



Chatham County, NC

Meeting Minutes

Board of Commissioners

Monday, August 19, 2019

6:00 PM

Historic Courthouse Courtroom

Rollcall

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

Work Session - 3:00 PM - Historic Courthouse Courtroom

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

BOARD PRIORITIES

[19-3195](#)

Receive request from the Chatham Arts Council for \$55,000 in funding for FY 2019-2020.

Attachments: [2019-0228 CAC Chatham County Grant Application FY20 Part 1 Artists-in-Schools FINAL](#)
[2019-0228 CAC Chatham County Grant Application FY20 Part 2 Meet This Artist Go See This FINAL](#)
[2019-0801 CAC AIS Board of Commissioners Powerpoint Presentation FINAL](#)

Taylor Hobbs, President of Chatham Arts Council, addressed the Board. The Chatham Arts Council is requesting \$55,000 in funding for two programs. Executive Director Cheryl Chamblee gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached)

Commissioner Wilkie asked why this request is not going to the Board of Education. Ms. Chamblee stated the Chatham Arts Council has made a commitment to finding the funding outside what the schools are already stretched to fund. When they go to other funding sources, it helps to have a strong statement from local government, especially at the state level.

Chair Dasher asked staff if the County is funding any other arts organizations. The County Manager stated the Chatham Arts Council is the only arts organization currently receiving funding from the County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Vice Chair Hales, to approve \$55,000 of funding for FY19-20 for the Chatham Arts Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[19-3203](#)

Receive presentation from Chatham County Extension Horticulture Agent Matt Jones

Attachments: [BOC Extension Hort Program Matt Jones Aug 2019](#)

Cooperative Extension Horticulture Agent Matt Jones gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached)

This Agenda Item was received and filed

[19-3157](#)

Vote on a request to adopt the revised Voluntary Agricultural District Ordinance

Attachments: [AAB.VAD Ordinance 6.11.2019](#)
[VAD Presentation to Commissioners](#)

Soil and Water Director Susannah Goldston and Agriculture Advisory Board Chair Tandy Jones gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached) Vice Chair Cathy Jones and Cooperative Extension Director Ginger Cunningham were also present to show their support.

The Board discussed next steps including mailing letters to those currently enrolled in the program.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hales, 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 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Wilkie

[19-3204](#)

Vote on a request to adopt Proposed Policy for Emergency Housing funds

Attachments: [ProposedEmergency HousingPolicy](#)

Policy Analyst Stephanie Watkins-Cruz reviewed the specifics of the request.

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

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

[19-3178](#)

Vote on a request to approve the Earl Thompson Park Master Plan and Southwest Park Master Plan

Attachments: [Earl Thompson Park master plan map and cost estimate](#)
[Southwest Park Master Plan map and cost estimate](#)
[Earl Thompson and Southwest Master plans powerpoint final](#)

*Parks and Recreation Director Tracy Burnett gave a presentation to the Board.
(Presentation attached)*

The County Manager stressed that the costs mentioned are estimates only.

Commissioner Wilkie stated the American Legion building in Bear Creek is vacant. He asked if anyone had looked into putting the civic center there. Ms. Burnett stated she did not realize it was vacant and they have not looked into that. She would have staffing concerns if the civic center was located away from the park.

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

Aye: 4 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Crawford and Commissioner Howard

No: 1 - Commissioner Wilkie

CLOSED SESSION

[19-3196](#)

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

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

End of Work Session

Regular Session - 6:00 PM - Historic Courthouse Courtroom

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

INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Dasher asked everyone to observe a moment of silence after which he invited everyone present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dasher welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA and CONSENT AGENDA

The Board added item #19-3190 to consent agenda and the CAM site wastewater MOU letter.

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

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

[19-3181](#)

Vote on a request to approve the July 15, 2019 Work and Regular Session Minutes.

Attachments: [Draft Minutes 07.15.2019](#)

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

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

[19-3168](#)

Vote on a request to approve the FY 2020-2021 budget calendar

Attachments: [FY 21 BudgetCalendar](#)

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

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

[19-3179](#)

Vote on a request to adopt a Resolution appointing Angela McMahon and Jack Jin, and reappointing Amy Moore, Amy Gilbert, and Teresa Clark as plat Review Officers.

Attachments: [Appointing Review Officers 8-19-19](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, that this Resolution #2019-36 appointing Angela McMahon and Jack Jin, and reappointing Amy Moore, Amy Gilbert, and Teresa Clark as Plat

Review Officers, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[19-3199](#)

Vote on a request to appoint Wendi Pillars to the Climate Change Advisory Committee.

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

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

[19-3191](#)

Vote on a request to approve appointments to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC).

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

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

[19-3183](#)

Vote on a Request to approve the DayMark Lease and authorize the County Manager to sign the lease

Attachments: [Daymark Lease with Routing Form](#)

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

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

[19-3188](#)

Vote on a request to approve Water Withdrawal Agreement with Colvard Farms Development Company, LLC.

Attachments: [Colvard Farms Water Agreement - 080119](#)

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

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

[19-3218](#)

Vote on a request to approve water withdrawal agreement with Old Chatham Golf Club and authorize the County Manager to execute the agreement.

Attachments: [Third Water Withdrawal Agreement 20190814](#)

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

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

[19-3189](#)

Vote on a request to approve the Southern Health Partners agreement and authorize the County Manager to execute the agreement.

Attachments: [13th Amendment Southern Health Partnership July 1 2019-June 30 2020](#)
[FY20 Price Increase](#)

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

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

[19-3206](#)

Vote on a request to adopt the Chatham County Transportation Plan for Involuntary Commitment 2019

Attachments: [Invol Commitment Plan](#)

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

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

[19-3190](#)

Vote on a request to approve Sheriff Vehicle Purchase 2019-2020.

Attachments: [19-05-0911 Dodge AWD 3.6L- WDEE75-2BZ Specification #148](#)
[19-05-0911 Ford T-350 Transit Van](#)
[Dodge Durango V-6 AWD Quote](#)
[T-350 Ford Transit Van Quote](#)

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

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

[19-3175](#)

Vote on a request to approve Grants to the Recreation Agencies recommendations.

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

following vote:

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

[19-3205](#)

Vote on a request to approve the County contributing \$1,000 and 8 oz. of Chatham County soil to the North Carolina National Guard Museum Foundation for the purpose of the placement of a monument to our forgotten soldiers of WWI on State Capitol grounds and placement of a new monument in France and funds will come from contingency.

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

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

[19-3192](#)

Vote on a request to approve the naming of two private roads in Chatham County

Attachments: [DEEP ROOTS ROAD PETITION](#)
 [DEEP ROOTS RD MAP](#)
 [HARRIS FAMILY TRAIL PETITION](#)
 [HARRIS FAMILY TRAIL MAP](#)

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

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

[19-3193](#)

Vote on a request to approve Tax Releases and Refunds

Attachments: [July 2019 Release and Refund Report](#)
 [July 2019 NCVTS Pending Refund Report](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, that the Tax Releases and Refunds, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

End of Consent Agenda

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

[19-3198](#)

Introduction to and picture with Chatham County's NC Association of County Commissioners Conference YouthVoice Delegate.

Riley Pankow addressed the Board to inform them that he will be the County's YouthVoice representative at the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Conference. The Board thanked Mr. Pankow for his participation and stated they look forward to seeing him at the conference.

[19-3219](#)

CAM Site Wastewater Capacity MOU Letter of Acknowledgement in Concurrence

County Manager Dan LaMontagne stated that the CAM Site Wastewater Capacity MOU Letter of Acknowledgement Concurrence is a letter to Siler City Mayor John Grimes on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners. The letter is a written acknowledgement in concurrence of the proposed memorandum of understanding between the Town of Siler City, Tim Booras and David Griffin which will reduce the wastewater allocation to the CAM Site. The reduction will not affect the state certification or recertification of the site. The County Manager asked the Board to approve the letter.

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

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

[19-3217](#)

Introduction of new Public Information Officer

County Manager Dan LaMontagne introduced the County's new Public Information Officer Kara Lusk Dudley.

[19-3197](#)

Vote on a request to adopt a Resolution Honoring the Silver Award Project of Four Scouts From Chatham Girl Scout Troup #1006 - "Skip the Straw".

Attachments: [Skip the Straw Resolution](#)

Chair Dasher read the resolution into the record. He invited the four Girl Scouts to come up front to receive a framed copy of the resolution and pose for pictures.

A motion was made by Commissioner Howard, seconded by Vice Chair Hales, that Resolution #19-37 Honoring the Silver Award Project of Four Scouts From Chatham Girl Scout Troup #1006 - "Skip the Straw", attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[19-3182](#)

Special Presentation on Fair Housing by Jack Holtzman, Co-Director of the Fair Housing Project, Legal Aid of NC

Attachments: [AFFH Reqmts for Local Govt 8 8 19](#)

Jack Holtzman, Co-Director of the Fair Housing Project, Legal Aid of NC, gave a presentation to the Board. (Presentation attached)

PUBLIC HEARINGS[19-3176](#)

A Legislative Public Hearing to consider County-initiated rezonings of 14 selected businesses in the formerly unzoned portion of Chatham County.

Attachments: [More information from the Planning Department website](#)
[9 Parcel Rezoning Attachment](#)

Planner Hunter Glenn reviewed the specifics of the request.

The Chairman opened the hearing.

David Proffit stated he lived near the wedding venue site. He and other neighbors have reviewed the application. They are not in favor of some of the proposed new uses. The five neighbors were in agreement that they wanted this rezoning to be denied.

The Chairman closed the hearing.

This Agenda Item was referred to the Planning Board.

[19-3177](#)

A Quasi-Judicial public hearing request by Andrea Snyder for a conditional use permit revision to add multiple uses permitted in B-1, located on Parcel No. 82736, 587 Old Farrington Rd., Williams Township.

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

The Chair administered the oath to those wishing to speak.

Planning Director Jason Sullivan reviewed the specifics of the request.

Mr. Sullivan: Give me just a second so I can pull up the GIS system so we can get oriented. Good evening commissioners. This is a conditional permit revision so this particular property has been zoned for Conditional Use B1 for a number of years. This actually predates the process that we currently have so none of you may be familiar with the old process we used to have, which was a parallel conditional use district rezoning and then a conditional use permit. It was a somewhat confusing process and we now have the conditional district rezoning which combines those two processes. We still have these legacy conditional use B1 districts with conditional use permits. In this particular situation, the conditional use permit was issued for a hair salon and it has been used that way for a number of years. Now the owner's desire is to sell the property and to make it more appealing, they would like to increase the number of uses that are currently allowed through the conditional use permit. What I will pull up on the screen are the proposed uses Ms. Snyder would like to add to the conditional use permit. These are all uses currently allowed in the B1 zoning district. It is not the entire list of uses but a smaller subset. There are more uses that are currently allowed which is that one single use. There are no proposed changes to the site plan. Because this is a conditional use permit, there was a site plan that had to be submitted and approved with the application and there are no proposed changes to that. The only revision to this permit would be the additional uses. If you have any questions, I will be happy to try to answer them. I am not sure if anyone has signed up for this public hearing.

Vice Chair Hales: So, you said out of the list of possibilities those were the ones she chose to help her market her property.

Mr. Sullivan: That is correct.

Vice Chair Hales: It only applies to a corner of her property?

Mr. Sullivan: No, it would apply to the entire property.

Vice Chair Hales: With conditional D1.

Mr. Sullivan: The conditional use B1 with the overlying conditional use permit.

Vice Chair Hales: Oh, okay, so she does not, a different owner of the next one down...

Mr. Sullivan: Yes, there are two other properties that are to the south of this that are zoned conditional use neighborhood business, I believe. This would only apply to what is shown in a light green color.

Vice Chair Hales: She did not want conditional use neighborhood business?

Mr. Sullivan: No, at the time she applied I don't know, well conditional neighborhood business wouldn't have been an option. B1 was the only business district that we had as an option for rezoning.

Commissioner Crawford: Jason, can you identify the cross street...

Commissioner Howard: Is that Whipperwheel?

Mr. Sullivan: Yes, Whipperwheel and Old Farrington Road.

Commissioner Howard: And the list of uses that she is looking at now, would they be covered by neighborhood business?

Mr. Sullivan: I would have to go back and look at the ordinance and do a comparison but those are typically uses you would find in neighborhood business. But again, because this is a conditional use permitting process, the site plan and the uses are all tied to the approval. If the additional uses are approved, then that becomes part of the permit. Nobody could expand beyond that. There can be no expansion or change to the site plan unless it came back to the Board for a revision like we are doing tonight.

Chair Dasher: I am assuming that the adjacent residences....(inaudible). The residents have all been made aware of this?

Mr. Sullivan: I think the notification would have gone just to the property owners association, because we mail to adjoining property owners. I don't know that it would have included the property owners within the neighborhood. We did post a sign as well as a public hearing sign at the corner.

Chair Dasher: I guess the folks that would specifically back up to that.

Mr. Sullivan: It is the property owners' association.

Chair Dasher: There are residents that back up to that property.

Commissioner Howard: *Is this list speculative? Is it intended to just make the property more desirable for a purchaser or is there something that suggests that businesses are, is the intention to have businesses on that strip? It is a very residential area.*

Chair Dasher: *I think if we were to approve that, then any of those could potentially buy that and locate there.*

Mr. Sullivan: *But only on this one tract.*

Chair Dasher: *That is what I was getting at, even with the sign on that property. If I lived behind there, I might not even make a connection.*

Commissioner Howard: *In full disclosure, I live there and I did not see a sign. I only know from our agenda. But, that does not mean that people were paying more attention and did not see it.*

Chair Dasher administered the oath to another person wishing to speak.

Andrea Snyder: *I do own the property that we are speaking about. Currently the property is CUB1 use for a hair salon. I got it rezoned twelve years ago. It is currently under contract for one of the uses as an accounting office. All of the potential uses, which I put the application in prior to the contract, were under the B1 use category. All are potentially approved under that. The neighbor to the right is Bud Matthew's business. The property to the left is wooded area that is Governor's Village wooded area that has no housing on it. It is a wooded back so it is very covered from potential neighbors back there. Those people were notified by mail of this meeting. There is a sign on the front lawn that has been there for a couple of weeks about a public hearing. The usage as far as parking, utilities, and sewer and all of that is in my application. Everything would be sort of downgraded for an accounting office. Probably less people in and out. No issues with sewer or water. I am hooked in to the Governor's Club and Carolina Meadows' sewer and all of that anyway. It is more of a commercial type space when it comes to that. The other property on that same side, next to Bud Matthew's business, is also a commercial property. I don't know if it is CUB1 but it is something that has to do with keeping heavy equipment there and it is more of an industrial type use. I am happy to answer any other questions.*

Commissioner Howard: *I do know that your beauty salon, hair salon, it is light use. It is not a lot of traffic in and out. I am wondering if whether some of these might be more heavily, you know, trafficked.*

Ms. Snyder: *Some of them may be. I thought, here's my chance. I need to put as many on as possible, but really the reality is that I do have a very serious buyer who is an accounting firm. So, office, business professional, governmental is what I am looking at. Some are also a little lower usage. That was my intent when I put that many on.*

Chair Dasher: *And how big is the site?*

Ms. Snyder: *The site is 1.137 acres. The house is about 1,327 square feet.*

Chair Dasher: *Yeah, I would think some of those more intensive uses, like a medical office or something, probably the site itself would be kind of prohibitive to do a lot.*

Commissioner Crawford: *It will always be a small business opportunity.*

Commissioner Howard: *So Jason, I do have a question about that. If we were to move forward with this list, what would be, if someone else were to come along and want to open a medical clinic, inpatient or outpatient, would there be an opportunity to put in some limiting factors or is it just whatever can fit on that footprint?*

Mr. Sullivan: *Whatever can fit on that footprint, to be honest with you, some of these uses probably wouldn't fit too well. Lawn and garden shops might be a stretch or what you think of as a medical clinic might not be on the same scale. It might be one doctor in that structure versus having a clinic where you have five or six doctors. I think the scale would be very different just for the limiting factor of the property. We have the built upon area limits, which is another limiting factor for any further expansion, even if they came back to the Board, is going to limit the uses on that property. Other considerations moving forward from the public hearing, the Board has the discretion. You don't have to approve the full list. If there are some uses that are concerning, those could be struck from the list, as long as Ms. Snyder is okay with that.*

Ms. Snyder: *That is what I was told as well.*

Chair Dasher: *No one else has signed up to speak.*

Clerk: *No.*

Mr. Sullivan: *No decision is needed tonight. Once the hearing is closed, it is forwarded to the Planning Board for their review.*

Chair Dasher: *Then that is what we will do. Thank you.*

The Chair closed the hearing.

This Agenda Item was referred to the Planning Board.

BOARD PRIORITIES

[19-3184](#)

Vote on a request by Nicolas Robinson, on behalf of Old North State Water Company, for a Compact Communities Ordinance (CCO) waiver to allow a 30' utility easement within the 300' perimeter buffer between Briar Chapel SD-East commercial area and Fearington Village.

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

Planning Director Jason Sullivan reviewed the specifics of the request.

Lee Bowman with Envirolink addressed the Board. The Old North State Water Company is a regulated utility that owns the infrastructure and permits while Envirolink is the operations manager.

Vice Chair Hales asked about the recent sewer issues in Briar Chapel. Mr. Bowman said there have been three or four breaks in the line in the past few months. Envirolink is dedicated to getting that resolved. It is called a pressure wave. They have been able to determine it is a result of cycling off the pump. Engineers are

working to get it resolved.

Nick Robinson, attorney for the applicant, addressed the Board. He requested the Board approve the waiver.

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

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

19-3107

Vote on a request to approve a legislative request to consider amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to require a conditional use permit for assembly occupancies in residential zoning districts and consider waiving conditional use permit application fees for those uses as recommended by the Planning Board.

Attachments: [Places of Assembly- Attachment](#)
[-Redlined ZO Sections Assembly Occupancies and Height Limits](#)
[More information from the Planning Department website](#)
[More information from the Planning Department website](#)

Planning Director Jason Sullivan reviewed the specifics of the request. This would only impact new facilities.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hales, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, that Resolution #2019-38 Adopting a Consistency Statement for the Approval of Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof, be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

The Board discussed waiving the fees for the newly approved uses for conditional use permits.

Chair Dasher believes by waiving the fee the County is giving applicants an incentive to locate in a residential area.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, to approve waiving the fees for the newly approved conditional use permit uses. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Howard and Commissioner Wilkie

No: 1 - Chair Dasher

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Howard Fifer submitted the following comments:

Good evening Commissioners. My name is Howard Fifer and I am a resident of Chatham County.

I have always believed that the good people of Chatham, left to their own devices, would be able to work out the issue of the Confederate monument in a way everyone would be proud of. The lengthy public hearing held a few months ago on this subject supports that belief. And when the commissioners proposed and entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the monument's owner, the Winnie Davis Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, at the June 17 meeting, it appeared that might happen.

Chatham for All did a public records request and learned that Commissioner Dasher had started the negotiation process before that meeting on June 17, with a letter on May 14 to Barbara Pugh (President of the Winnie Davis branch of the UDC), requesting a meeting to "see if there are any possible scenarios that would be mutually agreeable and respectful of all involved." Ms. Pugh accepted that invitation. Following their meeting, she wrote to Commissioner Dasher that she and others she checked with would be willing to work out a solution. The Memorandum of Understanding, agreed to unanimously by our county commissioners and signed by the Winnie Davis Chapter of the UDC, was entered into on June 17.

But then on June 22, Sara Powell, the President of the North Carolina United Daughters of the Confederacy, tweeted her opposition to "reimagining" or removing the UDC's monument. Subsequently, Ms. Pugh reneged on the agreement to work out a solution, and asserted that removing or altering the monument would be unlawful, as it had been a gift to the County. All public records regarding the monument, as well as the inscription on the monument itself, prove that this new assertion, that the monument was gifted to the County, is without foundation and legally indefensible.

In light of the bad faith in these negotiations by the Winnie Davis chapter the UDC, we ask that there be no further delay in doing what is right under the law and for the people of Chatham County. We ask the Board to revoke the license it granted in 1907, allow the Chapter thirty days to remove its monument, and if not removed by the end of those thirty days, to remove it. It is time to move on.

Jim Ward submitted the following comments:

My name is James Ward and I live in Orange County. I do own some property in Chatham and my ancestors, the Daniels, settled here in the mid 1700's . So I am interested in what happens in Chatham. In fact, I believe that all native North Carolinians should be concerned when a government talks about taking down a monument to their ancestors.

This Pittsboro statue was erected in 1907 with the simple motive of honoring the Confederate Army and Navy veterans of Chatham County. Not for the few Union soldiers of Chatham or the Spanish American War veterans of Chatham, just Confederates. There were quite a few monuments to these veterans erected in the South during the late 1800's and early 1900's and the reason was because the Confederate veterans were growing older or dying out and the UDC made a concentrated effort to get these statues up before all the veterans were lost. The ladies of the UDC raised the money themselves over a period of years. I doubt

seriously that they appealed to donors by saying that the statues would act to suppress the black population. Their appeal was to donate in order to honor their family members who fought for the South.

I suspect that those who are so vociferous about removing Confederate Memorials are buying into the fallacy perpetrated by the ultra-leftist social warriors that America is irretrievably racist and misogynist and all symbols of this original sin must be wiped out. Begin with what they consider symbols of white oppression, then march back thru history with pitchforks at the ready to destroy those Founding Fathers of this country who even have a hint of racism. There is no end of things in our history that some group will find "offensive". I'm also beginning to think that those who want to take down the monument are in competition with Durham and Orange counties to see who lives in the most "woke" communities. I hope I am wrong about this impression.

All we ask is that you, the Commissioners, being the upright and law abiding citizens that you are, obey the State law and leave the statue in Pittsboro alone. It is there to honor our ancestors and that is its only purpose. Thank you.

John Shirley supports leaving the statue in its current location.

Emily Moose submitted the following comments:

Good evening. My name is Emily Moose, I am a resident of Chatham County and supporter of Chatham for All, here in that capacity alone. I am a Southerner and a North Carolina native, whose ancestors include a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Confederate soldiers and a Daughter of the American Revolution. Now that I have "credentialed" myself, I would like to clearly state that NONE OF THIS SHOULD MATTER. In the United States of America, we should ALL expect our government to uphold our basic human rights--in deed and in symbol.

For the last two years, members of this community have asked you to return this statue to its owner, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, or UDC. Native and newcomer, veteran and civilian, Republican and Democrat, African American, white, Hispanic, and near every demographic slice of our County have made compelling arguments for why this statue should be returned. In summary--and for anyone new to the conversation--I ask you to consider the following:

- 1. The majority of speakers coming before you support Chatham For All's request: peaceful, legal removal of the monument in front of the courthouse, and return to its owner, the UDC.*
- 2. You have a petition with nearly 1,000 signatures from residents of this County asking you to do the same. The opposing petition misled signers in representing the monument as an honor to African Americans.*
- 3. You have the legal authority to revoke the license granted to the Winnie Davis UDC in 1907, and remove the monument if the UDC fails to remove it within a reasonable time. The Winnie Davis UDC now claims the monument was a "gift" to the county; however, all public records show that claim to be legally unsupported. The monument's inscription says it's a gift to "Confederate Heroes," not to the people of Chatham County.*
- 4. There is an overwhelming moral case for removal, as any public monument to a system codifying one race's superiority over another is antithetical to the values America claims to uphold, constitutes a public endorsement of white supremacy, and*

undermines the 14th Amendment guaranteeing equal protection under the law.

This statue will eventually go to rest in another place, whether it's a cemetery, a historic battleground, or on someone's private property. How we handle this as a community is another conversation, and an important one-one we're having alongside communities across America. Your leadership in hosting this conversation is an example Chatham County can be proud of as we work through this together, with love and respect, and emerge a more resilient community.

We are a changing County in a rapidly changing world, and we are all wrestling with this change. But one thing I hope we can unite around is the principle of liberty and justice for all. You have the information, community support, legal authority and moral clarity to make your decision swiftly. We hope you will do the right thing. Thank you.

Tony Gaeta supports the removal of the statue.

Roxanne Schager supports the removal of the statue.

Jane Allen Wilson supports the removal of the statue to the Veterans memorial in Siler City.

Betty Wilson supports the removal of the statue to a more appropriate place.

Linda Cotton supports the removal of the statue.

Dorasue Christian supports the statue remaining in its current location.

Jeannie D'Aurora submitted the following comments:

In 1997, I traveled back to "the old home place" in West Virginia (formerly Virginia, until, as you know, the western part of the State broke away during the Civil War). Serving their own ends, some referred to our Civil War as "the War Against Northern Aggression" thereby making it easier to recruit non-slave-owning men (the majority) to fight for the rich man's right to own slaves. A few men and boys in our family bought into this and left home to fight and die on the side of the Confederacy. Most fought to preserve the Union, referring to it as "the War of Secesh and Insurrection" given that the the South seceded from the Union and a short time later fired the first shots on Fort Sumter in Charleston.

Anyway, before 1997, I last saw the old home place the day after my grandmother's funeral in 1971. No one in the family wanted to make a life there so it was sold to a distant cousin. Although I appreciated these friendly folks allowing me to wander through the house and out across the yard, I was nearly overwhelmed by feelings of loss and sadness. Against all reason, I was shocked to find that over the years the new owners had completely gutted the place inside and out and refashioned it to reflect their priorities and the changing times! How dare they! Gone was Pap's porch swing, Grandma's kitchen, her garden, the banging screen doors, the ever-present flies, the

outbuildings, the pig pen, the smells, even the railroad tracks behind the house had been taken up. Apparently I had foolishly hoped against all reason that subsequent owners would leave it unchanged as a memorial to my family ... head-shakingly unrealistic of me!

So I understand that that statue out there reminds some in this room of dearly-loved family members who taught them to revere it as the very embodiment of ancestors who fought and maybe even died in the Civil War. I understand that it wouldn't feel right to them if it were taken down and moved somewhere else. But the reality is that that statue was placed in front of this very courthouse in 1907, during the "Jim Crow era" to intimidate Black Americans and send the clear message that they would find no justice inside.

Tomorrow we mark the 400th anniversary of the first Black African slaves brought into Virginia in 1619 (although we were already enslaving the natives). We are rightly taking this opportunity to examine how slavery, referred to as our country's original sin, has left its mark. I take no pride in reporting that my own genealogy research indicates that my family (approximately thirteen generations back on my maternal grandfather's side) was accompanied by one female slave when they landed at Jamestown in 1622.

I ask the Board of Commissioners to return this statue to the United Daughters of the Confederacy who loaned it to the City in 1907. The UDC can then place it in an appropriate setting—a museum, a cemetery or other non-civic space. This is preferable to having it come down like Durham's and Chapel Hill's in a way that further divides and wounds our community.

I suggest that the loyalty of this Board of Commissioners and all citizens of the country must be to the United States of America not to an armed insurrection against our country—not to a Lost Cause dream of white supremacy. Pitting white Americans against black Americans or any other group of citizens or immigrants is not the way to move forward together. It is America fighting itself which makes us vulnerable to our real enemies. In the words of Lincoln, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

Kay Roberts submitted the following comments:

Article from New York Times April 2 2012 - New estimate raises Civil war death toll "For 110 years, the numbers stood as gospel: 618,222 men died in the Civil War, 360,222 from the North and 258,000 from the South - by far the greatest toll of any war in American history. But new research shows that the numbers were far too low. By combing through newly digitized census data from the 19th century, J. David Hacker, a demographic historian from Binghamton University in New York, has recalculated the death toll and increased it by more than 20 percent - to 750,000."

If this war was fought today, the casualties would be over 6.2 million people. Imagine coming back home from this war and knowing that the life you lived before is over. Imagine the destruction you've witnessed, the friends and family you have seen die the most horrible deaths. I'm sure they came back with mental problems modern day soldiers have seldom experienced. There were no support groups, no TV shows to take their minds off of what they had witnessed. I'm sure they were depressed, confused and lost as to how they would recover. The women of the South saw and recognized their plight. They were also feeling the same feelings. They had lost their husbands, brothers and children. Times were hard with no money and a future to rebuild. The people of Chatham County living at that time were no different from anyone else in that

time period. Chatham County was divided on leaving the Union, but once it did so it lost nearly one-fifth of its people.

I do not think that for once the statues were erected to symbolize white supremacy or in some way to intimidate other people. I think they were erected to restore the soul of the Confederate soldier and to let them know they were loved. These men carried for the rest of their lives the scars of war. Some had missing limbs, and all kinds of disabilities. A monument was the least the people could do to restore their faith. I believe they were put in prominent places because that was the hub of trade. What good would it have done to place it in some cornfield? I know that modern times are not what they used to be, but I do know that people are still people and need the same things since the beginning of time. Everyone wants to believe that there is someone waiting for them to help them overcome their pain. They want to feel love. This is exactly what Our Confederate Heroes Monument stands for. Don't let them hijack this statue to make it something it is not. LEAVE IT ALONE!

Lisa Hudson submitted the following comments:

My name is Lisa Hudson and I have lived in Chatham County my whole life. Until the recent controversy stirred up by a small but vocal group, I had never heard a complaint or negative comment about our Confederate statue. This group, that has the audacity to call themselves Chatham for All, has decided that they want it removed. Chatham for All most certainly does not represent the views and wishes of all, or even of a majority, but they most certainly do want to impose their will on all.

I am afraid you county commissioners have already made up your minds about the statue despite the outpouring of pleas from county residents to leave it alone. You were not elected to represent, or bend to the will of, Chatham for All. You were elected to represent ALL Chatham County residents, the majority of whom I believe want the statue left where it has proudly stood, without rancor or controversy, for over 100 years.

T.C. Hudson and his friend support the statue remaining in its current location.

Beth McLaurin supports the statue remaining in its current location.

Woody Weaver supports the statue remaining in its current location.

Barbara Pugh submitted the following comments:

The Truth is the Mother of Virtue. If you destroy the Truth, there is no Virtue left. Some say this Monument should come down because it is a monument to slavery. They say that the soldiers memorialized were fighting for slavery. That the war was about slavery and nothing else. These are all untruths.

The truth is that the Confederacy was for limited and decentralized government, as opposed to a strong central government with one-size fits all policies from Washington, D.C. The Confederacy was against high taxes and for free trade. These are things we fight for today.

There is a mountain of evidence that the War was not about slavery:

1) See Lincoln's own words to Horace Greely, influential editor of the New York Tribune;

<http://www.abrahamlincolnonline.org/lincoln/speeches/greeley.htm>

2) See the original 13th Amendment, The Corwin Amendment; This Constitutional Amendment would have guaranteed protection for the institution of Slavery forever, if the Confederate States would only return to the Union. It was passed by Congress and promoted by Lincoln at his inaugural address. The war started before the Corwin Amendment could be ratified. Check it out sometime and explain how the war was about slavery.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Corwin_Amendment

3) The Emancipation Proclamation. If the war was about slavery, Lincoln would not have promoted the Corwin Amendment at his Inauguration. Instead he would have announced The Emancipation Proclamation that day. Instead, he waited until January 1, 1863 to announce the Emancipation Proclamation. Even then, the Proclamation only freed slaves in areas controlled by the Confederacy where Lincoln had no power, and left slaves in areas controlled by the Union untouched. Makes sense right? Only if you have no regard for the truth.

What was the war about. For about 5% of the free people in the South, including over 3,000 black slave owners in New Orleans, the war was about slavery, because they had money invested in the institution. The rest, the 95% majority, had little stake in Slavery. Slavery was not beneficial to them, and actually suppressed development of free labor markets. The bigger issue for most, was control of the government and the economy dominated by the North. This domination was exemplified by the Morrill Tariff Act. That Act placed a 48% tax on Southern goods. The Yellow Vest French people recently rioted over a 14% per cent tax. The war was, as most everything else is, including the debate today, about money, greed, and power.

Patsy Hancock submitted the following comments:

Let it be heard, we the citizens of Chatham County expect our Commissioners to uphold the laws of North Carolina and not try to circumvent or look for loop holes to challenge the laws of our state. There were over 1900 citizens from this county who went to war to protect this county and they deserve the respect of their sacrifice whether you believe in their cause or not. The people fighting for the South were still Americans and the US Government eventually treated them as such.

The graveyards around this Courthouse and throughout the county hold the bodies of these soldiers, Pittsboro Baptist, Pittsboro Presbyterian, Pittsboro Methodist, Manns Chapel, St. Bartholomews Episcopal Church. Many soldiers never made it back home. They lay in places like Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Frederick, Maryland, Blandford Church Cemetery in Petersburg Virginia, Cypress Hills Cemetery in Brooklyn New York, Woodlawn National Cemetery in Elmira New York, and Confederate Cemetery in Point Lookout Maryland.

They had names like Alston, Andrews, Barbee, Beavers, Bennett, Brantley, Bright, Brooks, Burke, Bynum, Carpenter, Council, Crutchfield, Dark, Edwards, Ellis, Emerson, Farrell, Ferrington, Foushee, Fox, Fuquay, Gilmore, Goldston, Goodwin, Graham, Hackney, Hadley, Harris, Herndon, Hilliard, Holland, Holt, Horton, Howard, Jenkins, Johnson, Jones, Kelly, Lassiter, Mann, Mason, Merritt, Morgan, Mulholland,

Nelson, Norwood, Oldham, Parrish, Patterson, Pendergrass, Perry, Petty, Phillips, Poe, Powell, Richardson, Riddle, Riggsbee, Rives, Rogers, Sears, Siler, Smith, Snipes, Stone, Tally, Thomas, Thompson, Tillman, Upchurch, Waddell, Ward, Webster, Wilkie, Williams, Wilson, Womble, and Yates.

These are our ancestors. Some names may sound familiar because there are roads named after them, they own businesses in this county, they may be your neighbor or you may shop at their establishments. Will they be the next target? You bet it will. Stop this nonsense and concentrate on issues that will actually help out the people of Chatham County.

Adele Kelly submitted the following comments:

I want to thank the County Commissioners for encouraging a community discussion on the Confederate statue. I know this is a controversial topic, and I'm sure that you have experienced the brunt of it. I am Adele Kelly, a Chatham County resident. I want to voice my opinion on why I favor the removal of this statue to a more appropriate location. Many events have taken place since its installation: our changes in demographics, formation of new businesses, and discussions of our values. This statue does not reflect who we are today, and I request that it be moved to a location other than at our town hall, the place of our county seat. This statue represents exclusion. It is an affront to many members of our community, and thus should not sit in such a prominent location. We are a community that welcomes all people, regardless of race, religion and beliefs. That is our strength. We accept change as a way to grow. These changes encourage new ideas and new businesses to become part of our thriving future. We must also serve as moral leaders to our children, teaching them tolerance and understanding of our past and our present, in order to create an educated population who wants to stay here and grow our future. I urge our commissioners to vote in favor of the removal of this statue to a place more reflective, appropriate to its history. On another note, I encourage all people in the community to eat at A and I Chicken Shack in Siler City, a place that has recently been a victim of racial bigotry. We are not these people and must support all businesses in our county.

Dean Cameron submitted the following comments:

What is a more fitting place for historical monument than in front of a museum? Now we are here discussing removing an American monument, yes, it is an American monument. The deadliest war in American history, family against family. Over 150 years ago the war between the north and south was for many reasons, not only over slavery, but also over what many of that era thought it was a second revolution for independence. Many of the southern soldiers only saw it as an invasion of their homelands and was fighting to repeal the invaders. Around 10 percent and less owned slaves during this time, but around 90 percent went to bear arms against the those that were coming onto their lands to force an agenda that southerners saw unlawful.

Now is slavery wrong? Of course it is, but 150 years ago it was an institution accepted by many cultures in America. Many free black citizens of that era also owned slaves, not only white citizens. You are now trying to judge citizens of this era by today's standards. How is this possible, 150 years ago no indoor plumbing, no tv, no phones, no electricity?

I was born here, raised here, in a community with mixed races. We respect each other,

many of the families are several generations of property owners that have been passed down to the next generation, mine included as I hope to pass down to the next generation. I have family that is buried in Bear Creek, Carbonton and Lee County. How many of you sitting here today can say this? I was raised to assess a person by their character not by their race.

This statute was raised for the brave soldiers that fought and died on American soil. Today we see more statues being vandalized with very little punishment to discourage vandals from doing this time an again. I have meet and talked with many American veterans many who are from different parts of our nation from New Jersey, and the western states. They are applauded that American veterans' statues are being taken down, what will be next? Ask yourselves, is this really what we want to teach the next generation that if you don't agree with history just remove the monuments and sites that are about history?

History is history, those who chose to ignore it are doomed to repeat it. This was a lesson I was taught at a very young age from family and school.

Steve Kelly supports the statue remaining in its current location.

Efrain Ramirez supports removing the statue to a more appropriate location.

Joyce Cotten supports the statue remaining in its current location.

BOARD PRIORITIES

19-3180 Update on Confederate Monument Discussions

Chair Dasher stated that he was asked at the last meeting to provide an update tonight on the negotiations with the UDC. The Board approved an MOU to work with the Winnie Davis Chapter of the UDC. The UDC agreed to the MOU and signed the MOU then made it clear they were not going to have any further discussions on any modifications to that.

Commissioner Howard stated she was disappointed that the UDC did not want to work with the County on reimagining the monument.

Vice Chair Hales stated she was also disappointed and read the following statement:

There are many stories about the Confederacy. One blames the federal government for aggression when the southern states seceded from the United States. The reason for secession was called "state's rights." The only right that mattered to the powerful ruling class was the continuation of the economic system that held humans in chattel slavery, generation after generation...for more than 200 years. The children and grandchildren of slaves were property that could be sold, or worse. The US Constitution, Article 1, was our foundation law that ensured southern states could maintain Congressional prominence, and thereby create laws favorable to continuation

of slavery economics. Congressional allocation of districts counted, not just free persons, but also counted all non-free persons...slaves...as 3/5 a person. By 1860 the US slave population was 3.9 million. The Congressional discourse over expansion of slavery into new western territories raised both moral and constitutional issues leading up to the Civil War. The direct cause of the Civil War was the south firing on the federal installation at Fort Sumter, South Carolina.

Another story about the Confederacy is that this monument represents all those who died, so that they can be venerated and remembered. The County courthouse was the center of government, which is why it was selected by the Daughters of the Confederacy. The monument positioned the soldier facing north, toward the aggressors who destroyed the southern slave economy. We all know the horrors both north and south of this war and the still-standing record of thousands of lives lost in battles and to starvation and disease. It is worth commemorating and retelling the stories of people who died fighting for their country.

But, the monument speaks to more than dead soldiers. It reflects the reality of early 1900's America where millions of freed slaves were trying to sort out how and where to live and feed their families, and get an education, which had been denied to them by law. In the southern states, reaction to the loss of property and weakening of white entitlement resulted in new laws and practices of Jim Crow. The enemy was easy to identify... and could be manipulated by fear. That is what the monument represented then and now, 150 years later. It is not exclusively homage to the soldiers who died, but a constant reminder of the brutality, second-class status, and political power the white population has and can exercise over our citizen neighbors with dark skin.

The soldiers should be remembered and their stories recounted, but the monument should be relocated to an appropriate commemorative site. This historic Chatham Courthouse is our front doorstep and everyone deserves respect.

Commissioner Crawford made a motion to approve to terminate the 1907 order granting the Winnie Davis chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy the right to maintain and keep their monument within the courthouse circle. By October 1, 2019 the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Winnie Davis chapter, shall communicate in writing to the county manager their plan for the final disposition of the monument (the statue and its pedestal). The county manager shall make a good faith effort to assist in the implementation of the local UDC's plan, according the monument and its custodians their due respect. If no plan for the disposition of the monument is received by the manager's office by October 1st, 2019, then the statue and its pedestal shall be declared a public trespass on November, 1st, 2019. The monument represents government speech that at one time was consistent with the ruling values of the county, but now its message is inconsistent with the ruling values of the county.

Commissioner Howard seconded the motion. She stated the members of the Board have never advocated for destroying the statue. They have advocated to have the statue moved to a more appropriate location. She proposed that the community look into having some sort of reconciliation panel so people can walk through these difficult issues.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford, seconded by Commissioner Howard, A motion to approve to terminate the 1907 order granting the Winnie Davis chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy the right to maintain and keep their monument within the courthouse circle. By October 1, 2019 the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Winnie Davis chapter, shall communicate in writing to the county manager their plan for the final

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Aye: 4 - Chair Dasher, Vice Chair Hales, Commissioner Crawford and Commissioner Howard

No: 1 - Commissioner Wilkie

MANAGER' S REPORTS

Mr. LaMontagne distributed documents with the nominations for EDC Board seats on behalf of the EDC Director Alyssa Byrd, who was unable to attend the meeting. They have adjusted the terms of the Board and Taylor Hobbs is up for reappointment by the Board of Commissioners by October 31. He would like to be reappointed. If the BOC would like him to continue to serve, they can reappoint him. If not, the position can be advertised. Vice Chair Hales recommended that the EDC Board take another look at the new terms. She would like it to be made clearer when the appointments would occur. She requested the item be revisited in September, Mr. LaMontagne said this would not be a problem. Chair Dasher said that Mr. Hobbs still has the support of the BOC, even if the reappointment is not formalized yet.

Ms. Lindsay Ray, the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, took a moment to wish Commissioner Howard an early happy birthday.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Howard had one update from the DCHC MPO. They are looking at having more meetings with other regional groups while considering transportation options. Work on the traffic circle on Mt. Carmel Road has generated a lot of talk in the Northeastern part of the county; it's taking a lot of time. It will not be done until spring of next year so the disruption will continue through the winter. Upon completion, these improvements will help to alleviate the traffic that backs up onto 15-501. She has her last executive District Director meeting this upcoming Wednesday and will not be here for the Leadership Academy graduation. She will be attending the annual commissioners' conference with Commissioner Crawford, Vice Chair Hales, the Clerk to the Board and the County Manager as well.

Vice Chair Hales asked who would be attending the Leadership Graduation at 2:30 on Thursday. She said it is a very special event because it honors staff leadership training.

Commissioner Wilkie was pleased to tell the Board that the Town of Pittsboro gave tax credits to 48 units for affordable housing. Vice Chair Hales asked where the units were and, after some discussion, the commissioners determined they are behind the post office.

Vice Chair Hales is glad that everyone will be at Leadership. She asked if anyone else would be attending the Chatham Development Briefing hosted by the Chamber of

Commerce next Tuesday. Chair Dasher said he would be speaking at the event. She attended the Oil and Gas Commission meeting last week, and is still not officially seated as a member but she did get to hear a report from the NC geological survey. She spoke to the Commission about the detailed survey of Chatham's geology and she got to see the entire map. Chatham and Lee are the primary zones for hydrologic fracking if it comes to North Carolina so, she wanted the Commission to be aware of it. She is also hoping the map can be presented at a future meeting.

Commissioner Crawford said that CCCC has over 200 students enrolled in the Chatham Promise program. He will be unable to attend the Leadership Academy Graduation because he will be attending a trustees training and retreat in Wilmington. He will be available for the EDC update next week.

Chair Dasher thanked staff and extended a special thanks to the Sheriff's Office and their staff for keeping all of the citizens of Chatham County safe.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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