in the DSS Conference Room.

She also reminded the Board the one on one meetings begin this month on February 19, 2016. The Chair and Vice Chair will meet after the Agenda Review meeting on February 8, 2016.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Vice Chair Hales stated she heard a presentation from the Durham Soil and Water on the work they are doing with property owners and the best management practices of storm water and rain gardens. She would like the Manager to set up a meeting with Chatham County Soil and Water to learn what they are doing.

Vice Chair Hales stated at the NC Association of County Commissioners meeting they discussed the Department of Environmental Quality storm water rules coming out. These are for minimum design criteria. She suggested that the DEQ representative send the information to all the county storm water and sedimentation people. .

Chairman Crawford stated he attended a citizens meeting at Carolina Preserve where he did some Q&A on some things the Board decided last year and some things before the Board now. The Comprehensive Land Use Plan Steering Committee met two weeks ago. This week at TJCOG delegates meeting there was a presentation with someone from SAS, someone from the Technologies Council and he wants to follow up with them. They are already heavily involved with Chatham Park but he would like to talk to them and he encourages the Board to join him in finding out ways to export the kinds of technology initiatives that might come to Chatham Park to the rest of the County.

Chairman Crawford stated he is also being solicited by members of the Siler City Board and the Mayor to have conversations among the commissioners to talk about paths forward dealing with the megasite and other things in terms of town/municipal relations. He encourages the Board to speak to them. He also met with Commissioner Howard, Dr. Jordan and Mr. Leonard of the School Board to discuss matters about Chatham Park and trying to reach a better understanding about how the issue of schools will be managed as well as other related issues. Tomorrow he will have a CCCC Board of Trustees meeting and if the Board has any concerns or questions they can address them to him and he will take them to that body. On Friday he will attend a sub-committee of that body that will look at salaries for some of the senior staff. If the Board has any issues related to that he asked them to send him an email.

Chairman Crawford stated today is the 56th Anniversary of the A&T four initiating the sit-in at Woolworth's. As an Aggie, he wants to acknowledge that and congratulate them on this milestone.

Commissioner Howard stated the Board can look forward to a meeting of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, the Pittsboro Town Board and the School Board about issues with Chatham Park.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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