

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 1987

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Community Building on February 2, 1987 at 9:00 A.M. The following members were present: Chairman Richard Messinger, Vice-Chairman J. Newton Cohen, Sr., Commissioner Jamima DeMarcus, Commissioner George Knox and Commissioner Wilborn Swaim.

Chairman Messinger called the meeting to order and Commissioner Cohen opened with prayer.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the minutes of January 20, 1987. Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval.

As additions to the Agenda: Commissioner DeMarcus asked to talk about Hazardous Waste and County Volunteer Program. Commissioner Knox asked to talk about Screen Around Dumpsters.

Correspondence: Attached- (1) Letter from Dr. Fred Ponder to Jim Foltz, Parks Director concerning his resignation from the Parks and Recreation Commission, (2) Memo concerning organizational Meeting of the High Rock Lake Study Committee, (3) Letter from R.O. Everett, President of Downtown Association seeking opinions and ideas from Commissioners in formulating short and long term goals and objectives for Downtown Salisbury. (4) Memo from Bea Amendola (Liaison) Evergreen Senior Activity Center, Inc. regarding update on the actions and activities of ESAC (5) Copy of a letter from Donald Pruitt, member of the Citizens For A Safe Environment Organization, to our local legislators concerning hazardous waste. (6) A letter from Gene McKinney, Branch Manager with Southern Bell informing Commissioners that the Utilities Commission is giving consideration to allowing subscriber billing of the ongoing monthly charges associated with 911 service. (7) Memo from Chamber of Commerce concerning luncheon which has been rescheduled for Wednesday, February 4, at 12:30 p.m. in the Ramsay Room of the Chamber.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

4 Positions Open (3 Terms Expired and Dr. Ponder's Resignation)

Nominations:

Scotty Green, by Commissioner DeMarcus

Bill Stanback, by Commissioner DeMarcus
 Jake Walton, by Commissioner DeMarcus
 Milton Taylor, by Commissioner Knox
 Roscoe Giles, by Commissioner Swaim
 Austin Mitchell, by Commissioner Swaim
 John Cadwallader, by Commissioner Swaim

Commissioner Cohen moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Commissioner Knox.

VOTING:	VOTED FOR	VOTED AGAINST	APPROVED
Green	DeMarcus, Knox	Cohen, Swaim, Messinger	
Stanback	Unanimous		X
Walton	DeMarcus, Knox	Cohen, Swaim, Messinger	
Taylor	(Maximum number approved before vote)		
Giles	Cohen, Swaim, Messinger	DeMarcus, Knox	X
Mitchell	Cohen, Swaim, Messinger	DeMarcus, Knox	X
Cadwallader	Cohen, Swaim, Messinger	DeMarcus, Knox	X *

* To Filled the Unexpired Term of Dr. Ponder (expires 12/31/87)

CABARRUS-ROWAN PARK COMMISSION

One Position Open:

Nominations:

Walter Boger, by Commissioner Swaim
 Roy Deyton, by Commissioner DeMarcus

Commissioner Cohen moved that the nominations be closed, seconded by Commissioner DeMarcus. Vote was unanimous.

VOTING:	VOTED FOR	VOTED AGAINST	APPROVED
Boger	Swaim, Cohen, Messinger	DeMarcus, Knox	X
Deyton	(Maximum number approved before vote)		

AIRPORT BOARD

Two Positions Open

Nominations:

Ashley Roberts, by Commissioner Cohen
 Paul Carter, by Commissioner Cohen
 Milton Taylor, by Commissioner Knox

Commissioner Swaim moved that the nominations be closed, seconded by Commissioner DeMarcus. Vote was unanimous.

VOTING:	VOTED FOR	VOTED AGAINST	APPROVED
Carter	Swaim, Cohen, Messinger	Knox, DeMarcus	X
Roberts	Swaim, Cohen, Messinger and DeMarcus	Knox	X
Taylor	(Maximum number approved before vote)		

HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION

Three Positions Open and Mr. Jim Sloan's Resignation = 4 positions)

Nominations:

Richard Eldridge, by Commissioner DeMarcus
Terry Holt, by Commissioner DeMarcus
David Butler, by Commissioner Knox
George Kluttz, by Commissioner Cohen
Sarah Kellogg, by Commisisoner Cohen
Nancy Holshouser, by Commissioner Cohen

Commissioner Cohen moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Commissioner DeMarcus. Vote was unanimous.

VOTING:	VOTED FOR	VOTED AGAINST	APPROVED
Eldridge	Unanimous		X
Holt	DeMarcus		
Butler	Knox, DeMarcus	Cohen, Swaim, Messinger	
Kluttz	Cohen, Swaim, Messinger	DeMarcus, Knox	X
Kellogg	Cohen, Swaim, Messinger	DeMarcus, Knox	X *
Holshouser	Cohen, Swaim, Messinger	DeMarcus, Knox	X

* Ms. Kellogg will filled the unexpired term of Mr. Sloan.

BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Three Positions Open

Nominations:

Lou Clement Murphy, by Commissioner DeMarcus
Harold J. Marioneaux, by Commissioner DeMarcus
Mrs. Fred Corriher, by Commissioner DeMarcus
Dr. Paul Green, by Commissioner Swaim
Richard Hurder, by Commissioner Swaim
Mrs. D. J. Whitfield, by Commissioner Swaim

Commissioner Swaim moved that the nominations be closed, seconded by Commissioner Cohen. Vote was unanimous.

VOTING:	VOTED FOR	VOTED AGAINST	APPROVED
Murphy	DeMarcus, Knox	Cohen, Swaim, Messinger	
Marioneaux	DeMarcus, Knox	Cohen, Swaim, Messinger	
Corriher	DeMarcus, Knox	Cohen, Swaim, Messinger	
Green	Cohen, Swaim, Messinger	DeMarcus, Knox	X
Hurder	Cohen, Swaim, Messinger	DeMarcus, Knox	X
Whitfield	Cohen, Swaim, Messinger	DeMarcus, Knox	X

PLANNING BOARD

Two Positions Open

Nominations:

Robert Saunders, by Commissioner Cohen

Joe Sides, by Commissioner Cohen

John Seaford, by Commissioner DeMarcus

Commissioner Knox moved that the nominations be closed, seconded by Commissioner DeMarcus. Vote was unanimous.

VOTING:	VOTED FOR	VOTED AGAINST	APPROVED
Saunders	Cohen, Swaim, Messinger	DeMarcus, Knox	X
Sides	Cohen, Swaim, Messinger	----	X
Seaford	(Maximum numbers approved before vote)		

TRI-COUNTY AREA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Two Positions Open

Nominations:

Harry Sifford, by Commissioner DeMarcus (Withdrawn after Mr. Sifford agreed to serve on REMAC)

Ted Blanton, by Commissioner Swaim

Sam Carter, by Commissioner Swaim

W.O.T. Fleming, by Commissioner Knox

Commissioner Cohen moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Commissioner Knox. Vote was unanimous.

VOTING:	VOTED FOR	VOTED AGAINST	APPROVED
Blanton	Cohen, Swaim, Messinger	DeMarcus, Knox	X
Carter	Cohen, Swaim, Messinger	DeMarcus, Knox	X
Fleming	(Maximum number approved before vote)		

ROWAN EMERGENCY MEDICAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

One Position Open

Nominations:

Harry T. Sifford, by Commissioner DeMarcus, seconded by Commissioner Knox. Vote was unanimous.

Commissioners heard from Glenn Ketner who explained the needs of the City School System to the Board as a response of meeting

legislative needs. He said these projects were the best thinking of the instructional administrative staff. He stated that the funding schedule of school needs would need action from the Board of Commissioners. Asked them to adopt the resolution as the City Schools had modified it. The County Manager had talked with Mr. Mobley, County School Superintendent and Dr. Bradshaw with the Kannapolis Schools and they want to meet with Commissioners at the next meeting. Commissioner Knox made a motion to receive the report from the City School System as information and further study it. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval. Commissioner Swaim said he wanted to correct an article that was in the Salisbury Post. He said the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners did vote to fund only one school system and what they went on record as asking the General Assembly to put before the vote of the people was to allow multiple supplement which creates competition for teachers.

Mr. Simpson reported total tax collections for January, 1987. \$5,410,234.72 including all years, all units, and all purposes. (attachee # 8)

Commissioner Swaim made a motion to authorize paying to Colonial Pipeline Company the amount of \$115,003.09 for settlement of in lieu of taxes to Rowan County for the years, 81-85. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.(attachee #9)

Commissioner Knox made a motion to refund to Graham M. Dyson the amount of \$27.50 for refund of On-Premises Beer License. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Mrs. Maxine Phillippi and Mrs. Ruth Sifford presented to Commissioners an annual report of the Domiciliary Home Community Advisory Committee. She stated that there are 19 homes that they visit and they are suppose to go in groups of three and would like to add one more which would make an even dozen. Commissioner DeMarcus stated that it was mandated by the State that they visit every three months. A recommendation by the committee was to appoint Dr. Sterling Whitener to their group. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to appoint Dr. Whitener to this committee. Commissioner Swaim seconded. The motion carrying with Commissioner Cohen voting against.

Attorney Rivers Lawther and Bill Hannah, property owner, presented Commissioners with a resolution of intent to close a portion of Parkland Drive in Providence Township. He said there was only one property owner and he had approached Mr. Hannah to buy

another tract of land. Commissioner Knox made a motion to authorize Mr. Lawther to run the resolution of intent to close a portion of Parkland Drive in the newspaper and to put it on the Agenda for Commissioner's March meeting and also to revise the map to read that section to be sold to not to be a public road and not to be state maintained. Commissioner Swaim seconded with unanimous approval.(attachee #10)

Chairman Messinger reported on their trip to Rock Hill concerning Centralized Permitting: He reported that they were shown an ideal situation of Centralized Codes Enforcement Work. Mr. Messinger said they were trying to set up a meeting with the County's permitting people, Codes Enforcement, Health Department and Watershed to see what we can do to simplify our process; and then to sit down with the City of Salisbury to see if we can combine the work we do for them.

County Manager informed the press that all Commissioners had attended a meeting in High Point on January 28 and 29 on Municipal Solid Waste Management. The two day workshop concentrated on alternatives, public acceptance, environmental permitting, technical requirements and equipment available for various management alternatives.

Commissioner DeMarcus reported that she had served on the 2000 committee to look at long-term goals and policies in the State. She said that committee was concerned with the potential dangers to the environment if treating hazardous and radioactive waste. Her recommendation to the Board was to draw up an ordinance regulating any hazardous waste facilities that might locate here in the future, addressing both hazardous waste and low-level nuclear waste facility. Commissioner Cohen recommended that the County Manager solicit a copy of the 25- page ordinance in Iredell County.

Commissioner DeMarcus informed Commissioners that Betty McCrary over Health Services at Rowan Tech had called her saying that she had received a letter requesting that she be in charge again of recognizing all volunteers in Rowan County. Betty said she would be willing to serve again if Commissioners wanted her to and asked that they name three persons to work with her who have knowledge about volunteers. Mrs. McCrary said that Judy VonCannon, Secretary at Rowan Tech would be willing to help. It was the concensus of the Board to keep Betty and Judy and name three persons at their March meeting.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to pass the Proclamation setting up September 17, 1987 as the 200th anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution. Also proclaiming that a bicentennial committee of Rowan County is hereby established for the purpose of planning and implementing a meaningful commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the United States Constitution. Commissioner Swaim seconded with unanimous approval. Chairman Messinger and Attorney Carlyle Sherrill will act as Co-organizers of this bicentennial and have scheduled a meeting for February 12. (attachee #11)

Commissioners agreed that Landfill/Incineration should be the number one priority on the list to discuss at their retreat at Lake Norman on February 9, 1987. Chairman Messinger recommended leaving at 8:00 in order to start the meeting at 9:00. After lunch break, to resume at 1:30 and adjourn at 4:30 and invited the press. (attachee #12)

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve the resolution proclaiming the week of February 22 through February 27, 1987 as County Government Week in North Carolina. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. (attachee # 13)

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the County Manager's Proposal for County Government Week Activities. Commissioner Swaim seconded with unanimous approval. (attachee # 14)

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to authorize the Chairman to enter the Resolution of Utilization of Exxon Overcharge Funds that the County Manager had prepared to the County Commissioners Association as an alternate legislative goal. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. (attachee # 15)

Commissioners heard the latest information concerning the Yadkin River Trail from the Association's Representative Jack Kepley and Parks Director, Jim Foltz. The Association is selling tickets to see a slide presentation on "Take a Trip Down The Yadkin with Bob Pate to be seen at the Salisbury Civic Center on Monday February 16, 8 p.m.

Mr. Jim Foltz, Parks Director asked permission to submit an application for Parks grant that would pay up to \$100,000- 50-50- on the purchase of land. Mr. Foltz said that one-half of the cost of an appraiser and surveyor would be reimbursed. Commissioner Knox made a motion to authorize the investigation of the feasibility of

pursuing this project (Morgan property attachee # 16) Commissioner Swaim seconded with unanimous approval.

County Manager reported: The Monthly Activity Report from Personnel along with Personnel transactions (attachee # 17)

Also reported Budget Amendment from the Finance Department. To cover insurance expense in various accounts; also to provide for increased premiums on new cars ordered. (attachee #18)

Commissioner Knox moved the approval of the budget amendment. Commissioner Swaim seconded with unanimous approval. Commissioner DeMarcus asked the County Manager to keep close check on the insurance.

County Manager reported Interest: Amount of interest earned through January 31, 1987. \$246,874.00. (attachee #19)

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve refunds for:

Codes Enforcement Office: To-

F.D. Johnson, Pastor
New Haven Baptist Church
\$20.00 Church decided to
Build new building.

Tax Supervisor's Office: To-

Floyd C. Hatley
\$43.80 for being double taxed

Tax Supervisor's Office: To-

Betty T. Bunker- \$12.83
incorrect listing of a vehicle

For January Ambulance Service refunds
Eight refunds totalling \$237.70

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the refunds. Commissioner Swaim seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Swaim made a motion to continue the County's Road Sign Maintenance with the City of Kannapolis until the end of the

fiscal year, but to be reimbursed for expenses. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.(attachee #20)

Commissioner Swaim made a motion to approve the job description for the Codes Enforcement Officer that will be advertised until February 27, 1987. Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval. (attachee #21)

Commissioner Swaim made a motion to approve the sale of County property to John Evans, highest bidder at \$2500 sold at Courthouse steps on January 23, 1987. Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval. (attachee #22)

A letter sent to each employee concerning a revision in the County's insurance Group Health plan.(attachee # 23)

A letter thanking County Manager for agreeing to serve on the Department of Human Resources' County Managers Advisory Committee.(attachee #24)

Commissioner Swaim moved we approve Dewberry and Davis's proposal for additional services which would require 80 hrs. at \$60.00 an hour for \$4800 additional. Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval. (attachee #25)

Commissioners heard from Bill Burgin, Ramsay Associates, who gave a report on the update of the Rowan County Agriculture Center and the Rowan County emergency Operations Center. Mr. Burgin said the good news was that the project is progressing as well as to be expected that all contractors seem to be keeping up with each other. The bad news is that " we are running behind" due to rain and snow.

Commissioner DeMarcus stated that she had attended a meeting of the Kan-La-Con-Advisory Committee and distributed copies of the report.

Commissioner Knox recommended that screens be put around dumpsters and in "pretty colors" write "Keep Rowan Clean" be written on the cans. Mr. Sloop will be asked to give us a recommendation on this at Commissioners next meeting.

Mr. Wayne Ashworth, Emergency Management Director talked to Commissioners about plans for a Countywide Emergency Disaster System. He said he was working to set up a committee meeting. He also informed Commissioners that he was looking at hiring 10 new people for the telecommunication system .

Chairman Messinger asked Commissioner Knox to talk to the City about dispatching.

Doug Tennent, Architect for the renovation work at Social Services presented the bids for the renovation. Commissioners agreed to accept the low bids for information and see what comes in on the Electrical work and this will give them a better picture in seeing the whole cost at their next meeting.(attachee #26)

Commissioner Cohen recommended having a contingency snow removal plan to implement when it snows.

There being no further business, Commissioners adjourned until the 9th. of February where they will meet at the Duke Power Explorium, Lake Norman for an annual goal setting and planning session.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners