

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
TOWN OF PITTSBORO
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AND
CHATHAM COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2004
6:00 P.M.

Mayor Nancy R. May called the meeting to order.

Chatham County Commissioner Chairman Tommy Emerson gave invocation.

ATTENDANCE

Town of Pittsboro Mayor Nancy R. May, Commissioners Max G. Cotten, Burnice Griffin, Jr., Chris Walker, Gene T. Brooks and Clinton E. Bryan, Jr. Town Staff present: Manager David Hughes and Town Clerk Alice F. Lloyd. Chatham County Board of Commissioners Chairman Tommy Emerson, Commissioners Bunkey Morgan, Carl Outz, Margaret Pollard, Bob Atwater. County Staff present: Manager Charlie Horne and Attorney Bob Gunn.

AGENDA

1. Charlie Horne will give a brief summary of Chatham County's water system expansion plan.

Manager Horne asked Chairman Emerson to give a brief summary. Chairman Emerson stated there will be three water districts. Eligible voters will vote on the bond July 20, 2004.

Chairman Emerson stated he has had positive feedback, and that he feels the additional water lines are something most county residents want.

Manager Horne stated that the trunk lines are going in regardless of the vote. They are going to give residents a 75% discount if they sign up when the lines are going in.

Manager Horne stated newly built houses will have to use the new water lines; existing residences have the choice of whether or not to use them.

Commissioner Cotten asked if the Corp. of Engineers were going to let the County have enough water from the lake?

Chairman Emerson stated they have enough capacity.

The county stated they were going to bring a water line from the southern part of the county up 64 on the Alex Cockman Road and we asked that they look at the possibility of some type connectivity with Pittsboro at that point. It's about 5 ½ miles from Pittsboro.

2. Briefing by David Hughes on current status of possible wastewater discharge to the Haw River.

Manager Hughes stated that the Town of Pittsboro has a residential moratorium in place due to the wastewater situation. In order to bring on new development we are trying to get additional flow to the Haw River.

The Town has currently allotted nearly all of its capacity (already approved developments).

Mayor May commended Manager Hughes on his efforts.

Chairman Emerson asked if the Town would let them know if it is something they can do to help the Town.

3. Discuss a possible modification to the Chatham County/Town of Pittsboro water system expansion contract dated December 13, 1988. The contract currently states that the County is entitled to an allocation of 25% of the net functional capacity of the plant.

Commissioner Cotten asked that the County consider releasing their capacity (at no charge) of 25% of the Town's capacity which they are not using and have not used for several years.

Commissioner Cotten stated the 1.87 per thousand that we charge don't even cover our cost.

Commissioner Cotten stated that according to GS 162A he feels his request is fully justified – according to county tax office records there is over 4 million dollars valuation of county property within the Town limits that can not be taxed.

Commissioner Cotten would like for the Town and County to work together to provide water to the residents in center township and the ETJ area.

Manager Hughes stated if the County does relinquish their capacity if there were an emergency the town would still provide the county with water.

The Town will eventually need the water capacity as it grows.

We made them aware of some of the ways the county had benefited from the use of Pittsboro water when they were buying it; such as when the state had the

county under moratorium, it possibly helped them get Governors Club started and some of the growth in North Chatham was made possible with out water.

Chairman Emerson stated he did not know enough about this issue to make a decision, but he assured the board that the County Commissioners would review the request.

4. Discuss the possible establishment of a Water Authority or Water Service District to serve the Town of Pittsboro ETJ area.

Commissioner Cotten had brought this item up earlier.

5. Discuss Chatham County's plans for the solid waste convenience stations in Pittsboro and any possible changes in fees.

Manager Horne stated the board has sent out RFP's for different possibilities of handling solid waste within the county. One possibility is county-wide curbside pickup, which would certainly require a change in fees.

There will be no changes in fees this year.

6. Open discussion.

Commissioner Brooks stated he felt this meeting was a good thing to do. That each entity can find out each others concerns and problems.

There was a suggestion that the two boards meet quarterly.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Nancy R. May, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alice F. Lloyd, CMC, Town Clerk