

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ADJOURNED MEETING  
MARCH 11, 1987

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Executive Session at 7:00 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Community Building on March 11 to discuss Acquisition of Landfill. No action was taken.

The following members were present: Chairman Richard Messinger, Vice-Chairman J. Newton Cohen, Sr., Commissioner Jamima DeMarcus, Commissioner George Knox and Commissioner Wilborn Swain.

At 7:30 P.M. Chairman Richard Messinger called the Adjourned Meeting of the County Commissioners to order and announced that we will now proceed with the main purpose of the meeting which is to dig a little deeper into the request for capital projects for the schools during the next six years. The Chairman said he did not have an exact format and hoped that this would be a question-answer type discussion with the Commissioners asking the questions and the schools resource people providing the answers.

Mr. Mobley, Rowan County School Superintendent informed Commissioners that the \$88,182,370.00 figure which was specified in the Basic Education Program is a fifteen-twenty year long-range planning for School facility needs and what they would like approved is a \$11,057,000 figure for major capital needs such as renovating Cleveland kitchen at \$175,000 and to build a new school bus garage for \$1,000,000. (attachment # 1)

These funds could be appropriated in the form of a bond issue for building projects to be paid off from the school's share of half-cent sales tax revenue and the usual \$600,000 a year from property taxes for school projects. (attachment # 2)

Mr. Reid Leonard, Chairman of the Salisbury School Board said the City would need a total of \$7,076,440 for facility needs over the next six years. These funds would be used for replacing temporary facilities, obsolete facilities, renovating buildings which are suitable for long-range use, new or renovated facilities for exceptional children, accessibility for the handicapped, renovations for energy conservation, community schools, new or renovated facilities for administration, maintenance, transportation, and warehousing and other needs. (attachment #3)

Frankie Owens wanted to discuss the closing of certain schools due to the proposed school merger, the refurbishing of Salisbury

High School and how these will affect the tax rate. Chairman Messinger told Mr. Owens, " we were not talking merger tonight; that we were here to discuss financing what the real needs of the schools were"!

Commissioners took no action on the County School requests.

Mr. Jim Foltz, Parks Director told Commissioners that John Robinson appraised the Morgan property at Sloan Park at \$2,400 per acre totalling \$84,200 for thirty-five acres. There are two dwellings- appraised at \$27,500 and two acres on the property which go with the two dwellings which would make a total of thirty-seven acres. The Park would like the Commissioners approval to apply for a \$55,000 grant which if approved would cost the County \$90,456.00. The grant is due in Asheville by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 13. (attachment #4 copy of map of property)

Mr. Foltz told Commissioners that Mr. Morgan was now living in one of the dwellings and would like to remain there if the County would consent to him having life-time rights. Mr. Foltz said Mr. Morgan could act as caretaker having someone looking over the premises at night. The other dwelling, Mr. Foltz said, could be used for storage.

Commissioner Knox stated that he would prefer to have quality parks rather than big open spaces. He said, "let this be the last acquisition and improve on what we have"!

Commissioner Cohen said before he could make a decision, he would need to know the recommended size of a regional park.

Commissioner Knox moved the \$90,456 to be approved to prepare the option to buy subject to approval of the grant. Commissioner Swaim seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Cohen voting against. (attachment # 5)

Mr. Foltz informed the Commissioners that there was \$39,000 left in the County-Wide Park Account and that could be used against the \$90,456 and budget the remaining \$51,456 in next year's budget.

County Manager informed Commissioners that he had received three bids on a new Trashmaster/Compactor for the Rowan County Landfill. The County lost the Rex 350 due to a fire. The bids were from: (attachment # 6)

(1) North Carolina Equipment Company- After trade-  
\$159,825.00

Tana 30C Sanitary Landfill Compactor Deutz  
Availability: 60-90 days

North Carolina Equipment Company- (Demonstrator)  
After trade- \$144,825.00

Availability: Immediate

(2) Carolina Tractor & Equipment Company-

816B Landfill Compactor- \$116,890.00  
Caterpillar  
Availability: Unknown

Carolina Tractor & Equipment Company

826C Landfill Compactor  
After Trade - \$179,652.00

Availability: Unknown

(3) E.F. Craven Company

Rex, Landfill Compactor, Model 3-55B Trashmaster  
Availability: One week  
(Same Machine as we have)  
After Trade: \$148,617.00

County Manager explained that the Trashmaster could be financed by Sorvan Leasing but that a lien of \$39,099 would have to be paid off. The lien is against D/P equipment purchased in 1985. (attachment # 7)

Commissioner Cohen made a motion that we purchase a new machine from E.F. Craven and Company for \$172,974 which includes air conditioning and fire suppression system and go ahead through financial adjustments and pay off the lien (\$39,099.00) against D/P Equipment to Sorvan Leasing Company and take the insurance proceeds and add to the funds to rebuild the fire damaged compactor. Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval.

Chairman Messinger informed the Board that he was told by a consultant, that for better maintenance and longer life of Landfill equipment, that the County should consider two of each type of equipment.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to authorize the County Manager to go out for bids for a Scrapper for the Trashmaster to be used at the Landfill. ( cost- between \$125,000 - \$150,000) Commissioner Swaim seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Swaim made a motion to hire another staff person for the Landfill. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous

approval. This person will be hired to handle heavy equipment and to rotate with the other four in catching late traffic.

Chairman Messinger said we would decide at the next meeting on the appointment to the Aging Advisory Council due to the resignation of Rev. M. Wayne Oakes.

County Manager mentioned a letter that he had received from the Southern Piedmont Health Agency regarding a public hearing to be held on March 17 concerning long-term care beds ( the need for beds). The time, 10:00 until 12:00 was not clear if it was 10:00 A.M. or 10:00 p.m. until 12:00; but Commissioners knew they would be unable to attend due to another commitment.

A notice from the Association on Legislative briefing at Mission Valley Inn on April 15.

Last month a question was raised concerning the form for Employee Performance Appraisal. County Manager said Mr. Ken Deal, Personnel Director was here in case they needed to ask questions. Mr. Russell said it had been revised by a staff of four department heads who had an interest in it and that hopefully, have added every comment possible. Commissioner DeMarcus said it was a big improvement and made a motion to approve it. Commissioner Swaim seconded.

Commissioner Knox made one comment to page C-1 bottom of page to place a period behind supervisor and delete the rest of the sentence. (attachment #8)

Commissioner DeMarcus said with this deletion, that she would move approval the Employee Performance Appraisal. Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioners discussed the re-location of the Post Office from the Old Post Office Building on West Innes Street. Chairman Messinger said they would need to proceed with this very carefully and cautiously since it was a historical building.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk  
Board of County Commissioners