



Chatham County, NC

Meeting Minutes

Board of Commissioners

Monday, September 15, 2025

2:00 PM

Historic Courthouse Courtroom

Work Session - 2:00 PM - Historic Courthouse Courtroom

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Howard welcomed everyone to the September 15, 2025 meeting.

ADJUSTMENTS AND APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION AGENDA

Chair Howard asked for any agenda adjustments to the work session agenda. Clerk to the Board Jenifer Johnson requested the addition of a closed session pursuant to 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney retained by the County in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege and to consider and give instructions to an attorney concerning the handling or settlement of The Summit Church v. Chatham County.

Howard called for a motion to approve the Work Session agenda as amended.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, seconded by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, that the work session agenda was approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

[25-0464](#)

Vote to adopt a Resolution Honoring Hispanic Heritage Month

Attachments: [Resolution for Hispanic Heritage Month 9-15-2025](#)
[Resolution for Hispanic Heritage Month spanish 9-15-2025](#)

Commissioner Gomez Flores read aloud the Resolution Honoring Hispanic Heritage Month in both English and Spanish.

Chair Howard called for a motion to adopt the resolution.

A motion was made by Commissioner Franklin Gomez Flores, seconded by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, that 25-57 Resolution Honoring Hispanic Heritage Month was adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[25-0465](#)

Vote to adopt a Resolution recognizing Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Attachments: [Resolution for Domestic Violence Awareness Month 9-15-2025](#)

Chair Howard read aloud the Resolution recognizing Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Chair Howard called for a motion to adopt the resolution.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, seconded by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, that the 25-58 Resolution recognizing Domestic Violence Awareness Month was adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[25-0466](#)

Vote to adopt a Resolution recognizing National Youth Justice Action Month

Attachments: [Resolution for National Youth Justice Action Month 9-15-2025](#)

Vice Chair Kenlan read aloud the Resolution recognizing National Youth Justice Action Month.

Chair Howard called for a motion to adopt the resolution.

A motion was made by Commissioner Franklin Gomez Flores, seconded by Commissioner David Delaney, that the 25-59 Resolution recognizing National Youth Justice Action Month was adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[25-0476](#)

Vote to adopt a resolution recognizing National 4-H week

Attachments: [Resolution for National 4-H Week 9-15-2025](#)

Commissioner Robertson read aloud the Resolution recognizing National 4-H week.

Chair Howard called for a motion to adopt the resolution.

A motion was made by Commissioner Franklin Gomez Flores, seconded by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, that this 25-60 Resolution recognizing National 4-H week was adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

[25-0470](#)

The Public Comment Session is held to give residents an opportunity to

speak on any item. The session is no more than thirty minutes long to allow as many as possible to speak. Speakers are limited to no more than three minutes each and may not give their time to another speaker. Speakers are asked to sign up in advance. Comments are always welcome in writing

Attachments: [Click Here To Sign Up For Public Comment](#)

Chair Howard reminded the speakers that they have three minutes to speak. Chair Howard called on the Clerk to the Board to read the name of those who signed up to speak. The following public comment was received by the Board of Commissioners.

Melisa Semenov

Good afternoon. It's been a minute, but here we are. First, I'd like to thank you for your service and for countless hours that you spend guiding Chatham County's future. Your work matters deeply to all of us who call this community home. I'd like to speak briefly about Senate Bill 382 and the issue of downzoning. Many surrounding counties have already introduced legislation to roll back or modify these restrictions so they can better manage growth. Why has Chatham County not been among the counties including introducing bills like HB263 to roll back or modify Senate Bill 382's limitations? With many counties, advocacy groups, and citizens pushing back, what is our plan to ensure Chatham County's voice is heard? Considering the millions of dollars already spent developing the Unified Development Ordinance, which is now hamstrung by these restrictions, shouldn't there be urgency to reclaim authority and align zoning with our future land use plan? Meanwhile, subdivisions continue to be approved under a blanket zoning approach that does not align with the county's own future land use plan. This disconnect threatens to undermine the very goals we all worked so hard to establish. I urge the Board of Commissioners to implement a moratorium on new subdivision approvals until we resolve how downzoning authority will be restored or clarified. Chatham County must slow down and make wise decisions. We are not against growth, but growth must be smart, compatible, and aligned with the future land use plan we have adopted. Please consider joining or supporting statewide efforts like HB263 or similar that aim to restore local zoning authority so Chatham County can control its destiny rather than be restrained by blanket rules, not respecting local vision. I'm almost done. Let me be clear, we are not against growth. Growth is inevitable, and it can be healthy, but it must be smart growth. Growth that is compatible with our community, respects our plans, and protects our future. I urge you to act decisively so that Chatham County doesn't lose control of its own vision. Thank you for listening and thank you again for your leadership. Again, thank you for your time and for all you do for our community. I believe Chatham County has an opportunity now to lead, not just follow, on smart growth.

This Agenda Item was received and filed.

BOARD PRIORITIES

[25-0433](#)

Receive a presentation from Housing and Community Development on the Strategic Plan with United Way

Attachments: [Housing Strategic Plan United Way Presentation 9-15-2025](#)

Housing Director Jason Smith introduced United Way Impact Manager Daisy Butzer to present the Housing Strategic Plan Progress Report to the Board of Commissioners.

Butzer provided an overview of the Strategic Housing Action Plan, which includes the following goals:

Goal 1: Reduce development barriers and increase usable incentives.

Goal 2: Develop a framework for collaboration.

Goal 3: Communicate to increase understanding and generate support.

Goal 4: Improve efficiencies and effectiveness of existing and new services and programs.

Goal 5: Develop and strengthen sustainable funding sources that meet the need.

Goal 6: Hire and retain adequate and appropriate staff.

The Board of Commissioners received an update on the Chatham Housing Collective, facilitated by United Way of Chatham County. The Chatham Housing Collective advocates for, expands, and improves access to essential services and long-term solutions for permanent affordable housing for individuals and families who are unhoused or unstably housed.

The Chatham Housing Collective Service Provider Subcommittee includes representatives from:

Central Pines Regional Council – Street Outreach

Department of Housing and Community Development

Department of Social Services

Diversion and Advocacy Programs

Chatham County Housing Authority

Chatham County Schools – McKinney-Vento Program

Love Chatham

Salvation Army Greensboro

Salvation Army Chatham County Service Unit

Second Bloom of Chatham

Vaya Health

Butzer stated since 2023, new housing-related positions have been created, including:

Chatham County Director of Housing and Community Development

Chatham County Emergency Housing Coordinator

Chatham County Housing and Community Development Officer

Chatham County Street Outreach Coordinator

Love Chatham Transitional House Manager

Salvation Army Chatham Case Management Specialist

United Way of Chatham County Impact Manager

Additional service capacity is being developed through United Way's Chatham Success Network.

Butzer stated that the Chatham Housing Collective has strengthened collaboration among service providers through weekly and quarterly meetings, resource sharing, brainstorming, and referrals, program presentations and updates, training and workshops, creation of a service system map to capture current resources and document service details, and development of a virtual resource hub for residents, available in English and Spanish, at UnitedWayofChathamCounty.org/CHCResources.

Butzer stated that the Chatham Housing Collective service partners have aligned reporting metrics focused on shared service measures, actionable demographic information, and system efficiency indicators. Providers submit aggregated monthly data to United Way for cleaning and visualization, which is then reviewed collaboratively.

Butzer stated that key milestones included:

Dashboard stakeholder input session (October 2024).

Metrics reported and reviewed beginning in December 2024.

Contract with Rios Partners in summer 2025 to build the dashboard.

Data cleaning, backfilling, and collection improvements with two rounds of stakeholder feedback.

County staff collaboration on housing supply and demand data.

Public dashboard hosted by United Way on a low-cost subscription platform, with ongoing partner reporting, available at:

UnitedWayofChathamCounty.org/Data-Dashboard.

Butzer shared the next steps which include cultivating dashboard usage across the community, maintaining up-to-date information on available services, continuing to build and support the housing stakeholder network, and promoting data-informed decision-making.

The Board of Commissioners asked questions of Smith and Butzer and thanked them for the presentation.

This Agenda Item was received and filed.

[25-0458](#)

Receive a presentation from Staff on the funding request from Partnership for Children to support early childhood programs in Chatham County

Attachments: [Partnership for Children Funding Request presentation 9-15-25](#)

Assistant County Manager Darrell Butts presented a funding request from the Chatham County Partnership for Children to support early childhood programs through the Expanding Access to Early Learning Initiative.

Butts reviewed the Early Childhood Action Plan, which was developed under the Chatham Kids Matter project with ARPA funding support with Chatham County Partnership for Children. The Early Childhood Action Plan included a Community Needs Assessment, Community Conversations, and Fiscal Analysis, documenting challenges in affordability, workforce sustainability, infrastructure limitations, and access to high-quality early education.

Butts stated that the funding request totals \$799,002, with \$600,000 for direct services and \$199,002 for administrative costs. Proposed funding request includes:

**Expanding Access to Early Learning (\$290,000) – adding NC Pre-K slots, piloting transportation and after-school services, and hiring 1 Full Time Equivalent Early Learning Systems Coordinator.*

**Improving Compensation for Early Educators (\$140,000) – wage supplements, professional development, and retention strategies.*

**Supporting Child Care Providers (\$130,000) – facility improvement grants, subsidy enrollment incentives, and provider network development.*

**Strengthening Family Support Services (\$40,000) – family resource hub, health screenings, and parent engagement workshops.*

Butts stated that the key findings from needs assessment included:

**Around 35% of families in Chatham County struggle to afford childcare, equating to 1,400–1,500 families.*

**Only 68% of NC Pre-K slots were filled in 2022–23 compared to 96% pre-pandemic, due to affordability, access, and transportation barriers.*

**Educators earn on average \$26,310 annually, significantly below the county's living wage.*

**Over 400 children remain on waiting lists; Moncure has no licensed childcare facilities.*

**Providers face financial strain due to low reimbursement rates, discouraging expansion and sustainability.*

The Board of Commissioners discussed the legal restrictions in using public dollars for private childcare facility improvements.

The need to ensure alignment with NCGS 160D-1311 for allowable funding of assistance programs benefiting low- to moderate-income residents.

Butts stated that the absence of funding for this program in the FY2025–2026 budget means that a budget amendment would be required.

Butts stated if the Board of Commissioners choose to move forward, the Manager's Office would need to develop a contract for services with the Chatham County Partnership for Children, similar to the County's existing Human Services nonprofit funding process. The contract would be brought back to the Board of Commissioners for approval at a future meeting. The consensus of the Board of Commissioners was to move forward with the next step of developing a service contract.

This Agenda Item was received and filed.

APPOINTMENTS

25-0434

Vote to appoint a Full Board Member to the Agricultural Advisory Board with a term expiring June 30, 2028

Attachments: [Danielle Culberson Advisory Committee Application Agriculture Advisory Board](#)
[Anita Kennedy Advisory Committee Application Agriculture Advisory Board](#)
[Loretta Batchelor Advisory Committee Application Agriculture Advisory Board](#)
[Melisa Semenov Advisory Committee Application Agriculture Advisory Board](#)

Clerk to the Board Jenifer Johnson stated that there was a current Full Board vacancy on the Agricultural Advisory Board, with a term expiring June 30, 2028.

Johnson stated that the following individuals applied:

*Danielle Culberson
Anita Kennedy
Loretta Batchelor
Melisa Semenov*

Johnson stated that the Agricultural Advisory Board sent a letter recommending Anita Kennedy.

Chair Howard called for a motion.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, seconded by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, to appoint Anita Kennedy as a Full Board Member on the Agricultural Advisory Board with a term expiring June 30, 2028. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

25-0435

Vote to appoint a Full Board Member to the Climate Change Advisory Committee with a term expiring on February 28, 2028

Attachments: [Holli Kearns Advisory Committee Application Climate Change Advisory Committ](#)
[Lesley Pasman Advisory Committee Application Climate Change Advisory Committ](#)
[Robert Maag Advisory Committee Application Climate Change Advisory Committ](#)
[Deb Gallagher Advisory Committee Application Climate Change Advisory Committ](#)
[Aaron Varner Advisory Committee Application Climate Change Advisory Committee](#)
[Clarenda Stanley Advisory Committee Application Climate Change Advisory Committee](#)
[T. Sharon Garbutt Advisory Committee Application Climate Change Advisory Committ](#)
[Nicholas Gower Advisory Committee Application Climate Change Advisory Committ](#)

Clerk to the Board Jenifer Johnson stated that there was a current Full Board vacancy on the Climate Change Advisory Board, with a term expiring February 28, 2028.

Johnson stated that the following individuals applied:

*Holli Kearns
Lesley Pasman
T. Sharon Garbutt
Robert Maag
Deb Gallagher
Aaron Varner
Nicholas Gower
Clarenda Stanley*

Johnson stated that the Climate Change Advisory Board sent a letter recommending Deb Gallagher.

Chair Howard called for a motion.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, seconded by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, to appoint Sharon Garbutt as a Full Board Member on the Climate Change Advisory Board with a term expiring February 28, 2028.. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Commissioner Delaney

[25-0436](#)

Vote to appoint the District 3 Recommended Member to the Environmental Review Advisory Committee with a term expiring February 28, 2028

Attachments: [Lesley Pasman Advisory Committee Application Environmental Review Advisory C](#)

Clerk to the Board Jenifer Johnson stated that there was a current District 3 Recommended Member to the Environmental Review Advisory Committee with a term expiring February 28, 2028 vacancy.

*Johnson stated that the following individuals applied:
Lesley Pasman*

Chair Howard called for a motion.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Kenlan, seconded by Commissioner Robertson, to appoint Lesley Pasman as the District 3 Recommended Member to the Environmental Review Advisory Committee with a term expiring February 28, 2028. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[25-0437](#)

Vote to appoint a Full Board Member to the Library Advisory Committee with a term expiring February 28, 2027

Attachments: [Pierre Wertheimer Advisory Committee Application Library Advisory Committee](#)
[Jennifer Gillis Advisory Committee Application Library Advisory Committee](#)
[Lesley Pasman Advisory Committee Application Library Advisory Committee](#)
[Cynthia Williams Advisory Committee Application Library Advisory Committee](#)
[Suzanne White Advisory Committee Application Library Advisory Committee](#)
[Heather Moffitt Advisory Committee Application Library Advisory Committee](#)
[Linda Ellington Advisory Committee Application Library Advisory Committee](#)
[Kathy Gaines Advisory Committee Application Library Advisory Committee](#)

Clerk to the Board Jenifer Johnson stated that there was a current Full Board Member to the Library Advisory Committee with a term expiring February 28, 2027.

*Johnson stated that the following individuals applied:
Pierre Wertheimer
Jennifer Gillis
Lesley Pasman*

Cynthia Williams
Suzanne White
Heather Moffitt
Linda Ellington
Kathy Gaines

Chair Howard called for a motion.

A motion was made by Chair Karen Howard, seconded by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, to appoint Pierre Wertheimer as the Full Board Member to the Library Advisory Committee with a term expiring February 28, 2027. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[25-0438](#)

Vote to appoint two members to the Transportation Advisory Committee for the Full Board with a term expiring February 28, 2028 and District 4 Recommendation with a term expiring February 28, 2027

Attachments: [Mark Ferraro Advisory Committee Application Transportation Advisory Committ](#)
[Janet Nichols Advisory Committee Application Transportation Advisory Committee](#)
[David W. Gwynn P.E. Advisory Committee Application Transportation Advisory Committ](#)
[Thomas Dekle Advisory Committee Application Transportation Advisory Committee](#)

Clerk to the Board Jenifer Johnson stated that there were currently two members vacant on the Transportation Advisory Committee for the Full Board with a term expiring February 28, 2028 and District 4 Recommendation with a term expiring February 28, 2027.

Johnson stated that the following individuals applied:

Mark Ferraro
Janet Nichols
David W. Gwynn P.E.
Thomas Dekle

Chair Howard called for a motion.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, seconded by Commissioner David Delaney, to appoint Mark Ferraro as a Full Board member of the Transportation Advisory Committee with a term expiring February 28, 2028 and to appoint David Gwynn as a District 4 Recommendation member of the Transportation Advisory Committee with a term expiring February 28, 2027. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[25-0439](#)

Vote to appoint two members to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for the District 3 Recommendation with a term expiring June 30, 2029 and for the District 5 Recommendation with a term expiring on June 30, 2029

Attachments: [Douglas R Dorney Advisory Committee Application Zoning Board of Adjustment](#)
[William Powell Advisory Committee Application Zoning Board of Adjustment](#)
[Adam Feher Advisory Committee Application Zoning Board of Adjustment](#)

Clerk to the Board Jenifer Johnson stated that there was a currently a District 3 Recommendation and a District 5 Recommendation vacancy on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The District 3 Recommendation vacancy term will expire on June 30, 2029 and the District 5 Recommendation will expire on June 30, 2029.

Johnson stated that the following individuals applied:

Douglas R Dorney

William Powell

Adam Feher

Chair Howard called for a motion.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, seconded by Commissioner Franklin Gomez Flores, to appoint Douglas Dorney as the District 3 Recommendation member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment with a term expiring on June 30, 2029 and Adam Feher as the District 5 Recommendation member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment with a term expiring on June 30, 2029. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[25-0482](#)

Vote to appoint Lory Kelly and Greg Lewis with terms expiring 10/31/2029 and Shari Becker with a term expiring 10/31/2027 to the Chatham County Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors

Attachments: [EDC Governance Committee Board Appointee Recommendations](#)
[2025 EDC Board Applications](#)

Clerk to the Board Jenifer Johnson stated that there were three vacancies on the Chatham County Economic Development Board of Directors.

The Chatham County Economic Development Board of Directors received applications from Shari Becker, Claire M. Coffey, Gene Galin, Zoretta French Hayes, Lory H. Kelley, Sheen Klaus, Greg Lewis, Elizabeth Mauney, Jack Pendergraph, Daniel Routh, Tamika Truesdale, Anna Tuell, L. G. Warner, and Leslie Lillard Walden.

After reviewing the Chatham County Economic Development Board of Directions recommended the appointment of Lory Kelly with term expiring 10/31/2029, Greg Lewis with term expiring 10/31/2026, and Shari Becker with a term expiring 10/31/2027 to the Chatham County Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors.

Chair Howard called for a motion.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, seconded by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, to appoint of Lory Kelly with term expiring 10/31/2029, Claire Coffey with term expiring 10/31/2026, and Shari Becker with a term expiring 10/31/2027 to the Chatham County Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

CLOSED SESSION

[25-0467](#)

Vote to go into Closed Session § 143-318.11(a)(4) To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations

Chair Howard called for a motion.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, seconded by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, to go into Closed Session § 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[25-0468](#)

Vote to come out of closed session

End of Work Session

RECESS

The Board of Commissioners recessed until 6:00pm.

Regular Session - 6:00 PM - Historic Courthouse Courtroom

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Howard called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Howard asked for a moment of silence which was followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADJUSTMENTS AND APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

Chair Howard asked for any agenda adjustments. Commissioner Robertson asked to move item 25-0444 Vote to approve a request by Sam Nye, P.E., on behalf of Patrick

Parekh for subdivision First Plat review and approval of Meadow Pointe Subdivision, consisting of 40 lots on 201.90 acres, located off NC Hwy 87, parcels 96659 & 10819 under Board Priorities.

Howard called for a motion to approve the Regular Session agenda as amended.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Howard called for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, seconded by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, that the consent agenda was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

25-0473

Vote to approve the December 9, 2020 Minutes

Attachments: [12-9-2020 Draft Minutes as of 9-4-2025](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, seconded by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, that the December 9, 2020 Minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

25-0480

Vote to approve the January 12, 2022 Retreat Minutes

Attachments: [1-12-2022 Minutes as of 9-4-2025](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, seconded by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, that the January 12, 2022 Retreat Minutes was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

25-0491

Vote to approve the January 14, 2022 Budget Retreat Minutes

Attachments: [1-14-2022 Minutes Draft as of 9-10-2025](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, seconded by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, that the January 14, 2022 Budget Retreat Minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

25-0492

Vote to approve the May 24, 2022 Budget Work Session Minutes

Attachments: [5-24-2022 Minutes Draft as of 9-10-2025](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, seconded by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, that the May 24, 2022 Budget Work Session Minutes was

approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[25-0472](#)

Vote to approve the August 18, 2025 Work and Regular Session Minutes

Attachments: [8-18-2025 Minutes Draft](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, seconded by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, that the August 18, 2025 Work and Regular Session Minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[25-0441](#)

Vote to appoint Rischetta White to the Chatham County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council with term expiring June 30, 2027

Attachments: [JCPC BOC appointment Rischetta White](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, seconded by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, to appoint Rischetta White to the Chatham County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council with term expiring June 30, 2027. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[25-0424](#)

Vote to adopt a resolution of intent to participate in the North Carolina Commercial Property Assessed Capital Expenditure (C-PACE) program

Attachments: [Resolution of Intent to Participate in the C-PACE Program 9-15-2025](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, seconded by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, that this 25-63 resolution of intent to participate in the North Carolina Commercial Property Assessed Capital Expenditure (C-PACE) program was adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[25-0448](#)

Vote to adopt a resolution for North Carolina Department of Transportation road maintenance abandonment for a portion of SR 1753, Lakeside Drive (formally Paul Farrington Road)

Attachments: [NCDOT Letter of Request to abandon a portion of Lakeside Drive](#)
[Resolution Abandoning Portion of Lakeside Drive 9-15-2025](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, seconded by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, that this 25-61 Resolution for North Carolina Department of Transportation road maintenance abandonment for a portion of SR 1753, Lakeside Drive (formally Paul Farrington Road) was adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[25-0431](#)

Vote to adopt the Goldston Library Renovation Amended Project Ordinance, Courtroom 2A CRAVE A/V System Upgrade, Courtroom 3B CRAVE A/V System Upgrade, Siler City Elementary School Roof Replacement, Wastewater Replacement at Silk Hope Elementary School, and Chatham County Schools Paving Repairs

Attachments: [Project Ordinance Courtroom 2A CRAVE AV System 9-15-25](#)
[Project Ordinance Courtroom 3B CRAVE AV System 9-15-25](#)
[Project Ordinance Wastewater Replacement at Silk Hope Elementary School 9-15-25](#)
[Project Ordinance Chatham County Schools Paving Repairs 9-15-25](#)
[Project Ordinance Goldston Library Renovation Amended 9-15-25](#)
[Project Ordinance Siler City Elementary School Roof Replacement 9-15-25](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, seconded by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, that the Goldston Library Renovation Amended Project Ordinance, Courtroom 2A CRAVE A/V System Upgrade, Courtroom 3B CRAVE A/V System Upgrade, Siler City Elementary School Roof Replacement, Wastewater Replacement at Silk Hope Elementary School, and Chatham County Schools Paving Repairs were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[25-0432](#)

Vote to approve Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Amendments

Attachments: [September 2025 Budget Amendments](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, seconded by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, that the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Amendments were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[25-0479](#)

Vote to accept \$100,000 in grant funds from the NC Alliance for Public Health Agencies to establish a regional academic health department model

A motion was made by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, seconded by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, to accept \$100,000 in grant funds from the NC Alliance for Public Health Agencies to establish a regional academic health department model was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[25-0462](#)

Vote to authorize the purchase ten (10) Ford Police Interceptor Utility

Vehicles for \$405,497.00 on State Contract NC70A-STC2510A as included in the FY2026 budget

A motion was made by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, seconded by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, to authorize the purchase ten (10) Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles for \$405,497.00 on State Contract NC70A-STC2510A as included in the FY2026 budget was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[25-0463](#)

Vote to authorize the purchase of two (2) Ford F-150 vehicles in the amount of \$143,023.58 on State Contract NC70A-STC2510A as included in the FY2026 budget

A motion was made by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, seconded by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, to authorize the purchase of two (2) Ford F-150 vehicles in the amount of \$143,023.58 on State Contract NC70A-STC2510A as included in the FY2026 budget was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[25-0445](#)

Vote to award a recreation grant to Jordan Lake Trails Conservation Association for \$6,762 as recommended by the Recreation Advisory Committee

A motion was made by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, seconded by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, award a recreation grant to Jordan Lake Trails Conservation Association for \$6,762 as recommended by the Recreation Advisory Committee was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[25-0477](#)

Vote to award retiree Sheriff Deputy Paul Carroll the Glock 9mm Model 17 side arm service weapon and badge pursuant to NCGS 17F-20

A motion was made by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, seconded by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, to award retiree Sheriff Deputy Paul Carroll the Glock 9mm Model 17 side arm service weapon and badge pursuant to NCGS 17F-20 was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[25-0456](#)

Vote to approve Tax Releases and Refunds for August 2025

Attachments: [August 2025 Release and Refund Report](#)
 [August 2025 NCVTS Pending Refund Report](#)
 [August 2025 Manual NCVTS Pending Refund Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, seconded by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, that the Tax Releases and Refunds for August 2025 was

approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

[25-0457](#)

Vote to approve Tax Department - Write-off of Outstanding Real and Personal Property Taxes for 2013, 2014, and 2015

Attachments: [2025 Tax Write-Off](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, seconded by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, that the Tax Department – Write-off of Outstanding Real and Personal Property Taxes for 2013, 2014, and 2015 was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

[25-0478](#)

Vote to approve pyrotechnic display at the Chatham Charter School located at 2200 Hamp Stone Road, Siler City, NC on October 3, 2025

Attachments: [Attachment A-N.C.G.S 14-410 and 14-413](#)
[Attachment B- Letter of Request Chatham Charter 2024](#)
[Attachment C-NC Pyrotechnic Display Operators License](#)
[Attachment D- Cavaroc Certificate of Insurance 2024](#)
[Attachment E- Cavaroc ATF License 2024](#)
[Attachment F-Site Plan Chatham Charter 2024](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, seconded by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, that the pyrotechnic display at the Chatham Charter School located at 2200 Hamp Stone Road, Siler City, NC on October 3, 2025 was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

[25-0442](#)

Vote to approve the name of one private road in Chatham County listed as Ward Farm Lane.

Attachments: [Ward Farm Ln Petition](#)
[Ward Farm Ln Map](#)
[Ward Farm Ln Area Map](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, seconded by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, that the name of one private road in Chatham County listed as Ward Farm Lane.was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

[25-0440](#)

Vote to approve a three-year lease agreement with State of North Carolina Department of Public Safety Division of Juvenile Justice for property located at 1105 E Cardinal Street in Siler City and 40-E Chatham Street in Pittsboro for \$1.00 per annum

Attachments: [NCDPS DJJ Lease Agreement 9-15-2025](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, seconded by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, that a three-year lease agreement with State of North Carolina Department of Public Safety Division of Juvenile Justice for property located at 1105 E Cardinal Street in Siler City and 40-E Chatham Street in Pittsboro for \$1.00 per annum was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

[25-0447](#)

Vote to award a contract to hmwPreservation for the Chatham County Architectural Survey update and approve the contract for up to \$300,000

Attachments: [HMW Preservation - Architectural Survey Contract 9-15-2025](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, seconded by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, to award a contract to hmwPreservation for the Chatham County Architectural Survey update for up to \$300,000. The motion carried by the following vote:

[25-0451](#)

Vote to approve a contract with Tricom Technology Solutions for a three-year contract for office phones for \$65,209.80 per year, with a one-time setup fee of \$16,250 in the first year

Attachments: [Tricom Technology Solutions Contract 9-15-2025](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, seconded by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, that a contract with Tricom Technology Solutions for a three-year contract for office phones for \$65,209.80 per year, with a one-time setup fee of \$16,250 in the first year was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

[25-0455](#)

Vote to approve contract extensions with First Choice Home Care, Guardian Angels Home Care, and Champion Family Healthcare Services for the Aging Services In-Home Aide and Respite Care Programs

Attachments: [First Choice Home Care- First Amendment](#)
[Guardian Angels Home Care - Second Amendment](#)
[Champion Family Healthcare Services dba Keston Care - Second Amendment](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, seconded by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, that a contract extension with First Choice Home Care, Guardian Angels Home Care, and Champion Family Healthcare Services for the Aging Services In-Home Aide and Respite Care Programs was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

[25-0481](#)

Vote to approve the lease agreement with Pitney Bowes for the postage machine in the Annex building for five years

Attachments: [Pitney Bowes Contract 9-15-2025](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, seconded by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, that the lease agreement with Pitney Bowes for the postage machine in the Annex building for five years was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

[25-0460](#)

Vote to approve a lease agreement with FirstHealth of the Carolinas, Inc. for county property located at 320 South Chatham Avenue in Siler City for emergency medical services for five years

Attachments: [FirstHealth Siler City Lease 2025-2030 9-15-2025](#)
[Affidavit Public Notice FirstHealth of the Carolinas Lease Siler City 9-15-2025](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, seconded by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, that a lease agreement with FirstHealth of the Carolinas, Inc. for county property located at 320 South Chatham Avenue in Siler City for emergency medical services for five years was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

[25-0461](#)

Vote to approve a lease agreement with FirstHealth of the Carolinas, Inc. for county property located at 964 East St, Suite 103, Pittsboro for emergency medical services for five years

Attachments: [FirstHealth Pittsboro Lease 2025-2030 9-15-2025](#)
[Affidavit Public Notice FirstHealth of the Carolinas Lease Pittsboro 9-15-2025](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, seconded by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, that a lease agreement with FirstHealth of the Carolinas, Inc. for county property located at 964 East St, Suite 103, Pittsboro for emergency medical services for five years was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

[25-0475](#)

Vote to approve the agreements with Blue Cross Blue Shield for Healthy Blue Care Together and for Data Sharing

Attachments: [Blue Cross Blue Shield Healthy Blue Care Together Agreement 9-15-2025](#)
[Blue Cross Blue Shield Data Sharing Memorandum of Agreement 9-15-2025](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, seconded by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, that the agreements with Blue Cross Blue Shield for Healthy Blue Care Together and for Data Sharing was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

[25-0443](#)

Vote to approve a request by Charles P. Koch, on behalf of Crown Estate Holdings, LLC for subdivision **First Plat** review and approval of **Intrepid Reserve**, consisting of 29 lots on 36.98 acres, located off US Hwy 15-501, parcels 2753

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, seconded by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, that a request by Charles P. Koch, on behalf of Crown Estate Holdings, LLC for subdivision First Plat review and approval of Intrepid Reserve, consisting of 29 lots on 36.98 acres, located off US Hwy 15-501, parcels 2753 was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

[25-0446](#)

Vote to approve a request by SRE NC Landco, LLC on behalf of True Homes, LLC for subdivision **Final Plat** review and approval of **Parks at Meadowview Phase 2A**, consisting of 15 lots on 7.2 acres, located off Parks Meadow Drive, (SR-1680), parcels 61935, 10893, 89726

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, seconded by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, that a request by SRE NC Landco, LLC on behalf of True Homes, LLC for subdivision Final Plat review and approval of Parks at Meadowview Phase 2A, consisting of 15 lots on 7.2 acres, located off Parks Meadow Drive, (SR-1680), parcels 61935, 10893, 89726 was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

End of Consent Agenda

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

[25-0471](#)

The Public Comment Session is held to give residents an opportunity to speak on any item. The session is no more than thirty minutes long to allow as many as possible to speak. Speakers are limited to no more than three minutes each and may not give their time to another speaker. Speakers are asked to sign up in advance. Comments are always welcome in writing

Attachments: [Click Here To Sign Up For Public Comment](#)

No one signed up to speak.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

[25-0372](#)

Hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution authorizing \$31,000, or a match of 10%, for Aging Services for the North Carolina Department of Transportation 5310 Grant - Capital Purchase of Service

Attachments: [Resolution Public Transportation Section 5310 Grant 9-15-2025](#)
 [DOT Grant Certification Resolution- FY 27](#)
 [Click Here To Sign Up For Public Hearing](#)

Chair Howard opened the public hearing for Aging Services for the North Carolina Department of Transportation 5310 Grant - Capital Purchase of Service.

Assistant Director Zack Deaton addressed the Board of Commissioners to request continued support for the department's transportation services. Deaton presented a proposal to apply for the 5310 Capital Purchase of Service Grant through the Department of Transportation.

Deaton explained that the grant would allow Aging Services to maintain its partnership with Chatham Transit Network, providing essential transportation for residents aged 60 and older. These services include rides to and from the Centers for Active Living,

which offer congregate nutrition and daily wellness programming, as well as transportation for grocery trips and medical appointments, as funding permits.

Deaton requested the Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution authorizing a local match of \$31,000, representing 10% of the total grant amount, to support Aging Services. Deaton emphasized that this funding is an investment in the Chatham County community and expressed appreciation for the Board's ongoing support.

No one signed up to speak.

Chair Howard closed the public hearing.

Chair Howard called for a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing \$31,000, or a match of 10% for Aging Services for the North Carolina Department of Transportation 5310 Grant - Capital Purchase of Service.

A motion was made by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, seconded by Vice Chair Katie Kenlan, that the 25-62 Resolution authorizing \$31,000, or a match of 10%, for Aging Services for the North Carolina Department of Transportation 5310 Grant - Capital Purchase of Service was adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[25-0449](#)

Hold a legislative public hearing requested for a general use rezoning by Lockley Holdings LLC dba Bear Creek Fabrication, to rezone Parcel 9390, located at 1656 Campbell Rd, Bear Creek, being approximately 10.042 acres, from R-1 Residential to IH Heavy Industrial, Gulf Township

Attachments: [More information from the Planning department website](#)
[Click Here To Sign Up For Public Hearing](#)

Chair Howard opened the legislative public hearing requested for a general use rezoning by Lockley Holdings LLC dba Bear Creek Fabrication, to rezone Parcel 9390, located at 1656 Campbell Rd, Bear Creek, being approximately 10.042 acres, from R-1 Residential to IH Heavy Industrial, Gulf Township.

Planner II Hunter Glenn presented a general use rezoning request for Parcel 9390, consisting of 10.04 acres located off Campbell Road in the Bear Creek Township. Glenn stated that the applicant is requesting a rezoning from R1 Residential to Heavy Industrial. Glenn explained that under a general use rezoning, all uses listed in Section 10.13 of the Table of Uses would be permitted either by right or through a special use permit. It was noted that certain heavy industrial uses, such as mining, would require additional studies and oversight. The neighboring parcel, Parcel 72585, currently home to Bear Creek Fabrication, was originally zoned R1 in 2016 during the county-wide zoning initiative. In 2018, it was rezoned to Heavy Industrial through a commissioner-initiated process to accommodate existing businesses in previously unzoned areas.

Glenn stated that the Comprehensive Plan supports rezonings for businesses made nonconforming by the 2016 zoning extension and encourages reasonable expansions of appropriately zoned commercial and industrial uses.

Glenn stated that the general use rezoning application must support five required

findings. While not reviewed in detail during the presentation, it was noted that the applicant does not allege any error in the ordinance and contends that the request aligns with the Comprehensive Plan. The applicant cited several goals and objectives from Plan Chatham, including those related to preserving rural character and minimizing impact on neighboring properties. The subject parcel is designated as Agricultural on the Future Land Use Map. Additionally, the applicant referenced Goal 4 of the Comprehensive Plan, which aims to diversify the tax base, create high-quality in-county jobs, reduce reliance on residential property taxes, and decrease commuting. The economic development goal is a secondary objective of the agricultural plan amendment and supports permitting existing commercial and industrial uses to continue and expand reasonably.

Nick Robinson, attorney with Bradshaw Robinson Slaughter and Rainer addressed the Board of Commissioners on behalf of the applicant, Lockley Holdings LLC, regarding the proposed rezoning associated with Bear Creek Fabrication. Robinson stated that the application involves a 10.04-acre tract adjacent to the existing Bear Creek Fabrication facility, which is currently located on a 15-acre parcel zoned Heavy Industrial. The applicant is seeking to rezone the adjacent parcel to Heavy Industrial to match the zoning of the existing facility and allow for expansion. He provided background on the company, noting that it is a family-owned business founded in 2008 by a Chatham County native. The current owner, Ryan Dowd, also grew up in Chatham County and attended Jordan-Matthews High School. The company specializes in metal fabrication, has experienced steady growth, and currently employs 24 full-time staff. The business serves markets across North Carolina and several other states along the eastern seaboard.

Robinson explained that the requested rezoning would enable the company to expand operations and potentially add 10 to 15 new full-time positions within 12 to 24 months of approval. He emphasized that the facility is located approximately 700 feet from Campbell Road, with fabrication activities occurring indoors. The remainder of the site is used for employee parking and lay-down areas for fabricated items awaiting shipment. Photographs of the site were referenced to illustrate the facility's layout and its distance from the road. Robinson clarified that lay-down areas are used for staging products on trailers for shipment, not for open storage on the ground. He reiterated that the rezoning request is for general use, as recommended by planning staff, to align with the zoning of the existing facility. Robinson noted that the application addresses the five required findings for rezoning and believes they are clearly met. He highlighted that the application includes detailed information supporting the request and invited questions from the Board of Commissioners.

Robinson stated that the applicant does not allege any error in the ordinance. Robinson noted that if the rezoning is approved, the zoning map, which is part of the ordinance, would need to be amended to reflect the new designation of the tract as Heavy Industrial. He clarified that this is a standard procedural update in all rezoning cases.

Robinson cited the growth and success of Bear Creek Fabrication as a key changing condition. The business requires additional space to expand operations and increase employment opportunities for Chatham County residents. He emphasized that there are no similar businesses nearby, making it important to support the continued success of this operation. He also addressed infrastructure concerns, stating that no publicly provided improvements such as water or sewer are necessary for the rezoning.

Robinson referenced the Comprehensive Plan, noting that the parcel was already being

used for industrial purposes when the county was zoned R1 in 2016. In 2018, the existing parcel was rezoned to Heavy Industrial through a commissioner-initiated process. The Comprehensive Plan supports reasonable expansion of appropriately zoned industrial properties. Robinson cited several plan goals, including encouraging employment and reducing out-of-county commuting, promoting geographic diversity in economic development, balancing infrastructure needs, with this rezoning requiring no additional infrastructure, providing flexibility for rural businesses. He also highlighted the plan's emphasis on preserving rural character, noting that the facility is set back from Campbell Road and has minimal visual impact. Robinson referenced photographs to illustrate this point. Robinson discussed the economic benefits, citing that for every dollar spent on residential property, the county receives \$0.87 in return, while commercial property yields \$3.01. He emphasized that this rezoning would help diversify the tax base and support county goals. He also confirmed that the rezoning would have no negative impact on natural resources, including water quality or tree removal.

Robinson stated that no new access roads are needed, as the property has direct access to a public road. He confirmed that stormwater runoff will be managed in accordance with all applicable Chatham County regulations. He clarified that water is needed for the overall operation, but not specifically for the tract being rezoned.

In response to a question from the Board of Commissioners concerning the anticipated use, Robinson explained that the immediate use of the additional parcel would be for lay-down and storage areas, similar to existing gravel areas. He noted that while there may be plans to construct an additional facility on the parcel in the long-term future, there are no short-term plans for new buildings.

Robinson concluded his remarks by offering to answer any further questions and expressed interest in responding to any public comments during the hearing.

The following individuals spoke:

Jan Phillips

Hi, I'm Jan Phillips, and I currently live on Camel Road. I have been there for fifty years in the rural community. We have got a petition up with seventy-two signatures. There are currently forty-six houses on Campbell Road. Again, I've lived in the neighborhood for fifty years. It is a rural, relaxed atmosphere, and we believe that the proposed request is not compatible with our current rural residential setting. There are five generations of Campbells that have lived and currently living on that road. We have had three additional houses built this year on that road, with another one in progress. We believe that increasing heavy industrial business in this area will negatively affect the values of our properties. I want to address the noise. The noise can be heard throughout the neighborhood of the steel banging. The tractor trailers going up and down the rural road, which it was not meant for. The twenty-four employees that currently work there, when they get off the job at the end of the day, and they are approaching to come out of that business, they do not stop, they slow roll, and that is in a little hill on top of a curb where they are coming out of. We have had one reportable accident there, and many, many other encounters. They go down to the end of Campbell Road, hit the stop sign, some stop, some stop and roll. They pull out on Bernie Phillips Road, along with the tractor trailers coming as well. The noise can also be heard more in the fall and winter when the foliage is not on the trees. I think I have addressed the situation about the trucks. I think that is all I have to say. I would like to ask a question. Out of the twenty-four employees that work there, I would like to know how many actually live in Chatham County? We are not an anti-growth area. We welcome homeowners and houses to our community, but we feel like the heavy

industrial addition to what is there is not the right fitting for our community. Thank you.

Richard Phillips

Hi, my name's Rick Phillips, Jan's husband, and Jan and I live directly across from this business currently. She mentioned the noise, and I wish I could show you. I wish I could use this PowerPoint presentation to show you that land description. Again, it is really not a fair description to say that the business is not seen, because if you are coming through there. I can just tell you, on the discussion about the noise, I got up this morning on my way to work at 7:40. Inside my house, I could hear the noise. I could hear the steel banging, as they were probably stacking those trucks. I went out on my front porch, and I took a minute and a half video, just for the audio segment of it, and I was really amazed. I listened to it and showed it to a couple of my people, and I'm just really surprised at how much, you know, that we hear there. So, I agree, I oppose on this, the noise alone doesn't present a rural residential setting, and we'd like to see you guys support us in that. I presented about six slides. I am not sure if everybody has got a chance to see that. I hope you have, and look at it, because I am describing basically what we are currently living with. And it is, again, not that we oppose the growth in Chatham County, it's just not the right area in a residential setting where people already exist and have bought, and as Jan said, there are a lot of Campbells that live there and are trying to move in. We've got 4 new homes on our road. We do not oppose growth, we just oppose this kind of growth, and we missed the opportunity for the first go-round to stop it. The photos I showed of the proposal are of a straight line on the new property. But the old property, the driveway entrance to this thing I was showing you, is in a curve. You can't see the driveway when you are coming from either direction until you are right up on it. I was the one that witnessed and came up on the incident about a month and a half ago. I wish I had taken a picture of it. There was fire department, there was EMS, there was a North Carolina Highway Patrolman, and there was a Chatham County Sheriff. And I was blocked and had to turn around and go back the opposite direction. I'm one hundred yards from my home. And I had to turn around and go all the way around to avoid it. And that does not bother me. I hope nobody was seriously injured. That is the kind of thing we want to talk about here. Thank you.

Scarlett Robinson

I'm Scarlett Robinson. I live two miles from this facility. I can hear the clanging and the steel banging every day. To note how he presented that picture, the property that they want to expand upon is all road frontage. It will be in full view of anyone driving down that road. Currently, there are no signs indicating that there is an industrial situation already on our road. No signs indicating that there are trucks entering our road. It's a very residential setting with homes and agriculture. And I am very opposed to expanding. I am questioning the ability for water and sewage. We do not have sewer on that area. There is existing well on that property, because there's an existing double-wide mobile home setting on that property and a septic system. My question would be, are they going to, in the future, how is that going to impact us? But again, a semi-tractor trailer traveling on that road has torn up the road in multiple places, it is dangerous, and more activity is only going to make it worse. And I will say again, I am opposed. Thank you.

Dwayne Campbell

I am Dwayne Campbell. I am one of the Campbells that she was talking about. I have lived there all my life, right within two-tenths of a mile from where I'm at. I'm at the intersection of Campbell Road and Vernie Phillips Road. When they come up from this business to the stop sign, it's almost directly in front of my house. I would like to have stated my biggest issue, or one of them, is the traffic. We sit out there in the mornings

and the evenings sometimes. And when they come in, normally it is the same ones late for work, they come flying in, turn down the road, and it is like a drag race going to work. And when they come out, it is just like they stated. Just not all of them, but a lot of them roll through the stop sign and just keep on going. Plus, during the day, you get tractors and trailers that do the same thing. They are all in a hurry. And that is where the majority of their traffic and business comes from, is straight to that intersection in front of our house. Again, the beginning and the end of the work shift is the biggest issue with that. Some of the neighbors stopped walking due to safety concerns with the traffic, and I do not have any problem with the business expanding at all, as long as it is not, having a negative impact on the neighborhood, and it is making an improvement into the neighborhood. It states that the company wants to expand, and this will not increase traffic, and no trees will be removed. I am not sure how you can expand a business of this type, without that happening. If you are going to have more employees, you are going to have more traffic. If you are going to expand, you are going to have more trucks coming in, so I am not sure how that is going to happen, and especially without taking out trees. The biggest issue I have is the traffic, the noise. The noise is an issue, just like they stated. Safety concerns preserving their lifestyle and their property values. I feel like we have been good neighbors with what we tolerate already. It is five to six days a week, most of the time, from seven in the morning until 5:30, plus trucks come in and out at night. Also, if he offered one or two more shifts. How many people is that going to be? Then we are going to be dealing with it all the time. So, anyway, thank you for your attention and your time.

Lisa Johnson

Hi, my name is Lisa Johnson. I have lived on Campbell Road since 1975, moved away for a brief period of time and back. Built a marital residence there and have resided there ever since. My main concern, as in everyone's, is the traffic. It is terrible. I can tell you in the mornings what time they go to work, in the evenings, what time they leave. This is a very residential area. It is not an industrial area. I do understand that it is zoned residential, but two wrongs do not make a right. The roads are not built for tractor-trailers. I would say ninety percent of the product that is produced by this company has to be hauled out on tractor trailers that are going down to a residential neighborhood where there are kids. I even fear for my life in a car. I cannot imagine being out there walking. So that is my main concern. Even though the business is not on the road, we hear it. We hear it constantly. Even though the business, you cannot see it, you can see the lay-down area and the parking area. And any changes there would have a big impact. Not to mention the wildlife and the ambience of our little community that we would lose to this. Well, we're all for jobs. I am all for growth. I just do not think this is the right spot. There are plenty of business places available for these gentlemen to expand. I am sure they are very nice people, and we support them, but it does not go in the neighborhood. And I oppose. Thank you for your time, thank you.

Julie Burkett

My name is Julie Burkett, and I live at 1329 Bernie Phillips Road, beside Mr. Campbell and I also own two other properties going down to the bridge on Bernie Phillips Road. I have been here since 1989. I know how that road was taken from gravel to tar and gravel, to a very thin layer of asphalt. I do not feel that we have the infrastructure on Bernie Phillips Road or on Campbell Road, which is better paved, but there is already damage from the tractor trailers going through. I feel that this will devalue our property due to additional noise pollution. Even on my own farm, I can hear the clanking. It... the clanking of the steel, of the steel, and it spooks my animals, my livestock. I personally have been on my way to Golston and going across that bridge and encountered one of the tractor trailers hauling the steel beams. And he wanted the

middle of the bridge. That may be subject to just that driver, but with increased traffic on the road, how many more drivers are going to do that. Also, there are no weight restriction signs about the bridge that would even indicate to a driver that maybe they should not be going across that bridge at all at their weight. Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

John Giarratana

I'm John Giarrantana. I live on Campbell Road also. I live at the other end. If you've never been on Campbell Road at the corner of Campbell and Bernie Phillips, you can see that if you are coming up Bernie Phillips to take a right on Campbell, you cannot in a tractor trailer without going across the center of the road. The driveway on the existing fabrication shop right now is probably wider than Campbell Road. So, the trucks can make the swing in. So, you do not have the road system to handle that kind of thing. To be honest with you, I was surprised it was approved to start with, but that is neither here nor there. And as far as the noise, people can hear it, and the fabrication shop is 700 feet off the road. The addition will not be anywhere near 700 feet off the road. So, you have an unsafe condition in the corner. You have got noise that is going to get worse than it is in an area that is basically residential or rural. There is no real use for more fabrication there. 20 jobs can expand in the original building without having to tear up another piece of property and put it on the road. It is just that simple. But as far as the safety aspect of it. Somebody needs to go take a look at it, because there is no way you are going off of Bernie Phillips and taking a right-hand turn in a 40-foot box behind a tractor trailer. Just not going to happen without crossing into John's property. It just cannot happen. There's no room. Thank you for your time.

John Ruth

My name is John Ruth. I am a retired human resources and labor relations attorney. Moved down to Campbell Road from Chapel Hill twelve years ago. I live, I think, probably closest to the proposed rezoning partial along with 3 cats, 4 dogs, 5 horses, and 2 grandchildren. Obviously, traffic, noise, and all situations, I would soon not have. Frankly, what they have said so far in terms of the existing facility is off the road, 700 feet, whatever. That does not mean 40-foot steel beams loading on tractor flatbeds, tractor-trail flatbeds, or on the ground do not make a lot of noise. In fact, I don't need an alarm clock in the morning. I hear these bangs, which I have gotten used to, no question about it, but I don't care to hear more. I hear enough already. The road itself has a continuous pothole between my property and the parcel up for rezoning. I mean, it is a consistent hole in the road. It is just too much, too heavy, too heavy from a safety standpoint. I think it is a problem for the esthetics of the area. My first impression, having heard about this rezoning, was that they have fifteen acres of land and plenty of room for expansion. Does the addition of five to ten jobs in the county warrant a heavy rezoning in this particular property. Thank you.

Chair Howard closed the public hearing.

This Agenda Item was referred to the Planning Board.

[25-0450](#)

Hold a legislative public hearing requested by the Chatham County Planning Department to amend the effective date of the adopted Unified Development Ordinance from December 31, 2025, to December 31st, 2026 as a result of legislative action S382

Attachments: [More information from the Planning department website](#)
[Click Here To Sign Up For Public Hearing](#)

Chair Howard opened the legislative public hearing requested by the Chatham County Planning Department to amend the effective date of the adopted Unified Development Ordinance from December 31, 2025, to December 31st, 2026 as a result of legislative action S382.

Assistant Planning Director Chance Mullis presented an update to the Board of Commissioners regarding the implementation of the Unified Development Ordinance. Mullis noted that there has been no movement in the state legislature regarding the downzoning issues that are currently preventing the County from implementing the Unified Development Ordinance. After consultation with the County Manager's Office, planning consultants, and discussions with the North Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association, staff recommends postponing the effective date of the Unified Development Ordinance to December 31, 2026.

Mullis stated that this extension is intended to allow additional time for potential legislative changes, including the repeal of the downzoning law.

Mullis explained that many other communities across the state are facing similar challenges and that the implementation process, once permitted, will require six months or more due to the complexity of mapping and parcel review. He emphasized that if legislative changes occur sooner than expected, the effective date could be moved up accordingly. He also noted that the North Carolina General Assembly is scheduled to reconvene on September 22, and there is a possibility that the downzoning issue could be addressed during that session.

Mullis stated that a meeting with the County's consultant team is scheduled for the following week to discuss potential Unified Development Ordinance adjustments if no legislative resolution is reached.

Commissioner Robertson inquired whether the Unified Development Ordinance implementation could proceed earlier than December 2026 if the legislative issues are resolved. Mullis confirmed that it is possible to adjust the effective date again if circumstances change but emphasized that the implementation process would still require significant time and coordination.

Mullis also informed the Board of Commissioners of a new legislative hurdle with House Bill 126, which was recently approved. This bill requires that any rezoning of property within a Voluntary Agricultural District be reviewed by the local Agricultural Advisory Board. The review period is 180 days before any decision can be made. Planning staff and Soil & Water staff have consulted with state representatives to better understand the implications of this new requirement.

Mullis clarified that this review process applies to any rezoning within a Voluntary Agricultural District, including those initiated by the landowner. He noted that this new law adds another layer of complexity to the Unified Development Ordinance implementation and will require further analysis to ensure compliance.

The Board of Commissioners thanked Mullis and Chair Howard closed the public hearing.

This Agenda Item was referred to the Planning Board.

[25-0474](#)

Continue a legislative public hearing requested by the Chatham County Planning Board for amendments to the Chatham County Ordinance

Establishing a Planning Board; Specifically, section 1 A, B, and C; section 2 A, B, C, D; section 3 A, B, C, E; and sections 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 to modernize the terminology and change the initial member appointment date. Additional changes may also be made to include amendments required from a recent update to the Chatham County Advisory Committee Policy and continue the public hearing to October 20, 2025

Attachments: [More information from the Planning department website](#)
[Click Here To Sign Up For The Public Hearing](#)

Chair Howard stated that legislative public hearing requested by the Chatham County Planning Board for amendments to the Chatham County Ordinance Establishing a Planning Board; Specifically, section 1 A, B, and C; section 2 A, B, C, D; section 3 A, B, C, E; and sections 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 to modernize the terminology and change the initial member appointment date. Additional changes may also be made to include amendments required from a recent update to the Chatham County Advisory Committee Policy would be continued to October 20, 2025, which would be held at 6:00pm in the Historic Courthouse.

This Agenda Item was tabled until October 20, 2025.

BOARD PRIORITIES

25-0444

Vote to approve a request by Sam Nye, P.E., on behalf of Patrick Parekh for subdivision **First Plat** review and approval of **Meadow Pointe Subdivision**, consisting of 40 lots on 201.90 acres, located off NC Hwy 87, parcels 96659 & 10819

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

Commissioner Robertson requested that item 25-0444 be moved from the consent agenda, which was vote to approve a request by Sam Nye, P.E., on behalf of Patrick Parekh for subdivision First Plat review and approval of Meadow Pointe Subdivision, consisting of 40 lots on 201.90 acres, located off NC Hwy 87, parcels 96659 & 10819.

Commissioner Robertson expressed concern regarding a proposed development on a large, rural parcel of land. She noted that the property is located in a particularly rural part of Chatham County and described it as a beautiful piece of land. While acknowledging that the proposed lot sizes appear to be large, which could be a positive feature, she emphasized uncertainty about the developer's overall plans for the parcel.

Commissioner Robertson inquired whether the developer had considered a conservation subdivision approach, stating that conserving a significant portion of the land would be beneficial. She stressed the importance of thoughtful development, especially in rural areas, and raised concerns about the broader trend of mass tree removal across the county. She attributed this trend to a lack of accountability for developers, who often clear land extensively because it simplifies the development process.

Commissioner Robertson urged the Board to advocate for stronger conservation measures, particularly in rural areas, and emphasized the need for transparency in development plans. She reiterated that while large lots may appear promising, their

impact depends on the developer's approach. Her comments were intended to highlight the importance of preserving natural landscapes and ensuring responsible development practices.

Commissioner Robertson concluded by offering to provide a brief overview of the project if needed.

Planning Director Jason Sullivan provided an overview of a proposed subdivision project located off Old Graham Road, approximately halfway between the US 64 Bypass and the entrance to Chapel Ridge, on the west side of the road. The property lies within an R1-zoned area of the county. Sullivan explained that Tri-River water service is not available for this site, so the subdivision will rely on private wells and septic systems. The applicant is proposing a private road system, which would result in a gated community if approved. Under subdivision regulations, the use of private roads requires an average lot size of 5 acres, with no individual lot smaller than 3 acres. The proposal includes the subdivision of 201.9 acres into 40 lots, resulting in fairly large residential parcels.

Sullivan noted that the dry creek runs along the southern boundary of the property and is classified as a perennial stream, requiring a 100-foot buffer. Additionally, portions of the property fall within a Special Flood Hazard Area associated with cry creek. He clarified that under Chatham County watershed regulations, if the 100-year floodplain extends beyond the standard 100-foot buffer, the floodplain boundary becomes the new effective buffer. This applies to several areas of the site where the Special Flood Hazard Area exceeds the standard buffer.

Sullivan stated that the property is currently accessed via TC Justice Road, a gravel road and that this access point will be abandoned as part of the project, although the road itself will remain. The new access will be provided through the proposed internal road network.

Sullivan shared that the applicant began working with planning staff in 2024, with the required community meeting held in August 2024.

Sullivan stated that the Planning Board conducted a site visit earlier in the summer of 2025 and reviewed the project over the course of two meetings.

Key concerns raised during Planning Board review included:

Road improvements and potential requirements from NCDOT.

Traffic impacts on NC Highway 87.

School transportation logistics, including the location and safety of a bus stop on NC 87.

Additional information was provided by the District Engineer at NCDOT and the Assistant Superintendent of the Chatham County School System to address operational and safety considerations related to transportation and school access.

Steve Nye, representing The Site Group, addressed the Board of Commissioners regarding the proposed subdivision project. He thanked the Board of Commissioners for bringing the item forward and acknowledged the natural beauty of the property, stating that R1 zoning would be too dense for the character of the land.

Nye described the site as containing farm field areas in the northern portion, which are less wooded, while the lots along Dry Creek are heavily wooded. He emphasized that the intent of the development is to preserve the wooded areas by only cutting in roads

and driveway crossings as needed, with appropriate permitting. The lots will then be sold individually, allowing buyers to determine the house footprint, well, and septic system placement.

Nye clarified that the development is not a clear-cut project, and that clear-cutting would diminish the value of the lots. Instead, the lots will be sold in their natural wooded state, and buyers will clear only what is necessary for their homes.

Nye stated that the project is not designed to resemble a cookie-cutter subdivision, and that the lot sizes and layout will maintain a more rural and spacious character. He concluded by affirming that he hoped his comments addressed Commissioners' questions and concerns.

The Board of Commissioners thanked both Sullivan and Nye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, seconded by Commissioner Franklin Gomez Flores, that the request by Sam Nye, P.E., on behalf of Patrick Parekh for subdivision First Plat review and approval of Meadow Pointe Subdivision, consisting of 40 lots on 201.90 acres, located off NC Hwy 87, parcels 96659 & 10819 was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[25-0229](#)

Vote to approve an agreement with UNC Health (Chatham Hospital) for signage and the temporary construction easement

Attachments: [Temporary Access Easement Agreement Between Chatham Co and Chatham Hospital 9-15-2025](#)
[Chatham Hospital Signage Agreement 9-15-2025](#)

County Attorney Bob Hagemann stated that he consulted with Commissioner Gomez Flores on this agenda item, since he sits on the non profit Chatham Hospital Board and he will not be participating in the discussion on this item.

Assistant County Manager Darrell Butts presented an agreement with UNC Health (Chatham Hospital) for signage and the temporary construction easement.

Assistant County Manager Darrell Butts presented an item for the Board of Commissioners consideration involving an agreement between Chatham County and UNC Health (Chatham Hospital) for the installation of a lighted sign at the intersection of Progress Boulevard and Alston Bridge Road in Siler City, near the business campus.

Butts explained that the agreement outlines a 50/50 cost-sharing arrangement, with UNC Health managing all aspects of construction, including site work and project oversight. The sign will be located on county-owned property, and the item includes two components including a signage agreement between the County and UNC Health and a temporary construction easement to allow UNC Health access to the site during the construction phase.

Butts stated upon completion of the project, Chatham County will assume responsibility for maintenance, consistent with current practices for county-owned property. Maintenance will primarily involve replacing interior lighting components, as the sign will be internally illuminated.

Butts noted that the long-term intent is to transfer ownership of the sign to a future ownership group associated with the business campus, once such a group is formally established. Until that time, the County will continue to maintain the sign. A mock-up of the proposed sign was displayed during the presentation. Butts offered to answer any questions from the Board of Commissioners and clarified the location as being on the opposite end of the business campus from Highway 64, near the hospital and community college.

The Board of Commissioners thanked Butts for the update on the sign project.

Chair Howard called for a motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, seconded by Commissioner David Delaney, that the signage agreement with UNC Health and a temporary construction easement was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chair Howard, Vice Chair Kenlan, Commissioner Delaney, and Commissioner Robertson

Recuse: 1 - Commissioner Gomez Flores

[25-0469](#)

Receive a presentation from organizers of the Moncure/Haywood Food Truck holiday event

Quentin Murray presented a proposal for a Holiday Street Fair in Moncure. He clarified that the event is not the previously held Moncure Haywood Food Truck Festival, but rather a smaller scale holiday street fair intended to be more visible and centrally located. The proposed location is between Liberty Street and the old Moncure Fire Department, in the heart of Moncure. Murray emphasized the importance of visibility and community engagement, noting that past events held at Moncure School lacked the same public presence. The event would involve closing a portion of the street, and Murray confirmed that he has already consulted with the North Carolina Department of Transportation regarding the necessary procedures. The plan includes street closure between Liberty Street and the old fire department. Parking at Liberty and Rose Hill, Haywood, and other nearby locations including the old gas station and fire department lot. Shuttle services and golf carts for accessibility, as done in previous events. Coordination with the Chatham County Sheriff's Office for traffic control, especially around the bridge area, similar to past detour patterns during bridge construction.

Murray stated that the total event budget is approximately \$9,000, and the organization is requesting \$4,600 in county funding to support the event. He referenced a detailed budget included at the back of the distributed materials. He also explained the road closure process, which involves submitting a map and event details to North Carolina Department of Transportation. Providing documentation of Sheriff's Department coordination. Securing event insurance. Receiving final approval from North Carolina Department of Transportation once all requirements are met.

Murray concluded by expressing the organization's commitment to responsible planning and community engagement and welcomed any questions from the Board of Commissioners.

Chair Howard called for a motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, seconded by Vice

Chair Katie Kenlan, to fund a Moncure/Haywood Food Truck holiday event for \$4,431.30 with Coal Ash funds was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk to the Board Jenifer Johnson had nothing to report.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS REPORT

Intergovernmental Relation Manager Lindsay Ray provided an update on the status of local legislative efforts, particularly regarding downzoning authority and pending bills. Ray stated that approximately 15–20 local bills being introduced, but none of these bills met the crossover deadline and are now considered dead. Ray stated that the Chatham County's local bill, House Bill 195, did not progress beyond February 26th. The Senate Bill 587 is still relevant to the County that could still be taken up. The bill is currently in the House Rules Committee and has not moved. It passed unanimously in the Senate. If passed by the House, it would proceed to the Governor. The bill is sponsored by Senator Michael Lazzara, along with several other primary sponsors. Ray stated as of the last update on Friday, there has been no indication that the House plans to take it up when they reconvene on October 22nd. Ray stated that residents are encouraged to contact legislators, including those outside Chatham County. Reaching out to House leadership, including the Speaker of the House, may help move the bill forward.

The Board of Commissioners expressed appreciation for the update and emphasized the importance of public engagement to support legislative efforts.

MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager Bryan Thompson stated that the county will be going out to market on refunding next week and the Carters will be here to present in October to walk through the results.

Thompson stated that staff are putting the final touches on the climate change retreat.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Delaney stated that he will begin participating in the National Association of Counties Telecommunications and Technology Committee. Delaney stated that he would like to see a Native American History Month Resolution. He stated that he appreciated the opening remarks by Chair Howard concerning the recent events and the impact on the community. He emphasized the importance of how commissioners engage with the public, nonprofits, and each other in their daily work. He recently attended a nationwide virtual event hosted by Braver Angels, a group focused on reducing partisan divides and promoting civil discourse. The event featured three panels and engaging over 1,400 participants. The experience encouraged broader thinking and reflection on how communities can come together. He suggested that the Board of Commissioners invite third-party experts from UNC, Duke, or other institutions to speak at a future meeting. Delaney envisioned a session focused on civic discourse and democratic engagement, not tied to specific agenda items.

Commissioner Robertson stated that she attended the convocation at Seaforth High School, participated in a radio segment on 97.9 FM, attended the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Conference, attended the Central Pines Board of Delegates meeting, met with Carlos Lima, the new Executive Director of United Way of Chatham County, attended the ribbon cutting for Amish Roots, a bulk foods store located in Moncure, participated in her first meeting of the National Association of Counties Environment, Energy, and Land Use Policy Steering Committee, attended a Leadership Triangle meeting, spoke at the Recovery Celebration and 5K held at Chatham Middle School in Siler City, attended the Bynum Front Porch meeting where residents voiced strong support for preserving the community's water tower, and attended the birthday celebration for State Minority Leader Robert Reeves.

Vice Chair Kenlan stated that she gave a talk twice in Siler City including a back-to-school event organized by the Siler City Ministry Alliance. He thanked the Chatham County Health Department for coordinating vendors and resources for the event. She attended her first alumni event for the School of Government's Advanced Leadership Core Program, gave a presentation to the Rotary Club of Pittsboro, and attended the school convocation.

Commissioner Gomez Flores began by expressing appreciation for the Board's support regarding signage at UNC Health Chatham. He stated that he attended the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council meeting and participated in a panel hosted by the Siler City Chamber of Commerce.

Chair Howard stated that she attended the Chatham County Schools Convocation, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners annual conference, hosted a panel discussion with Senator Natalie Murdoch and Senator Candy Smith of Pitt County, led a reentry simulation as part of a breakout session at the conference. Chair Howard shared that she is now serving as the Vice Chair of the Crime Victim Services Committee on the Governor's Crime Commission and attended meeting in Raleigh last week. This past weekend, Chair Howard joined colleagues in celebrating the 15-year anniversary of the Chatham County Public Libraries. Howard attended a two-day meeting of the Central Carolina Community College Board of Trustees in Greensboro, where she completed her required ethics certification. Howard expressed pride in the Board's ability to work collaboratively, noting that while they may not always agree, they serve as a strong model for effective governance.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Howard called for a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Commissioner Amanda Robertson, seconded by Commissioner David Delaney, that this meeting was adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

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