

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED MEETING
NOVEMBER 11, 1986

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Adjourned Session in the Community Building on November 11, 1986 at 9:00 A.M. The following members were present: Commissioner Jamima DeMarcus, Commissioner Harry Sifford, Commissioner Richard Messinger and Commissioner J. Newton Cohen. Absent: Chairman Hall Steele.

Vice-Chairman Jamima DeMarcus called the meeting to order and Commissioner Cohen opened with prayer.

Bill Burgin and Donna Smith from John Ramsay, Architect's office showed Commissioners coordinating colors for the interior of the new Agriculture Building which they accepted as information.

Mr. Gerald Horton, Dewberry and Davis and Phil Rahan, Soil & Materials Engineers presented to the Board Phase 0 Study of Landfill Site. The property owned by Carl Hall, Jr. near Bear Poplar is "marginally suitable" for a county landfill according to these experts. One problem is the potential for rock fractures under the soil, which could allow garbage that leaked into the groundwater to flow through the fractures and possibly contaminate wells far from the site. Second lesser problem, not knowing, for sure, if there is enough soil for a final cover when it would be closed. There is also a transportation concern which would involve the possible closing of Hall Road and the fact that some bridges near the site won't bear heavy trucks.

Mr. Rahn recommended for the contaminated groundwater to flow into Beaver Dam Creek instead of down through the rock into the water used for wells. He said rock fractures would probably be considered anywhere in the county. Recommendations are that the county search for a landfill site along the northeast to southwest corridor which is granite underneath the soil. An extensive amount of soil bearings will be necessary to establish fracture patterns underground which would mean significant costs. Another recommendation is that the county buy 81 acres owned by Layvon Waggoner beside the site because the property is downhill from the landfill and private wells nearby would make it necessary to buy the land. County Manager said Mrs. Waggoner had been contacted. This study included contacting the following agencies for soil borings: N.C. Department of Transportation, N.C. Department of Human Resources Division of Health Services, Hazardous and Solid Waste Management Branch, N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development and N.C. Department of Cultural Resources.

Commissioner Messinger after hearing that this site would stand a good chance of approval and that obstacles could be overcome, said he wanted to go on record approving the picking up of the \$15,000 option on the Hall tract that it was as good a site as we could find obligating us to go into phase 1 which would enable initiation of incineration activities. Commissioner Messinger announced that since this meeting had originally been set for Monday the 10th and then cancelled until Tuesday the 11th. he had made another commitment for this day and had to leave.

Commissioner Sifford commented that this does not obligate us beyond the option. Commissioner DeMarcus commented that it is the consensus of the board to proceed with incineration.

The county could change its mind any time during the study and would pay Dewberry and Davis only for the work done.

Mr. Tim Hoffner who is a produce farmer and who lives beside the Waggoner land, again complained to Commissioners about his concern that vapors from herbicide containers going to the Landfill would hurt his operation. Commissioner Sifford said he might be able to shed some light on this matter. He had attended a seminar in Raleigh on this subject and the Chief of the Ground-water section was there and as he understood it, they measure at a distance of 500 ft. down the stream which would be before his property to determine if there are contaminants in the stream of any significant nature that was the point mentioned in the discussion, and obviously, if it is going to exceed those perimeters they will not approve it.

Commissioner Messinger then moved to pick up the \$15,000 option on the Hall property extending it until July, 1987. Commissioner Sifford seconding saying it does not obligate us to extend beyond the option. The motion was voted on unanimously.

Commissioner Messinger made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss acquisition of property, other sites. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

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

Commissioners agreed to authorize a study regarding the extent of fractures and their potential for causing groundwater contamination on the Hall property.

Prenatal Contract - Commissioner Sifford said the prenatal contract was an agreement between the Rowan County Health Department and Rowan Family Physicians, the Salisbury Women's Clinic and Dr. John Painter. The contract would have to have signatures of the parties involved which also means the signatures of the County Manager and County Finance Director. Commissioner Sifford said the County Attorney had reviewed it and moved that we authorize those signatures to occur. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford explained to the Board that he

had asked the county attorney to make clear that it was just space that we were indemnifying the hospital for and not indemnifying them for any acts- as performance as a provider. With this understood, Commissioner Sifford moved that we authorize the agreement to be signed between the Rowan County Health Department and Rowan Memorial Hospital in which the hospital provides space for the prenatal clinic at no charge and a limited amount of materials. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval. The County Attorney asked County Manager to check with the liability insurance carrier on this matter.

County Manager talked to Commissioners about the 1986 school for County Commissioners. He told them there were three sessions scheduled- (1) November 17-19, Chapel Hill, registration deadline: November 12, (2) December 3-5, Cullowhee, registration deadline: November 28, (3) December 8-10, Chapel Hill- registration deadline: November 28.

Commissioner Cohen said he had attended a meeting with Mr. Harris, Community Service Council and was informed that they are having budget problems with administrative costs. Mr. Cohen said it was the intent that they would receive a \$3,000 grant, but that insurance on the vehicles would run \$5,000. Mr. Cohen said if this is the case, they will be \$2,000 in the hole and a great injustice. County Manager said this Commission back in September, 1985, when the Transportation Development Plan was in draft stage went on record with the position that we did not want to continue the arrangement of dispatching maintenance of the Human Service Vehicles that is now being done by the Community Service Council any longer. Because of this position, Mr. Russell said, Mr. Harris has not applied for any 16B2 funds for the past two fiscal years, we made the application, did all the paper work sent to Mr. Harris, he signed it , sent to Raleigh, and because of that we received approval for two additional vehicles based upon the approved Transportation Development Plan. Commissioner Sifford said he would like to see a breakdown on what they charge the other counties. He said it is just not Rowan County they work with they have contracts with Montgomery and Moore, he said are we paying for some of their services? To take back to Mr. Harris and get their reaction.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the appointment of Tom Neely to replace C.C. Brewer on the Economic Development Commission. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the addition of Olean Copley to the Domiciliary Home Committee. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

There being no further business, Commissioner DeMarcus adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners