

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL CALL MEETING  
AUGUST 22, 1986

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

Chairman Steele said the meeting had been called for the purpose of filling the Fire Marshall position and that the floor was now open for a motion. Commissioner Sifford moved the appointment of Mr. Randall Faggart as the new Fire Marshall for Rowan County. Commissioner Messinger seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Cohen abstaining.

Commissioner Messinger said Commissioners had interviewed five outstanding people on Tuesday Night, the nineteenth, for this position and that someone had to win. Chairman Steele said it was good to get someone from Rowan County.

Wayne Ashworth, Emergency Management Director introduced Mr. Faggart and His wife to Commissioners. Mr. Ashworth said Mr. Faggart was a China Grove resident and a volunteer firefighter and that he was very pleased with the selection that it was a very difficult process. Mr. Ashworth had received sixteen applications, thirteen of those were Rowan County residents.

Bill Burgin with Ramsay Associates asked that Commissioners approve the remainder of the exterior for the new Agricultural Building. He said what they needed was to get the roof materials color selected and showed them what Ramsay Associates had chosen to be compatible with the given cost. Chairman Steele then asked Mr. Burgin to give them a progress report of the building. Mr. Burgin said things were basically moving extremely well that the contractor on the onset had established a construction schedule of about 10 1/2 months and as of right now he is a little behind that schedule due to rain but still ahead of the twelve month schedule. Looking at eleven months now.

Commissioner Sifford said some time ago we asked for names to be submitted for the Agriculture Building and now we need to proceed with it. Mr. Burgin informed the Commissioners that the plague would be ordered after November. Commissioner Sifford recommended that the new building be named the Seth Murdoch Center after the first County Manager. That he had been largely responsible for getting it going. Commissioner Cohen suggested shortening that to the Murdoch Center. Commissioner Messinger said he would like to defer this for a month. Commissioners agreed with Mr. Cohen to allow the County Manager to accept names until October and then present them at their October meeting.

River Committee- Chairman Steele said the names are coming in now and to be sure that the County Manager receives all of them so a list can be compiled in order for Commissioners to receive a copy to review for their September meeting.

Commissioner DeMarcus said she and Commissioner Cohen had attended the first meeting of the Building Committee for the Library on Wednesday and said she thought it had gone well. Commissioner Cohen said a tremendous amount of work had already been done by Cohen Associates, a firm that was hired by the Library to do consulting work. Mr. Cohen said this is research work that they did not have to do. Commissioner DeMarcus said work was moving fast because they had that, they did not have to do any research and asking questions, they knew the floor space and areas and space needed. Mrs. DeMarcus said they are thinking about a third level for the history room.

Chairman Steele said he had received a letter from Don Honeycutt, District Engineer, Division of Highways informing him that \$96,000 had been allocated in Secondary Road money for Rowan County. Mr. Russell said \$81,298 goes for widening Longs Ferry and \$15,000 to increase spot stabilization of various roads in the county.

Chairman Steele reported on the Winston-Salem Conference. He said he thought it went extremely well. He said the County Manager had helped with one session on User's Fees and was well received even though the attendance was small. He talked about the resolutions one concerning the teachers supplement. He said it was

voted to go the floor where it was amended twice and then carried with a vote of 57-24.

Commissioner Sifford talked about a meeting on Solid Waste Disposal with Mr. Perry Mason, Chief of Ground Water Section, Bill Myers, Director of Solid Waste Management and Attorney Charles Case as guests speakers. Commissioner Sifford said in summary discussion resulted around contaminates in water with the end results being that there was no such thing as zero contamination of ground water at any time.

Commissioner Sifford said in respect to Landfill, Mr. Myers said that no Landfill can be permitted in North Carolina which does not violate the standards for ground water contamination. He said that does not mean that you cannot permit one that does not violate reasonable health sense. They are now in a position to give 45- day turn-arounds on times. Commissioner Sifford said they would issue a permit under one of three options: (1) Is that you line the site, (2) Put it in with a variance for minimal contamination (3) Monitor and pay if there is a problem.

Discussion followed concerning Landfill vs. incineration. Commissioner DeMarcus commented that garbage will be here for now on and with the increase in population there will be more and more garbage until we are drowned it it and proof with higher technology that we can find a way to dispose of it and make it less, we should move in that direction.

Commissioner Messinger said some counties were facing very serious situations that they are a lot closer to running out of landfill than we are without the availability that we have. Commissioner DeMarcus commented that we were in a position where we do not have to move so fast. Commissioner Sifford said we have a grace period of six to eight months.

County Manager, Tim Russell told Commissioners that they might want to consider the acquisition of a consulting firm whether Dewberry Davis or other firms. We are looking at potential sites of land and when that day comes we enter into an option or whatever for acquisition of land we will need to move pretty quickly and it would be nice to have a consultant on the front end to help us especially in deliberation of land. Maybe next meeting we might want to make a decision on a firm to do the engineering requirements for us and go

ahead and get them on a retainer because we know we are going to get a landfill or incinerator or both. Commissioner Messinger made a motion to keep Dewberry and Davis and authorize County Manager to obtain a proposal from them. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

County Manager informed Commissioners that Mary Aycoth had contacted him about designing a County flag. Commissioner DeMarcus said she would like to call Ms. Aycoth and discuss this with her.

County Manager informed Commissioners that their September meeting would be held on Tuesday, September 2 instead of Monday, September 1 due to a holiday.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss acquisition of land. Commissioner Messinger seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Messinger made a motion to come out of Executive Session and back into Regular Session. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

No action was taken while in Executive Session.

There being no further business, Chairman Steele adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk  
Board of County Commissioners