



TOWN OF PITTSBORO

The Pittsboro Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on **Monday, January 23, 2023**, at 6:00pm in the meeting room at the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center with Mayor Cindy Perry presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:11 pm.

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Cindy S. Perry, Mayor Pro Tem Pamela Baldwin, Commissioners John Bonitz, Jay Farrell, Kyle Shipp, and James Vose.

TOWN STAFF PRESENT: Interim Town Manager Hazen Blodgett, Public Information Officer/Emergency Management Coordinator Colby Sawyer, Planner II Janie Phelps, Project Planner Molly Boyle, Finance Director Heather Meacham, HR Director Jennifer Eakes and Town Clerk Carrie Bailey.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perry called the meeting to order.

Mayor Perry and Board of Commissioners began with introductions of themselves and attending Town employees with Senator Murdock.

Senator Murdock shared that she is a North Carolina native and 5th generation in Orange, Alamance and Caswell counties. Murdock was born and raised in Greensboro, now living in Durham, and is a UNC undergraduate while studying Public Administration at Western Carolina in graduate school and began her career at Council of Government.

Senator Murdock shared that her current committees are Ag Energy and Environment, Transportation, Finance and Education. Murdock shared on joint legislation she over sees Health and Human Services and wants to learn more on maternity care for the county.

Mayor Perry discussed the Town of Pittsboro water quality background, Haw River water conditions and Granulated Activated Carbon (GAC) system which the Town spend 3.2 million dollars and the eater quality improvement.

Mayor Pro Tem Baldwin stressed her concerns for affordable housing for Pittsboro, North Carolina and The United States. Baldwin is concerned about the water situation and assistance in grants and loans for projects in water and wastewater.

Commissioner Shipp agreed that affordable housing, and funding for infrastructure projects of water and wastewater. Shipp stated the Town is looking at 120 million dollars in projects to begin within the next six months to continue utility access vitality in Pittsboro.

Commissioner Farrell emphasized the needs for grants due to the cost of infrastructure debt.

Commissioner Bonitz added the need for new and improved roads, bike paths, pedestrian sidewalks and crossings, and meet needs of vehicle and freight traffic concerns for projected



growth. Bonitz stressed the need for water regulations of pollutants, especially for PFAS and 1,4 Dioxane.

Shipp expressed prevention and regulation of pollution for better water quality and harmful effects within the streams.

Perry discussed the development of Chatham Park and the massive amount of growth that will provide challenges for Pittsboro.

Shipp shared the need of advocating trade at the community college level to provide curriculum for upcoming positions with growth of incoming industries.

Baldwin shared the need for broadband, especially in rural areas of Chatham County to meet the needs of students to excel instead of being delayed.

Senator Murdock agreed with the "Digital Divide" of broad band concerns, pertaining to growing remote positions and online healthcare options.

Senator Murdock shared there is an upcoming opportunity for federal funding through local community events of grant programs for local government and non-profits.


Bonitz shared that Town of Pittsboro population is close to 4500 citizens, with 2300 being rate payers and too small to create enough revenue for operation costs and large improvements.

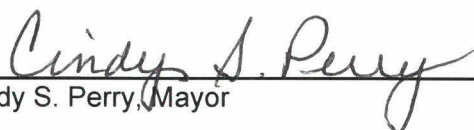
Mayor Perry thanked Senator Murdock for her visit and time with the Board to listen to the concerns the Board has for the Town of Pittsboro.

ADJOURNMENT

The Special meeting adjourned at 7pm.

ATTEST:


Carrie L. Bailey, Town Clerk


Cindy S. Perry, Mayor