



Chatham County, NC

Meeting Minutes

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

9:00 AM

Agriculture & Conference Center

Board of Commissioner Retreat

CALL TO ORDER

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

BOARD PRIORITIES

[17-2427](#)

Chatham County Schools Presentation

Attachments: [12--CCS 2018-2019 Heads-Up Presentation to BOC \(revised final\) January 9 2018](#)
[13--Chatham County Schools Heads Up Document FY 2018-2019](#)

Superintendent Dr. Derrick Jordan gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached) Joining Dr. Jordan were Chief Operations Officer Chris Blice, Chief Technology Officer Keith Medlin, Chief Financial Officer Tony Messer, Assistant Superintendent Janet Frazier, and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Amanda Hartness.

Dr. Jordan stated Equity and Excellence for Everyone (E3) is an initiative specific to Chatham County Schools.

Dr. Jordan stated the schools receive an instructional allotment for K-3 teachers and also for 4-12 teachers. There is no special allotment for teachers for music, physical education, foreign language, etc.

Chair Hales asked how many combined classes were in the schools. Ms. Frazier stated she didn't know the exact number of combined classes but they are throughout the district in K-8.

Chair Hales asked what the current year supplement is. Mr. Messer stated \$5.2 million.

Commissioner Dasher asked what the criteria is for the supplement. Dr. Jordan stated years of experience and degree level.

Commissioner Howard stated it may be time to start thinking about other things that can be done to retain teachers such as providing affordable housing.

Commissioner Howard inquired about the possibility of implementing the four-year supplement in one year rather than following the current proposed trajectory and whether it could save money in the long term. Finance Officer Vicki McConnell responded that at this juncture the revenue is not available.

[17-2428](#)

Heads Up document from departments

Attachments: [13--All Departments Heads Up Document](#)
[13--Heads Up Presentation\[Compatibility Mode\]](#)

Budget Director Lisa West reviewed the Heads Up Document. (Presentation attached)

Commissioner Crawford would like to see the Town of Pittsboro to assume more responsibility for permitting regulations within municipal boundaries. Assistant County Manager Dan LaMontagne and Human Resources Director Carolyn Miller clarified that the county is operating within the parameters of the interlocal agreement and that the relationship seems to be more or less satisfactory for both parties. Commissioner Crawford would like the issue raised in the next meeting between the town and the county.

Chair Hales was curious about how many water customers reside in Bynum. Mr. LaMontagne said around forty.

Vice Chair Dasher would like to see Parks and Recreation's expenditures compared to those by other Parks and Recreation departments in our population group.

Commissioner Crawford asked that all his fellow commissioners make a point to attend the BLET graduation in August as a show of support.

[17-2425](#)

Electric Vehicles

Attachments: [9--Electric Vehicles](#)

Assistant County Manager Dan LaMontagne gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached)

Commissioner Crawford suggested partnering with CCCC for a program to train mechanics and electricians for electric vehicles.

[18-2487](#)

Water Impact Fee Study

Attachments: [11--Impact fee study](#)

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

Staff will bring the study in detail to the Board at a future Work Session and adoption of the analysis must be done by July.

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[17-2426](#)

EDC

Attachments: [10--EDC](#)

Economic Development Corporation President Kyle Touchstone gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached)

Mr. Touchstone showed the database of available properties in the county maintained by the EDC.

Commissioner Crawford would like to see the Town of Pittsboro begin the process of establishing a system for pre-application meetings, particularly as the town begins making plans for Chatham Park.

Mr. Touchstone stated he has spoken with the Pittsboro Town Manager about pre-application meetings and they were not interested at that time.

Commissioner Petty asked how residents can say the county is a difficult place to do business if there are pre-application meetings and the staff has been praised for their work. Mr. Touchstone suggested checking with county staff to see if they have received any feedback on the matter. Vice Chair Dasher stated many people are just not prepared for the process and Chatham County is probably no different than other counties.

Mr. Touchstone reviewed the covenants for the Central Carolina Business Park.

Mr. Touchstone reminded the Board of the Joint elected board meeting on February 8th at 5:30 at the Agriculture and Conference Center.

[17-2422](#)

Nonprofit Task Force Recommendations

Attachments: [6--Final Task Force Recommendations](#)

Budget Director Lisa West gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached)

Vice Chair Dasher asked if there could be a staff member dedicated to this who could work with departments on applying for grants. The County Manager responded that different grants require different expertise and it could require more than one person to cover all grants. There would also be a need for another staff member to administer the grants.

The commissioners inquired about the possibility of shifting more responsibility to United Way. The County Manager responded that when this approach was tried in the past, the county received a lot of push back. Ms. West said that it also posed the issue of public money seemingly being administered by a private entity.

The commissioners asked Ms. West for her opinion. She stated she would suggest the RFP process.

The Board discussed the different options presented but staff said they did not need an answer today.

[18-2488](#)

Summary of Current Year Accomplishments

Attachments: [16--Accomplishments](#)

County Manager Renee Paschal gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached)

[17-2431](#)

Financial policy

Attachments: [17--RetreatPresentationOnFinancialPolicies](#)
 [17A--FinancialandBudgetaryPolicies](#)

County Manager Renee Paschal gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached)

[17-2432](#)

Expected conditions affecting next year's budget

County Manager Renee Paschal gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached)

ADJOURNMENT

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

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