



Chatham County, NC

Meeting Minutes

Board of Commissioners

Thursday, January 17, 2019

9:00 AM

Agriculture and Conference Center

BOC Retreat

CALL TO ORDER

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

BOARD PRIORITIES

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Chatham County Schools Presentation

Attachments: [11--CCS Heads Up](#)

Budget Director Lisa West had a followup about the SNAP program. She will work with DSS Director Jennie Kristiansen to get the information the commissioners requested.

Chatham County Schools Superintendent Dr. Derrick Jordan gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached) The Schools Senior Leadership Team was also present.

Ms. West asked if there is a financial impact if schools fall below the grade D. Dr. Jordan said there are three schools in the district that have been graded as low performing and two of those schools have risen above that grade. More money is funded into those low performing schools.

Commissioner Howard stated the State School Board Association has the calendar as a legislative goal as well as NCACC. Dr. Jordan said the Superintendent Association does as well.

The schools are launching www.Teachforchathamnc.org to help recruit and retain teachers.

The schools have been able to maintain tuition reimbursement for teachers.

Vice Chair Hales asked if the schools are considering providing free breakfast for all children. Dr. Jordan stated they looked to Rockingham County who had a tremendous hole to fill. It is free but not really free. The federal government covers some of the cost but not all.

Chatham County Schools Finance Officer Tony Messer said the state is asking the schools to budget a 5% increase in health insurance.

Commissioner Howard asked about Chatham Grove Elementary. Dr. Jordan said it is built at a capacity of 750 students and is based on known factors.

Vice Chair Hales asked what is covered under enhancements. Dr. Jordan stated the arts, music, physical education, everything but core subjects.

Commissioner Crawford asked when the Board can have a tour of the school sites. Dr. Jordan said there is a part of the webpage devoted to the two new schools.

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Water projects

Attachments: [12--Water 2019 01-17 Project Progress Review with Chatham County](#)

Interim County Manager Dan LaMontagne introduced the consultants from Hazen and Sawyer: Vic D'Amato, Chris Belk, and James Hennessy.

The consultants gave a presentation on the Water and Wastewater Master Plan. (Presentation attached)

Vice Chair Hales said it would be good to have the private systems mapped in the dashboard as well for informational purposes.

Commissioner Crawford asked when the dashboard will be operational. Mr. Belk said March.

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HR presentation Pay/Benefits

Attachments: [13--Pay and Benefits Update](#)

Human Resources Director Carolyn Miller gave a presentation on pay and benefits. (Presentation attached)

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Summary of current year accomplishments

Attachments: [14--Accomplishments](#)

Mr. LaMontagne reviewed current year accomplishments. (Presentation attached)

Commissioner Howard asked what visitors to the county spend money on. Staff will look into it.

Commissioner Crawford asked who is doing design on Pokeberry Creek bridge. Mr. LaMontagne said two firms submitted but one has not been selected yet.

Chair Dasher asked what the status is of Henry Siler School. Mr. LaMontagne will ask Stephanie Watkins-Cruz to look into it.

The Board would like to see a design of the animal shelter once it is complete.

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Expected conditions affecting next year's budget

Ms. West gave a presentation on expected conditions affecting next year's budget.

(Presentation attached)

Commissioner Petty commended Ms. West and the budget staff for their continued good work on the budget.

Chair Dasher said the problems the Board is facing are better than a lot of problems other counties face.

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 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Petty, Commissioner Crawford and Commissioner Howard