



Chatham County, NC

Meeting Minutes

Board of Commissioners

Monday, November 6, 2023

6:00 PM

Agriculture and Conference Center

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

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

INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Chair asked everyone to pause for a moment of silence before inviting those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA and CONSENT AGENDA

The Board removed Item 23-4981 from the consent agenda as it was added in error and was handled on a previous agenda. The Board also added a resolution supporting Operation Green Light under Special Presentations.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Mike Dasher, seconded by Commissioner Franklin Gomez Flores, that the Agenda and Consent Agenda be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[23-4976](#)

Vote to adopt a resolution declaring commitment to Fair Housing and naming Leah Dyson as the Fair Housing Officer for Chatham County

Attachments: [Fair Housing Resolution 2023](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Dasher, seconded by Commissioner Gomez Flores, that this Resolution #23-55 declaring commitment to Fair Housing and naming Leah Dyson as the Fair Housing Officer for Chatham County, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[23-4995](#)

Vote to adopt a resolution approving an interlocal agreement between Chatham County and the Town of Siler City to allow the Town to have an account on the County's OpenGov software license.

Attachments: [Siler City_ChathamCountyOpenGovInterestSigned9-12-2023](#)
[Resolution SC and OpenGov](#)
[Interlocal County and Siler Siler City - use of OpenGov](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Dasher, seconded by Commissioner Gomez Flores, that this Resolution #23-56 approving an interlocal agreement between Chatham County and the Town of Siler City to allow the Town to have an account on the County's OpenGov software license, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[23-4996](#)

Vote to approve the Debt Write-Off for the Chatham County Public Health Department (\$19,589.92 for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022).

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

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

[23-4997](#)

Vote to approve an additional \$4,230 from the State of NC for Adult Protective Services (APS).

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

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

[23-4998](#)

Vote to approve a contract for service with United Way for the Chatham Housing Collective program as part of the FY24 ARPA Nonprofit Awards.

Attachments: [FY 24 ARPA Non-Profit Agreement blank-United Way](#)

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

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

[23-4999](#)

Vote to approve a contract for service with Chatham County Partnership for Children for the Rebuilding Early Learning Workforce Capacity program as part of the FY24 ARPA Nonprofit Awards.

Attachments: [FY 24 ARPA Non-Profit Agreement blank-CCPC Rebuilding Early Learning Workforce](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Dasher, seconded by Commissioner Gomez

Flores, that this Contract, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Delaney, Chair Howard, Commissioner Gomez Flores and Commissioner Kenlan

Recuse: 1 - Vice Chair Dasher

On February 19, 2024, Commissioner Mike Dasher stated that on November 6, 2023 he unknowing voted for a contract that was on the consent agenda and would like his vote changed to "Recuse" for this agenda item. The Board of Commissioners approved the change to the minutes since they have not been prepared. The Board of Commissioners instructed the Clerk to the Board to make the change.

[23-5015](#)

Vote to approve the amended contract agreement with the County Manager, Dan LaMontagne

Attachments: [Manager contract amendment 2023](#)

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

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

[23-5000](#)

Vote to approve a lease between the county and Verizon Wireless for equipment at the Northeast Park radio tower.

Attachments: [SEAFORTH 64 -- LEASE -- PARTIALLY EXECUTED BY VERIZON](#)
[SEAFORTH 64 MOL \[executable\]\(26879285.2\)](#)

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

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

[23-5007](#)

Vote to approve Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget Amendments

Attachments: [Budget Amendment 2023-2024 Nov 6](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Dasher, seconded by Commissioner Gomez Flores, that the Budget Amendments, attached hereto and by reference made a part thereof, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[23-5008](#)

Vote to adopt the amended Fiber Optic Cabling Project Ordinance that will directly connect the Chatham County Backup Emergency Operations Center and Siler City Health Clinic to the core county network.

Attachments: [Project Ordinance Fiber Optic Cabling From Pittsboro to EOC Backup Center in Siler City - Amendment Nov 6](#)

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

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

[23-5014](#)

Vote to accept the proposal of \$132,797.06 from Justice AV Solutions, Inc. to replace/upgrade the existing audio vision systems in the Historic Courthouse and authorize the County Manager and County Attorney to negotiate and execute the agreement.

Attachments: [JUST-3647 NC Chatham County RFP 8900232 NC Chatham County Historic Courthouse Rev1-JAVS Proposal New \(By System\)](#)

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

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

End of Consent Agenda

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

[23-5016](#)

Recognition of the Chatham County Finance Office for receiving the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting and the Award of Financial Reporting Achievement (AFRA)

Attachments: [Announcement of Award](#)

The County Manager recognized Chatham County Finance Officer Roy Lynch and his staff for receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

[23-5022](#)

Vote to adopt a resolution supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans

Attachments: [Draft Operation Green Light Resolution](#)

Chair Howard read the resolution into the record.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gomez Flores, seconded by Commissioner Delaney, that this Resolution #23-57 supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

No one signed up to speak.

BOARD PRIORITIES

[23-5017](#)

Receive presentation of the FY2025-2031 Capital Improvements Plan

Attachments: [InitialPresentationToBOC- 2025-2031](#)

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

This Agenda Item was received and filed.

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk said former Chatham County Commissioner Tommy Emerson passed away on November 3rd. He was a commissioner from 2002 to 2006 and was a strong advocate for the agricultural community in Chatham County.

She sent the commissioners the dates of the Christmas parades and she will submit the paperwork if the commissioners let her know in which ones they will participate.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The manager had nothing to report.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Gomez Flores said the Public Health Department is transitioning their electronic health records to a new system. He said the JCPC hosted NC Rep. Robert Reives to listen to some of the committee's concerns. Assistant County Manager Bryan Thompson presented to the Chatham Hospital Board at their retreat and he appreciated him coming and giving board members the opportunity to speak with county management staff.

Commissioner Kenlan attend her first Chatham Transit Network Advisory Committee meeting and she was impressed with how efficient they were. She is learning a lot about the Sheriff's Office as she continues her participation in the STAR program.

Chair Howard attended the State of Chatham event with other board members and staff. A lot of exciting things are happening but the information was sobering because there is critical work needs to be done. She and Jennie Kristiansen are part of a NCACC working group that is looking at the challenges departments of social services are facing. On Wednesday of this week she will be on a panel with the NC Chamber. She also spoke to MPH students at UNC about public health policy.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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