



GUILFORD COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioner Linda Shaw
FROM: Chairman Bruce E. Davis
DATE: January 5, 2005
SUBJECT: RETREAT / CHAPEL HILL NC

In response to your letter dated January 4, 2005 I must inform you that prior to the decision to hold the 2005 retreat in Chapel Hill I had already considered both GTCC and the DSS buildings. Even though I have nothing against either of the two choices, as stated in the meeting, it is imperative that we start this year off with less distractions and set a tone of true professionalism.

The cost (\$500.00 or more) for such a retreat is very insignificant in the total scheme of all that is expected of Commissioners. I will take partial responsibility for any heartburn this oversight may cause, however any "perceived" inconvenience would be shared by all in attendance yet greater lost opportunities for non-attendees. Before casting away the thought consider the following facts: immediately after the December meeting I received a check in the amount of \$450.00 from a concerned tax payer who applauded our efforts to take a bold stand in retooling our thoughts and actions for the upcoming year. In addition to the aforementioned, the article in the News and Record, January 4th High Point edition caused another concerned taxpaying citizen to call and offer his financial support.

I agree we do need to work together. The citizens of Guilford County deserve the best that we can offer and it is clear proof that they expect nothing less as evidenced by the giving of these unsolicited funds. I expect Guilford County's taxpayers return on the investment to far exceed any cost to conducting the retreat in Chapel Hill. To meet together is the only way to start off the year in a positive, professional manner. Therefore, I certainly hope to see you all in attendance.

cc: Board of Commissioners
Willie Best, County Manager
David McNeil, Deputy County Manager