



Chatham County, NC

Meeting Minutes

Board of Commissioners

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

6:00 PM

Historic Courthouse Courtroom

Rollcall

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

Work Session - 1:30 p.m. - Historic Courthouse Courtroom

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

[18-2480](#)

Vote on a Request to adopt a Resolution Honoring Social Work Supervisor Margaret Awtrey-Kirkman

Attachments: [MKirkman BOC Resolution](#)

Chair Hales read the resolution into the record and presented the framed resolution to Margaret Kirkman. Chair Hales thanked Ms. Kirkman for her service to the County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that Resolution #2018-01 Honoring Social Work Supervisor Margaret Kirkman, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[18-2479](#)

Vote on a Request to adopt a Resolution Honoring Assistant Finance Officer Kathryn Scott

Attachments: [KScott BOC Resolution](#)

Chair Hales read the resolution into the record and presented the framed resolution to Kathy Scott. Chair Hales thanked Ms. Scott for her service to the County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Vice Chair Dasher, that Resolution 2018-02 Honoring Assistant Finance Officer Kathryn Scott, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Siler City Town Commissioner Mike Constantino stated he would like to see the Chatham County Board of Commissioners expanded from five members to seven given

the workload. He is interested in running for one of the "at large" positions on such a Board.

BOARD PRIORITIES

18-2466

Vote on a request to approve a request for a hearing by Attorney Chad Riggsbee for a refund for overpayment of excise tax.

Attachments: [1789 Andrews Store Road Deed and CD, from Mr. Riggsbee](#)

Clerk Lindsay Ray presented this item. Attorney Chad Riggsbee sent a request to the Clerk on December 8, 2017 requesting a hearing before the Board. He asked that the Board consider a refund of excise tax. Mr. Riggsbee explained that there was a typographical error stating \$1,100 excise tax was due when in fact only \$110 was due. Register of Deeds Lunday Riggsbee confirmed that it was a typographical error.

The Board agreed that a refund should be issued.

A motion was made by Commissioner Petty, seconded by Commissioner Howard, to approve a refund of \$990 to attorney Chad Riggsbee for overpayment of excise tax. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

18-2460

Presentation of Audit

Attachments: [Audit Presentation](#)

*Walter Gragg presented the audit on behalf of Martin Starnes and Associates.
(Presentation attached)*

Commissioner Crawford expressed that the Board appreciates any potential need for additional staff to meet the changing auditing needs and rules.

This Agenda Item was received and filed.

18-2468

Presentation on Go Global NC

Attachments: [GGNC PowerPoint LI- 2018 Eco-Workforce](#)
 [Latino Initiative EcoWork 2018 Flyer](#)
 [LI Comm Pol 2018 Flyer 12.19.17](#)

Lorena Patterson gave a presentation to the Board on Go Global NC and its Latino initiative. (Presentation attached)

Randy Voller spoke about his involvement with Go Global NC and the benefits of participating in the program.

Ms. Patterson stated she needs a commitment of members going to Mexico by March.

County Manager Renee Paschal stated that she participated in Go Global NC's delegation to Germany and 2014 and feels that it is a worthwhile endeavor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, to direct the County Manager and staff to look into a possible delegation from Chatham County. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[17-2458](#)

Presentation on the CCCC Health Sciences Building

Attachments: [CCCC - Chatham Health Sciences](#)

Dr. Mark Hall, Dr. Phillip Price, and Dr. Bud Marchant from Central Carolina Community College spoke to the Board about the Health Sciences Building.

Dr. Hall reviewed how the community college determined what programs will be at the Health Sciences Building. There is a good bit of excitement around the medical assisting program. Chair Hales asked when the Health Sciences Building is expected to open. Dr. Hall said if everything goes smoothly the doors should open in the fall of 2019. Dr. Marchant explained all the programs will have to be accredited prior to opening the facility.

Dr. Price stated there are two items needed in order to go forward. The College needs to lease the property from the County. The Board of Commissioners will be asked to approve the lease at its February meeting. The CCCC Board previously allocated \$2.1 million of the NC Connect Bond funds for the project but in order to get those funds the land has to be owned.

Architect Taylor Hobbs gave a presentation to the Board with the proposed design of the Health Sciences Building. (Presentation attached)

Commissioner Dasher asked if the building could be expanded if the college ran out of space. Mr. Hobbs said the site will not hold an expansion, with the exception of the space for the library.

Mr. Hobbs believes they will put it out to bid in April and open bids in May. He projects construction will start in July of 2018 and the project will be complete in July of 2019.

This Agenda Item was received and filed.

[18-2465](#)

Presentation on Haw River Trail and the Lower Haw Trails Master Plan

Attachments: [Haw River Trail Corridor Presentation Chatham BOC](#)
[Complete-Paddle-Trail-Map-Alamance](#)
[Land-Trail-Map-2016-Alamance](#)

This item was presented by Gretchen Smith and Guil Johnson. (Presentation attached)

Mr. Johnson explained his primary responsibilities as the Haw River Trail Coordinator in Alamance County.

Chair Hales asked Ms. Smith if she is working with the County Parks and Recreation Department. Ms. Smith stated she works very closely with Parks and Recreation Director Tracy Burnett. Chair Hales thinks there may be a future need for a trail coordinator in Chatham County.

This Agenda Item was received and filed.

[18-2472](#)

Presentation on the five year joint assessment of the Chatham County-Town of Cary Joint Land Use Plan per the interlocal agreement

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

Planning Director Jason Sullivan presented this item. Mr. Sullivan reviewed the history of the Chatham-Cary Joint Land Use Plan and explained next steps.

The Board agreed not to revisit the plan at this time.

[17-2450](#)

Vote on a request by the Planning Department to schedule legislative public hearings for February 19, 2018 to consider revisions to the Chatham County Subdivision Regulations and Zoning Ordinance.

Attachments: [Subdivision Regulations REDLINE](#)
[Zoning Ordinance 12 28 17-REDLINE](#)
[Table Attachment-Legislative Changes](#)
[Table Attachment #2-Planning Department Changes](#)

Planner Dylan Paul presented this item. (Presentation attached) Mr. Paul reviewed the suggested changes to the Subdivision Regulations and the Zoning Ordinance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Vice Chair Dasher, to approve holding a Legislative Public Hearing on February 19, 2018 at 6:00 PM to consider revisions to the Chatham County Subdivision Regulations and Zoning Ordinance. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

CLOSED SESSION

[17-2459](#)

Closed Session to discuss matters relating to attorney-client privilege and economic development.

A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, to approve going out of the Work Session and convening in Closed Session to discuss matters relating to attorney-client privilege and economic development. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

End of Work Session

Regular Session - 6:00 PM - Historic Courthouse Courtroom

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

INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Dasher asked those in attendance to observe a moment of silence after which Chair Hales invited everyone present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hales welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA and CONSENT AGENDA

Item 18-2474 and 18-2482 were moved from the work session to the regular session under board priorities.

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

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

[17-2457](#)

Vote on a request to approve the December 18, 2017 Work and Regular Session Minutes.

Attachments: [Draft Minutes 12.18.2017](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[18-2463](#)

Vote on a request to approve appointments to the Climate Change Advisory Committee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that the Appointments be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[18-2464](#)

Vote on a request to approve the re-appointment of Herbert Gaines to the Board of Equalization and Review.

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

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

[18-2483](#)

Vote on a request to appoint Hope Tally, Financial Operations Manager, as Deputy Finance Officer

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

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

[18-2467](#)

Vote on a request to adopt a Resolution Proclaiming February 2018 as We Love Seniors Month in Chatham County.

Attachments: [we love seniors month resolution](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that Resolution #2018-03 Proclaiming February 2018 as We Love Seniors Month, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[18-2484](#)

Vote on a Request to adopt a revised Resolution Establishing Check, Purchase Order and Disbursement Voucher Signing Procedures

Attachments: [Check Purchase Order and Disbursement Voucher Resolution 01-2018](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that Resolution #2018-04 Establishing Check, Purchase Order and Disbursement Voucher Signing Procedures, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[18-2469](#)

Vote on a request by Kirk T. Metty, PE., President, Lewis Metty Development, Inc. on behalf of Cedar Mountain Subdivision for a **twelve (12) month extension of the preliminary plat deadline to extend the deadline from January 16, 2018 to January 16, 2019.**

Attachments: [More Information from Planning Board Website](#)

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

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

[18-2470](#)

Vote on a request by Fitch Creations, Inc. for subdivision Final Plat approval of **Fearrington - Section X - Area C - Richmond Close**, consisting of 21 lots on 18.281 acres located off SR-1813, East Camden and SR-1817, Millcroft, parcel #18998

Attachments: [More Information from Planning Board Website](#)

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

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

[18-2471](#)

A request by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners to consider a technical revision to the Chatham County Comprehensive Plan.

Attachments: [Proposed revision](#)

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

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

[18-2475](#)

Vote on a Request to Approve the Ordinance Amending the Chatham County Code of Ordinances to Add New Exceptions Allowing Duly Appointed Animal Services Officers, Basic Law Enforcement Training Cadets, and Other Specifically Authorized Non-Law Enforcement Civilians to Use Law Enforcement Gun Range Facilities for Training

Attachments: [121917 Weapons Ordinance Allowing animal services officers to train at LE gun range](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, that this Ordinance, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[18-2477](#)

Vote on a request to approve Tax Releases and Refunds

Attachments: [December 2017 Release and Refund Report](#)
 [December 2017 NCVTS Pending Refund Report](#)
 [November 2017 Manual NCVTS Pending Refund Report](#)

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

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

End of Consent Agenda

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Nancy Jacobs submitted the following comments:

I have been looking at the statue in front of the Courthouse since I moved here in 2008. When I first saw it, I thought it was a soldier from a past war. I wondered why it was there. Later, I realized it was a Confederate soldier there. I wondered why it was there and felt uncomfortable about it. Recently, I've learned the why, that it was erected during the Jim Crow era. To intimidate? To make people feel there is no place for them here? I am sad, angry, and disheartened to know that people of color have had to look at that symbol every time they entered the courthouse or passed it. You might as well be flying the Confederate flag as well. Put it in a cemetery or somewhere people who think this is important to their heritage can visit without the rest of us having to look away. It is offensive to many. This is a time to look to the future, we all need to work together to foster inclusiveness, not symbols that are meant to divide and devalue others. I would like to see benches there along the walkway where people can gather and meet.

Howard Fifer submitted the following comments:

My name is Howard Fifer. I started attending your meetings about 6 months ago, shortly after relocating to Chatham County. Commissioners, thank you for the thoughtful and good work for the residents of this County. Yesterday on Martin Luther King Day, I was reflecting on the nature of heroism, and how we all have the opportunity to be heroes every day, in our own ways, large or small, yet meaningful nonetheless. To me, when people do their jobs well, they are heroes. As a resident it is my job now to address the issue of the monument glorifying white supremacy that each of us pass by when entering into this Courthouse. Let me be clear, this monument is not history. I see plaques honoring Chatham residents who served in Vietnam, or in World War I, and I know this is history being honored. I see roadside plaques properly honoring events or individuals, from governors to writers. And you know, it doesn't matter whether or not I would have voted for that governor or other politician on the plaque. It is history and it is somehow heroic to remember it. But the

monument out front is not and never was about history. Rather it glorifies a racist social order - slavery, segregation, Jim Crow, discrimination, bigotry, and all of the complicity of keeping a people down. At a time when the Chamber of Commerce proudly speaks of the County's assets and the rich promise of the future, at a time when the Board of Commissioners commits on its website page to provide "a stronger, more diverse economic base that will provide more jobs for residents both now and into the future", at a time when Pittsboro is in the midst of implementing its "Small Town Main Street Program" and the Mayor's welcoming message invites visitors, businesses and new residents to experience "our warm, welcoming town", at this time, it is a time for heroes. Parents who teach children to respect others are heroes. So are neighbors who are warm and welcoming to visitors and newcomers have seen evidence that the people here are and will be heroic. I have experienced it myself. And yet, there stands outside this building a persistent glorification of evil. It is not a monument to the people who live here. It does not celebrate a historic event, but rather something which is fundamentally unjust and un-American. It is an anachronism and offensive to all who see it, all who live here, all who will live here; it stands in the way of this community fully attaining its goals, dreams, hopes and aspirations. So what I ask of you, whether you are seated in front of me or behind me, is to honor a true American hero whose birth we celebrated yesterday, by facing the challenge posed by the monument. We only do our best when we are challenged. Thank you.

BOARD PRIORITIES

[18-2474](#)

Vote on a request to appoint an alternate to the Board of Equalization and Review.

A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, that the Appointment of John Foley to the Board of Equalization and Review be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[18-2482](#)

Vote to Submit and Approve Appointments to the Temporary Human Relations Task Force

*Vice Chair Dasher appointed Hunter Blanton
Commissioner Howard appointed Esther Coleman
Commissioner Petty appointed Chuck Ramos
Commissioner Crawford appointed Maria Correa
Chair Hales appointed Karla Stone Eanes*

[18-2481](#)

Vote on a request to approve the purchase agreement for Henry Siler School and notice of real property acquisition and authorize the County Manager to execute documents.

Attachments: [17 QAP Notice of Real Property Acquisition Purchase Agreement](#)
[letter to Third Wave Housing january 2018](#)

County Manager Renee Paschal reviewed the specifics of the request.

Will Warren with Third Wave stated they plan to have 44 affordable housing units.

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

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

[18-2473](#)

Vote on a request by Nicolas Robinson, on behalf of NNP-Briar Chapel, LLC, for a Compact Communities Ordinance (CCO) waiver to allow a riparian buffer encroachment and stream crossing between phases 16 South and North.

Attachments: [More Information from Planning Department Website](#)

Planning Director Jason Sullivan reviewed the specifics of the request.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Petty, that this Order, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[18-2489](#)

Vote on a request to adopt a Resolution Urging a State-Level Response to Protect Water Resources From Contamination.

Attachments: [resolution urging state funding for contamination of waters jan 2018](#)

Chair Hales read the resolution into the record.

A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, that Resolution #2018-05 Urging a State-Level Response to Portect Water Resources from Contamination, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

MANAGER' S REPORTS

The County Manager reminded the Board of many upcoming meetings. The Retreat will be January 23, 24 and 26 at the Agriculture & Conference Center. The EDC is hosting a joint elected boards meeting on February 8 at the Agriculture & Conference Center at 5:30PM. Triangle J is also working on a joint meeting with the other elected boards.

The County Manager explained the staff's vision for the Board's goal setting session on

January 26. In addition to the Comprehensive Plan goals staff would like the Board to consider goals focusing on good government, public safety and poverty.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Howard shared that the Central Community Advisory Committee met last week. They received an update on the new state board for Cardinal Innovations. She feels there is a better representation of the counties with this board.

Commissioner Crawford thanked Assistant County Manager Dan LaMontagne for his help with a water and recycling issues for some residents.

Vice Chair Dasher asked everyone to remember the public comments from tonight's meeting. He asked the Chair to think about how the Board may get this on a future agenda.

Chair Hales attended training for new chairs through the NC Association of County Commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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