

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED MEETING
AUGUST 12, 1985

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Adjourned Session in the Community Building on August 12, 1985 at 9:00 A.M. The following members were present: Commissioner Jamima DeMarcus, Commissioner Harry Sifford, Commissioner Richard Messinger, Chairman Hall Steele and Commissioner Newton Cohen.

Chairman Hall Steele called the meeting to order and opened with Architect John Ramsey and Robert Davies who were present to talk to Commissioners concerning the reasons for the \$800,000.00 increase in the new Agricultural Building construction budget and ways of making deductions. Chairman Steele said we really have to take a hard look to make some decisions.

Mr. Ramsey said they had to figure 450 more square feet to the EOC in order to abide by Federal standards; and 18" thick ceilings at \$100 a sq. ft. Mr. Ramsey said "none of us can control inflation and the "unpredicable costs". He said the budget can be reduced substantially- but, he said "there is no fat in the building". That quality can be reduced- and areas- but this would eliminate agencies.

Mr. Davies gave deductions amounting to \$467,900.00 to Commissioners:

Parking Area- reduction to 25%- amount to \$50,000.

Landscaping- amounting to \$9,800.00.

Removal of some grassing- reducing another \$800.00.

Screen at loading dock making it where you could not see from the road. Savings of \$5,200.00.

Lowering of retaining walls- (a concrete item) One wall- \$11,400.00- reduce one slab- \$1,300.00.

Omit tree retaining wall- \$10,200.00.

Reducing floor slab- \$4,000.00.

Eliminate Ivaney form block- basement wall- \$5,900.00- cheaper to use block.

Replacing exterior building with split stone- \$7,500.00.

Omit parapids (length of walls) (could help control water) \$14,300.00. (Building does not have water sprinkler).

Omit Entry Foyer- \$9,900.00.

Cut out colored mortar- \$8,300.00. A 25% reduction amounting to \$4,000.00. Use regular mortar instead.- (Mr. Davies said he would have to check on this).

Omit concrete block in the auditorium \$1,800. Omit wood panels- to use dry wall material - \$5,900.00.

Omit cornice work- 50% savings- \$3,500. (Interior)

Cabinets- removal- 35% savings- \$21,700.

Delete metal roof replacing with built up roof. Savings- \$37,700. Will change appearance of the building.

Delete canopy at lower entrance- reduce by \$2,500.00.

Omit capping- metal cap on peripet wall- reduce by \$1,700.

Omit damp proofing- treatment on exterior wall- reduce moisture reduce by \$750.00- Other possibilities he gave were reducing installation and water proofing.

Replacing oak door with Birch- \$2,100.00.

Finish on floor- reduce by \$35,700.

"Could omit Vinyl Asbestos Tile- \$5,200.00.

Another possibility- carpet \$24,500- Change to vinyl tile- could receive a \$10,000 savings here.

Omit vinyl wall covering- save \$8,500.00.

Replace wood base with rubber base- \$8,200.00.

Reduce acoustical ceilings (closets- not public areas) \$2,400.00

Omit folding petition- Demonstration Kitchen- \$4,100.00.

Omit projection screen in auditorium \$2,300.00 (built in - can be added later).

Omit stage curtains- teasers- and tack- \$17,300.00.

Omit flag pole- \$2,500.00.

Omit refrigerator- \$3,800.00.

Mr. Davies talked about reducing plumbing and electrical-by 10% \$20,300.00 and the emergency generator- \$26,500 possible operate on a smaller one he said - Commissioners agreed that the owner might be able to supply this as opposed to the \$26,500- this has to be automatic with EOC.

Mr. Davies mentioned replacing operable walls in the auditorium- \$48,000 with manuel.

Omit director sign- \$7,500 at entrance.

By owner- decision might can eliminate chalkboard and lockers.

Mr. Davies talked about other deductions such as -economic condition- range in price with contractors- to seek out average-more economical contractor and masons- Commissioner Cohen entertained basing construction on 20,000 sq. ft. - at \$80 a sq. ft. as opposed to 24,600 at \$90 a sq. ft. He said they had been given a "wish list" and had to take a hard look at it.

Chairman Steele asked Commissioner Cohen and Commissioner Sifford to act as a committee to look at space to see if it can mean a change reduction and report back to board with recommendations.

Chairman Steele recessed the board until 1:30 to come back to talk with members of the Rescue Squad and Voluntary Firemen concerning the Ambulance Ordinance.

Chairman Steele called the meeting back to order and asked the members of the Rescue Squad to come forward and "tell us what you have to say". Mr. Robert Gobble, Chief, asked that they be opted from the Ordinance as long as they stay within the guidelines- to stay under the Grandfather clause. Mr. Gobble said the Ordinance would mean that they will lose a lot of money as far as donations go - and they will have to look elsewhere for support. He said they will see to it that their personnel receives the necessary training. Chairman Steele told him that Paramedic was in the future- Mr. Gobble said they would not go that far due to the number of hours of training that would be involved. Chairman Steele told Mr. Gobble that the Commission were concerned with two matters involving the Rescue Squad. 1- Efficiency of spending and 2- level of service. Mr. Gobble said the Rescue Squad receives from \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year in donations. That they work with low income people- they carry them to the doctor and dentist- one lady, with Arthritis, they have been carrying for 20 years.

Commissioner Messinger said (speaking of central dispatch) a situation where a call comes in and the person requests that they want the Rescue Squad to transport them that-"we paid them money", he said, "we can't make that decision, we have to take that person and ask questions later".

Mr. Gobble said, "We need a policy that is reasonably agreeable".

Two amendments were accepted to be added to the Ordinance by the Rescue Squad and Voluntary Firemen. Sections 12.4 and 12.5 were added. 12.4 states that Volunteer Fire Departments or private companies who transport their members or employees at no cost shall furnish a copy of trip record forms to Rowan County monthly for statistical purposes. The transport record form should be flagged as a "paid member" or "employee" no billing- this will result in no bill being initiated by Rowan County. 12.5 states that the Rowan Rescue Squad, whose major function is rescue and extrication (as opposed to transport) makes no charge for such services. Only when patient transport as a back-up to REMAS will a billing be initiated and only for its non-members.

Mr. McDonald, President of the Atwell Fire Department, said their people paid for their services and they do not want to become a back-up to REMAS- referring to section 4.5 of the Ordinance- When dispatched by said Department to provide emergency transportation services, an ambulance service shall respond regardless of the franchise district wherein the emergency transportation service is to be provided. Commissioner Sifford said to add "If the Franchise holder is equipped and has the qualified person available to do so".

Commissioner Sifford said to delete section 7.3 Appearance- for Mr. McDonald- which states that each ambulance attendant and emergency medical technical shall be clean in person and dress, well groomed, and in clean outer garment or uniform and shall be proficient in the technique of administering emergency care to the sick, ill, and injured.

Harold Simpson said he had been with the Rescue Squad for 24 years- two years with the State Board of Health- he said they could not operate efficiently or economically if they changed. He said their four ambulances would have to be updated and equipment requirements would have to be met- that he could not see to these requirements- that it would be placing a lot of requirements that they cannot adhere to in the future.

Mr. Gobble said if the county starts charging the Rescue Squad for their services - it will hurt the United Way- it will delete them from being tax exempted. That they function 90%

Rescue Squad- call something other than Rescue - would be handled by REMAS.

Chairman Steele said they will have to find a way to get them out of the patient transport business- they should be regarded as Rescue, not ambulance.

Commissioners heard from Ray Spry, Assistant Chief with Enochville Fire and Rescue. He said they live on a fire tax. They function as an ambulance service for their fire district. They can extract victims from automobiles- can run outside fire district. He said Bill Mills, former Ambulance Service, did charge and make donations to their fire district. Mr. Spry said they would like to be included in any future training for ambulance personnel, that the County offered. He said they do back-up REMAS if their units are tied up- and deemed true emergencies. He said they would like to be first responders in their district.

Commissioner Sifford said to delete- 11.15- 11.16- A thru L- concerning Data Sheet.

Joe Sulkowski, Ambulance Director, said he had already hired seven part-time employees- that they were receiving more and more convalescent calls- he said he would not want it out that Rescue was charging for their services- they are not trying to get business- but will act as back-up.

Chairman Steele told Mr. Gobble that the \$40 they receive for calls will be credited to their account.

Commissioner Sifford referring to section 5.2 of the Ordinance said to change the word shall to may- If any franchisee shall fail to comply with or violate any provisions of this ordinance, or a franchise issued hereunder, said franchisee may be cited by the County for said violation or 02400085082 failure to comply. The county, after a hearing, pursuant to this citation may impose a civil penalty of \$100.00 for each separate breach of the franchise as provided in Section 13.2 hereinafter or may suspend or revoke the franchise. If upon such hearing, County may find that the franchisee has corrected 024500850821 any deficiencies and has brought his operation into compliance with the provisions of this ordinance, the franchise may not be 024700850821 suspended or revoked but a civil penalty as provided in 13.2 hereinafter may be imposed.

Mr. Gobble recommended writing an ordinance that everyone can live with. A committee to work with the agencies. Question was raised concerning the responsibilities of the new EMS Director- Mr. Gobble said he would like to see in writing what his responsibilities are. Chairman Steele told him, coordination was the key thing!

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner DeMarcus moved approval for Parks and Recreation to move \$1600 from Office Supplies to Recreation materials. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval. (To set up a new line item.)

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve paying the bill to Division of Youth Services for detention of two youths- one for 6 days- and the other for 3 days for a total of \$135.00. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen moved to give Mr. Murdoch the authority to advertise for a qualified Engineer for the completion of an Airport Master Plan. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen moved to come out of Executive Session and back into Regular Session. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to interview two candidates for the position of EMS Director and to discuss question of exactly what we expect, salaries and explore their backgrounds and expertise as much as we can and then make a decision between the two finalist. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

There being no further business, Chairman Steele adjourned the meeting until August 29, at that time, they will conduct the two interviews for the EMS Director.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners