

MINUTES
TOWN OF PITTSBORO
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 12, 2004
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Nancy R. May could not call the meeting to order due to the lack of a quorum, but stated the items on the agenda will be on the agenda at the April 26, 2004 meeting.

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Mayor Nancy R. May, Commissioner Max G. Cotten and Burnice Griffin, Jr. Absent were Commissioner Gene T. Brooks, Chris Walker and Clinton E. Bryan, Jr.

Other staff present: Manager David B. Hughes, Clerk Alice F. Lloyd, Attorney Paul S. Messick, Jr. and Planner David Monroe.

Nancy R. May, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alice F. Lloyd, Town Clerk.

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Mayor Nancy R. May called the meeting to order and gave invocation.

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Mayor Nancy R. May, Commissioner Gene T. Brooks, Max G. Cotten, Clinton E. Bryan, Jr., Christopher Walker and Burnice Griffin, Jr.

Other staff present: Manager David B. Hughes, Clerk Alice F. Lloyd, Attorney Paul S. Messick, Jr. and Planner David Monroe.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Commissioner Cotten seconded by Commissioner Walker to approve the agenda as presented with one correction – that item 10 be to direct the Town Clerk to certify the sufficiency of petition.

Vote Aye-5 Nay-0

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Commissioner Cotten seconded by Commissioner Walker to approve the consent agenda which contains the following:

The minutes of the March 22, 2004 Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Vote Aye-5 Nay-0

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

CITIZENS MATTERS

Billy Hughes stated that Horton Street was a thru street when he attended Horton School. With all the traffic congestion now and when the Fire Department builds there he thinks it would be a good idea to have it as a thru street.

Commissioner Brooks stated that was an excellent idea.

OLD BUSINESS

Consider a rezoning request from Jonathan and Lindsay Starr. The property is located at 320 Fayetteville Street. The front portion of the property is currently zoned C-2 while the

rear portion is zoned R-12. The Starrs are requesting that the rear portion be rezoned to C-2 to match the front portion.

Planner Monroe reported that the Planning Board has reviewed the Starr request to rezone a portion of 320 Fayetteville Street from R-12 to C-2. After discussion the Board found:

- The application is consistent with the Land Use Plan and with its concepts of re-using existing structures;
- It would not adversely affect the value or use of adjacent properties;
- It does not raise legal issues.

The Planning Board recommends the Commissioners approve the rezoning request.

Motion made by Commissioner Cotten seconded by Commissioner Walker to approve the Starr rezoning request. Vote Aye-5 Nay-0

**COPY OF REZONING IS RECORDED IN THE BOOK OF RESOLUTIONS
NUMBER ONE, PAGES**

MAJOR THOROUGHFARE PLAN 2004

There are some proposed roads on the MTP which were not on the deficiency analysis maps:

- The easterly extension of Alston Chapel Road
- The northerly extension of Charlie Brooks Road
- The east-west road north of Business 64
- The X-Campbell Road extension

The Planning Board recommended the following:

That the proposed East-West Road north of Bus 64 be pushed a little to the north to avoid conflict of cutting through Chatham Forest and the northern end of Christian Village. Doing this would allow for the elimination of one road.

The Land Use Plan expressed concern about the extension of Alston Chapel Road to the east. It was noted that this road was very close to Robeson Creek and “there may be environmental considerations that deem this alignment unlikely”.

Concern over the proposed northerly extension of the Hwy 15-501 by-pass.

Motion made by Commissioner Brooks to approve with the above changes recommended by the Planning Board, seconded by Commissioner Bryan.

Commissioner Bryan wanted to thank the Planning Board for the good job.

Vote Aye-5 Nay-0

NEW BUSINESS
REQUEST PER CAPITA ALLOCATION FROM CHATHAM COUNTY

Commissioner Cotten stated he requested that this be on the agenda because he has been approached by some citizens.

Motion made by Commissioner Cotten seconded by Commissioner Walker to ask Chatham County for per capita allocation in lieu of taxes.

Manager Hughes stated he has had some discussion with County Manager Charlie Horne regarding the tennis court repair and he has asked the County to split the cost with the Town.

Commissioner Bryan stated that any Town that is the County seat will have a lot of tax exempt properties. He does not feel that we have thought about this enough.

Mayor May stated she felt we should request some type of relief.

Commissioner Cotten stated it needs to be done now because it will affect their budget.

Commissioner Cotten made a motion to amend his original motion seconded by Commissioner Walker and to direct the Town Manager to get a reaction to the proposal from the County Manager and County Board of Commissioners.

Vote Aye-5 Nay-0

TOWN TO RESUME TAX COLLECTION

Commissioner Bryan stated we should not even touch this.

Mayor May stated she spoke with Frances Wilson this morning and she provided the board with answers to Commissioner Cotten questions.

Commissioner Cotten stated he feels he has accomplished a lot by asking these questions. He would like to see everything mentioned implemented.

Motion made by Commissioner Bryan seconded by Commissioner Walker not to consider resuming collection of property taxes.

Vote Aye-5 Nay-0

CONSIDER JOINT MEETING WITH CHATHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Cotten has requested a joint meeting with Chatham County Commissioners to discuss the following:

1. Creation of a water and sewer authority within the ETJ of Pittsboro for the most part this is Center Township.

2. Cancellation or modification of contract concerning water plant ownership and rate structure.
3. Solid Waste.

Commissioner Cotten suggested that a letter be written to Mr. Emerson with copies to all other commissioners.

Manager Hughes stated if the board wants to create water and sewer authority they have to be elected separately and we would have no control over them.

Commissioner Cotten stated he felt the contract is from the 1980's and it is unfair to the Town.

Commissioner Brooks stated that the County has benefited greatly – that is was not just a gift to us.

Motion made by Commissioner Walker seconded by Commissioner Cotten to get a feel from the County Board to see about the feasibility of both boards meeting.

Vote Aye-5 Nay-0

TABLES AT COMMUNITY BUILDING

Commissioner Brooks stated he has been asked by several residents if the Town could provide a couple picnic tables at the Community Building.

Commissioner Cotten stated he does not have a problem with the tables been put at the Community Building but he wanted to make sure they were bolted down so no vandalism was not done to them like they were at the Town Park.

Motion made by Commissioner Brooks to purchase two (2) picnic tables for the Community Building and that they be bolted down.

Vote Aye-5 Nay-0

PROCLAMATION OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK MAY 2-8, 2004

Motion made by Commissioner Brooks seconded by Commissioner Bryan to approve a Proclamation for Municipal Clerks Week May 2-8, 2004.

Vote Aye-5 Nay-0

A COPY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK IS RECORDED IN THE BOOK OF RESOLUTIONS NUMBER ONE, PAGE

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Brooks seconded by Commissioner Walker that the following be appointed to the Board of Adjustment:

Chairperson, Nancy R. May
Commissioner Clinton E. Bryan, Jr.
Planning Board Chair Ken Hoyle
ETJ Representative Johnny Richardson
ETJ Representative Jenny Bouldin

Vote Aye-5 Nay-0

LICENSE AGREEMENT BLAST INTERNET SERVICES AND THE TOWN OF PITTSBORO

Motion made by Commissioner Walker seconded by Commissioner Bryan to approve a license agreement between Blast Internet Services and the Town of Pittsboro to allow Blast to mount an Internet transmitter/receiver on the Horton Middle School water tower.

Vote Aye-5 Nay-0

RENAMING HORTON STREET

We have received a request from Larry Mabe, Chatham County School Superintendent to rename Horton Street to George Moses Horton Road.

Motion made by Commissioner Brooks seconded by Commissioner Bryant to approve the request to rename the street to George Moses Horton Road and to include a request to the County to consider making that street run all the way around to help get traffic out of the highway.

Vote Aye-5 Nay-0

CHATHAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT

Manager Hughes would like a count from the Board of who would like to attend the CCEDC Summit on Wednesday, May 5, 2004 at 10:00 am at the Governors Club.

Motion made by Commissioner Brooks seconded by Commissioner Cotten that the town pay for Commissioner Bryan and Mayor May to attend the summit.

Vote Aye-4 Brooks/Griffin/Cotten/Walker
Nay-1 Bryan

AUTHORIZE TOWN CLERK TO DETERMINE THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE PEITION FOR ANNEXATION BY MICHAEL PEELE

Motion made by Commissioner Bryan seconded by Commissioner Walker to direct the Town Clerk to determine the sufficiency of the petition from Michael Peele.

Vote Aye-5 Nay-0

**SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING
CLOSE A PORTION OF WOMACK STREET**

Motion made by Commissioner Bryan seconded by Commissioner Walker to schedule a public hearing to consider a resolution to close a portion of Womack Street for May 24, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

Vote Aye-5 Nay-0

CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM EAST CORNWALLIS RESIDENTS

Fifteen residents of the East Cornwallis neighborhood have submitted a petition asking the Commissioners to reduce the speed limit on streets in their neighborhood. The streets are currently not posted so the speed limit is 35 mph. They would like the speed set at 20 or 25 mph.

Commissioner Cotten stated that our ordinance states that the speed limit within the Town of Pittsboro is 25 mph unless otherwise posted. All we need to do is put the signs up.

A COPY OF THE PETITION IS RECORDED IN THE BOOK OF RESOLUTIONS
NUMBER ONE, PAGE

COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioner Walker stated he would not be in attendance at the next meeting. He will be in school in Greenville.

STATUS – WOODS/THRIFT STREET LAWSUIT

Attorney Messick stated the Judge did not rule today – maybe we will get a ruling by the end of the week.

Motion made by Commissioner Cotten seconded by Commissioner Bryan to adjourn.

Vote Aye-5 Nay-0

Nancy R. May, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alice F. Lloyd, Town Clerk