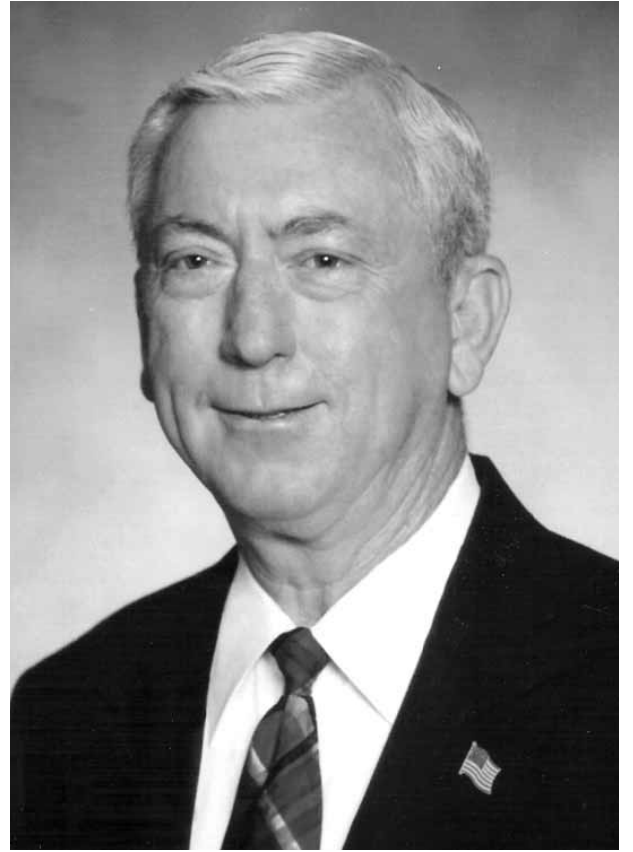


Re-Elect Commissioner Mike Cross

★★ Honesty & Integrity ★★



You elected me in 2004 on a platform of Honesty and Integrity and with my Oath of Office, I swore to conduct our business "without fear or favor." I have kept my promises.

I would like to review some of what I have accomplished for Chatham County these past four years.

I hope that you will agree that I have kept the promises I made during my first term and I hope you will help me win a second term to build on these accomplishments.

Planning for our future is a key element for our successful growth. Chatham was poorly prepared for the development challenges we faced. As your commissioner, we established a moratorium on residential development to allow us time to review and update

our ordinances and procedures. We have added staff to our Planning Department, hired an Environmental Resources Director, an Erosion Control Officer, restructured the Planning Board and passed key ordinance updates to lighting design and stream buffers. New and improved policies for commercial development are almost complete. We have included all interested parties in this process and we are implementing our Land Use Development Plan as promised.

Economic development and job education are essential. We had accomplished little in comparison to our neighboring counties. We restructured our Economic Development Corporation, hired a new Director and established our Economic Development Strategic Plan. Our first major success is Uniboard Corporation as the new owners of ATC Panels. Uniboard will save 180 jobs, invest

144 million dollars and add 104 new jobs with an average salary of \$45,000 dollars. We established our Chatham County Business Campus in Siler City with the opening of our new Chatham Hospital and a new Central Carolina Community College Campus is coming very soon.

Providing affordable housing is a must for Chatham County. I established the Affordable Housing Task Force and worked with the development community and other interested parties to take the Affordable Housing Fund from \$0 dollars to over \$4 million. Chatham Habitat for Humanity has an affordable housing development in progress in both Siler City and in Pittsboro. Empowerment, Inc. will soon start the first of 60 affordable homes within the Briar Chapel development.

Fiscally responsible planning for

new schools and services has been fully implemented in our Capital Improvement Plan. We opened a new elementary school last year and have plans for a new Middle School and High School. We have made improvements to county buildings, established plans for a new Judicial Center and a new Bio-tech Center and a new Public Library on the Community College campus in Pittsboro.

Because new growth requires expensive services, and to have that new growth pay its way, I worked with our state legislature to provide the option of the land transfer tax as an alternative to property taxes and impact fees.

I have worked very hard in service to us and I have kept my promises. Chatham County is in a better position now than it was four years ago to face our challenges.



Commissioner Cross received the Chatham Habitat for Humanity's Affordable Housing Award in 2006. The award was presented by Mrs. Amy Powell, Habitat Director.



Commissioner Cross was appointed to the NC Joint Commission for Municipal Incorporations by House Speaker Joe Hackney in 2007.



The N.C. Association of County Commissioner Premier Legislative Award was presented to Cross for his efforts in gaining local voter referendum authority for revenue options, LIT and sales tax in 2007.



Commissioner Cross, Commander, U.S. Navy, Retired, addressed the attendees of the Goldston Memorial Day Celebration in 2006.

There is more to being your commissioner than attending BOC meetings twice a month. Representing us in many facets requires a lot of hard work, and I would put my work ethic as your commissioner up against anyone's. In addition to serving as commissioner, I am honored to have served or to currently serve on the following state, regional and county boards and committees:

- **North Carolina Joint Legislative Commission on Municipal Incorporations** ('07-current)
- **North Carolina Association of County Commissioners:** Board of Directors, Co-Chair 2009-2010 Legislative Goals Committee ('08-current); District 9 Director ('05-'07); Board of Delegates ('05-current); Speakers Bureau ('06-current); Chatham County Legislative Liaison ('05-current)
- **Triangle J Council of Governments:** Second Vice-Chair ('07-current); 2009-2010 Legislative Goals Committee ('08-current); Executive Committee ('05-current); Board of Delegates ('05-current); Secretary/Treasurer ('06-'07). Triangle Regional Development and Infrastructure Planning Group ('08)
- **Metropolitan Planning Organization** (for the NC Department of Transportation): Executive Committee ('05, '06).
- **Regional Planning Organization:** Executive Com-

mittee ('05, '06); Chairman ('06); and Alternate Voting Delegate ('06-current).

- **Orange, Person, Chatham Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Authority (OPC):** Executive Committee ('05, '06), Vice Chair ('06)
- **Local Management Entity** (Regional Mental Health): Executive Committee ('05, '06); Secretary ('05, '06); Vice Chairman ('06)
- **Orange-Chatham Justice Partnership:** Executive Committee ('05, '06); Co-Chairman ('05, '06)
- **Chatham County Affordable Housing Task Force:** Co-founder and Board of Commissioner's Representative ('05, '06)
- **Home and Community Block Grant Committee:** Executive Committee ('05, '06)

I also serve as commissioner liaison to the following local boards and committees:

- **County Alcohol & Beverage Control Board** ('06-current)
- **County Board of Elections** ('06-current)
- **Courts Operations/Security** – Judicial District 15B ('06-current)
- **Enhanced 911 Committee** ('06-current)
- **Local Emergency Planning Committee** ('06-current)

To continue to be an effective commissioner, I feel there is always more to learn. I take every opportunity to learn about important issues, systems and methods to make our local government more responsive and effective. Here is some of the training I have received and apply in my service to us.

- Illegal Immigration Seminar
- Regional Transportation Funding and Regional Water Planning
- Annual Conference Training

- Water Visions: The Future of Water Resources in N.C.
- Infrastructure: Water, Transportation and School Construction
- Economic Development Training
- General Assembly: Short Session Legislative Issues
- Strategic Leadership for Navigating Regional Challenges
- Annual Conference Training
- Essentials of County Government for Elected Officials.
- District Director Training
- Basic Economic Development
- Leadership Training directed at Triangle Area – Goodman Fellow Graduate

I represent all Chatham citizens! I appreciate the public trust you have given me. I want to build on our successes of the past four years in a planned and responsible manner.

I thank you for your support...and your VOTE for my re-election!

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