

## **April 21 meeting of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners**

**April 21, 2014 Regular Session** Walter Petty, Brian Bock, Mike Cross, Jim Elza (Sally Kost's replacement); Pam Stewart absent

1. Resolution Honoring Chatham Co. EDC President Dianne Reid. Reid received the 2014 Triangle Business Journal's "Women In Business Award."

2. Resolution Honoring Service of Department of Social Services Director, Sandy Coletta. She retired after 40 years with Chatham County.

3. Public Hearing for Briar Chapel requests. Briar Chapel is seeking to amend the Chatham Co. Compact Communities Ordinance regarding their spray application of human wastewater, perimeter buffers, and viewshed buffers. They want their wastewater utility treated like other utilities so Briar Chapel can serve customers in adjoining developments; such as the US Steel development that Briar Chapel surrounds on three sides, and neighboring subdivisions, and possibly a school. The wastewater treatment facility would meet state permits and promote efficient use of reclaimed water, with no burden to taxpayers. Jim Elza asked if Briar Chapel Homeowner's Association operates the wastewater system, or a separate utility. It would be a separate utility. Another amendment would allow the spray irrigation of treated (reclaimed) wastewater to be allowed in all zoning districts (R-5, R-2, R-1). Attorney Nick Robinson also sought amendments to reduce the 100-ft. perimeter buffer to 50-ft. **if** the adjoining property owner agrees in writing to that waiver. The viewshed buffer is 100-ft. in commercial areas, but Briar Chapel wanted reductions when portions of roadway are in the viewshed area. The requests were referred to the Planning Board.

4. Commissioner Jim Elza appointed to Mental Health Board. Chatham is a member of the Orange-Person-Chatham Mental Health Oversight Board.
  
5. Board of Adjustment. Recent legislation (Session Law 2013-126) regarding the Board of Adjustment needed to be incorporated into Chatham Co. ordinances. The legislation makes changes in public notice policy and would allow the Board of Adjustment instead of the Board of Commissioners to hear and approve (by four-fifths vote) variances and appeals.

*Reported by Diana Hales, Candidate, District 3, Chatham County Commissioner*