

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 4, 1987

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Community Building on May 4, 1987 at 9:00 A.M. The following members were present: Vice-Chairman J. Newton Cohen, Sr., Commissioner Jamima DeMarcus, Commissioner George Knox and Commissioner Wilborn Swaim. Absent: Chairman Richard Messinger.

Vice-Chairman J. Newton Cohen, Sr. called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

Commissioner Swaim made a motion to approve the regular minutes of the meeting of April 6, 1987 with one clarification. Page 7, paragraph four which reads Commissioner DeMarcus moved to approve the \$30,000 to fund the Proposed Tourism and Convention Authority contingent upon the City to see their part of ABC funds. In order to clear this, Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve up to \$30,000 to the Proposed Tourism and Convention Authority for the 1987-1988 fiscal year. Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval. With this clarification, Commissioner Knox seconded the motion to approve the minutes of April 6 with unanimous approval.

As additions to the Agenda, Commissioner DeMarcus asked to talk about the proposed ordinance concerning Hazardous Waste, report on the Library Board and Baker's Creek Park. County Manager asked to talk about Airport expansion.

County Manager reported Correspondence: (1) Letter from Town of China Grove inviting Commissioners to their sixth annual Farmers Day Celebration which will be held on Saturday, July 18, 1987. (2) A thank-you note from Commissioner DeMarcus thanking the Commissioners for the flower arrangement sent to her husband while he was in the hospital, (3) An audit report from the Salisbury-Rowan Community Service Council. (4) From the NSWMA, a meeting on Municipal Waste Alternatives '87 to be held at the Sheraton Boston Hotel & Towers on September 9-11, 1987, Boston, Ma., (5) Copy of information letter from Carolinas Glass Recycling Program, (6) Letter from W.C. Owens, Jr., Chairman Pasquotank County Commissioners and Resolution of Support for an additional one-percent state sales tax. Mr. Russell explained that this is one of three proposals which have been introduced to raise money for capital construction for school facilities. Commissioner Knox said it would be to our advantage to

get all three proposals together and then make a decision. Vice-Chairman Cohen directed County Manager to summarize all three and send it to Commissioners so they can vote on it at their next meeting.

(6) a letter from Salisbury-Rowan Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors to Chairman Messinger requesting that County Commissioners initiate the appropriate action to petition the North Carolina Utilities Commission to allow Southern Bell Telephone Company to determine by means of a ballot whether the telephone users within Rowan County would agree to pay the costs of installation of the Enhanced 911 system. (7) a letter from the Historic Salisbury Foundation, Inc. to Mr. Russell strongly requesting that the historic Joseph Henry Mingis House be removed from consideration as a prospective landfill site. (8) a letter from Guy and Elizabeth Etheridge expressing their opposition to a landfill site on the Campbell Road. (9) a letter from Town of Spencer opposing a landfill North of Spencer (10) a copy of a letter from Harry Whalen, Executive Director, Salisbury-Rowan Economic Development Commission to Deborah Parker, Chairman HWT Commission submitting attachments and information on sites considered for a hazardous waste incinerator. (11) a copy of the Prenatal Contract (12) itinerary for incineration tour May 15, Hampton, S.C. and Wilmington, N.C. Commissioner Cohen recommended that a different member of the press be allowed to go and distribute the information. (13) Copy of a letter from Housing Urban Development to Mr. Messinger outlining the management review of the operation of section 8 housing administered by the Salisbury-Rowan Community Service Council. Asking us to provide them with a letter stating that a resolution has been passed to designate one of the other agencies currently serving housing needs in Rowan County to administer the Section 8 and voucher program for our County. Our other alternative would be to cancel the program. County Manager was asked to get in touch with Larry Parker, HUD and have him at the next meeting.

Commissioners recognized the Salisbury High Basketball Team for their outstanding accomplishment for winning the 1987 North Carolina Athletic Association Boy's Basketball Championship.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Commissioner DeMarcus moved the reappointment of Hazel Hancock as an extraterritorial member on the Salisbury Planning Board. Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Swaim moved the reappointments of Cleveland Sheck and Howard Brown, Jr. to the Granite Quarry Planning Board and also approved the reappointments of David Fisher and Don Livengood to the Granite Quarry Zoning Board of Adjustments. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Knox moved the appointments of Walt Thompson, Jewell Alley and Howard Bean as Fire Commissioners for the Miller Ferry Fire Tax District. Commissioner Swaim seconded with unanimous approval.

Wayne Simpson, Tax Collector reported total tax collections for all units and all purposes amounted to \$335,611.61. Commissioner Swaim made a motion to authorize Mr. Simpson to bill and collect for schedule B Licenses. Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval. (attachment #14)

County Attorney explained to Commissioners that a copy of the resolution establishing a service district to provide fire protection and the annual levy of property taxes for support and maintenance for Centenary and Mt. Ulla/Bear Poplar Fire Districts had been sent to them and that they needed to appoint Fire Commissioners for their areas. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the names submitted by both Centenary and Mt. Ulla Fire Districts as presented: For Centenary- Richard G. Beaver, Kelly L. Lail, Robert P. Bostian, Cecil Blackwelder and Don Belk. For Mt. Ulla- Ray Wilkinson, Hill Gray, Phil Sloop, Jimmie Horton and Ray Bolick. Commissioner Swaim seconded. County Attorney informed Commissioners that the County Manager had informed him that some of these appointees were now serving on a board. Commissioner DeMarcus said she did not believe in a person holding a double office and that she did not have this information whenever she made the motion and that if such people were on this list that she would withdraw her motion. Commissioner Cohen recommended approving this list and give each one the opportunity to resign from the fire district board and serve as a fire commissioner or stay on the board which they are now serving. To let them decide which board they want to serve on. Commissioner DeMarcus made this motion and Commissioner Knox seconded. Commissioner DeMarcus also included in her motion to approve the two resolutions to set up the fire districts. The motion was unanimous. (attached list and resolutions #15)

Mr. Harry Sifford told Commissioners that Rowan County had been appointed a Bicentennial County. That activities has been proposed and they were anticipating on a \$25-\$30,000 budget for three years until 1991 to finance all the activities. Mr. Sifford said they were asking for endorsement and financial assistance of \$1200 per year for three years. Commissioner Knox made a motion that we approve the request of \$1200 per year for the next three years beginning with fiscal year 1987-1988. Commissioner Swaim seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Bill Burgin, Ramsay Associates told Commissioners that they were behind the June 3 date on the construction of the new Agriculture Building

due to outside work; but the work is progressing in an satisfactory manner in the quality that they are getting, that quantity is what they were not getting the most of. On the Communications System, Mr. Stallings, Cabarrus Construction asked what the dead-line was? County Manager said he talked with Southern Bell and the concern he needed to raise was-they have an installation team and that team is scheduled to be here Mid May according to the dates they were given and if those dates slip too much-that crew will be somewhere else- and that 90 days could become 180 days. Landscaping - Mr. Burgin said grassing was the only item listed on the work sheet. Commissioner Cohen said trees were his concern- that there were a lot of snags. Mr. Caudill, Agriculture Director said he would help with coordinating the trees. Commissioner Knox made a motion for Harold Caudill, Agriculture Director to help with the coordination of the existing trees, not to add new ones. Commissioner Swaim seconded with unanimous approval. For clarification: Commission agreed that it was the Board's intent to charge the agencies who are housed in the Agriculture Building some maintenance or rent who could pay it. Fees to recover utilities and janitorial services. Telephone System- County Manager said he had been working on a telephone system for the new building and had sought bids from three companies- A T & T- \$44,684.35, Southern Bell Advanced Systems-\$36,612.35, Contel/Executone- \$27,816.00 and by telephone - The Jarvis Corporation- \$29,500.00. Mr. Russell said the lowest bid and one he considered the best was from Contel/Executone(one large system) Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion that we purchase the Contel/Executone System at \$27,816.00. Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval. (attachment #15) Equipment/Furnishings: Commissioner DeMarcus said she favored the mini-blinds- consistency of the building, but would like to see a list of all the equipment in order to stay with the \$75,000 which was approved for furnishings and equipment for the new building in the Capital Reserve Account. Commissioner Knox moved to authorize the County Manager to negotiate plans for installation of drapes and sheers for the new building including blinds. To table other furnishings. Commissioner Swaim seconded with unanimous approval. (attached # 16)

Commissioner DeMarcus moved that we grant the \$10,500 asked for by Sheriff Martin for additional funding for food for inmate meals in his 86-87 budget. Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval. (attachment # 17)

Sheriff Martin thanked the Commissioners for funding the Special Investigation Group and informed them that the new Chaplain Program now has fifteen ministers on board.

Sheriff Martin was asked by Commissioners in his opinion how the old Post Office could be used to our advantage. Sheriff Martin suggested a satellite jail.

Commissioner Swaim made a motion to approve the request of the Kannapolis Sanitary District to pass the Resolution approving the annexation of territory to Kannapolis Sanitary District of Robert L. Bare and others. Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval.(attachment #18)

Commissioner Knox made a motion to approve all six of the Community Based Alternative Task Force programs: Specialized Foster Care, Dropout Prevention Programs at West Rowan Junior High School, North Rowan Middle, Corriher-Lipe, Salisbury High School and Knox Middle. Mr. Knox commented that this is one of the finest programs to keep students in school. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval. (attachment #19)

The Personnel Advisory Commission at their April 9 meeting requested that three proposals be considered by Commissioners: (1) a supplemental retirement plan (401K) (2) a Cafeteria Plan and (3) a dental insurance plan. Mr. Deal, Personnel Director recommended that B B & T be selected as the Supplemental Retirement Plan administrator. Mr. Deal requested that an additional staff position (Personnel Analyst, Grade 32 to be administered by the Personnel Department, be considered. Also recommending that a Consult Firm such as Hutchison and Associates be on contract to help establish and maintain the Cafeteria Plan. (attachment #20) Mr. Russell also reported that County Employees raised \$5,083.47 for the March of Dimes in the Walk-A-Thon, prizes donated to the Donnelly Home. Mr. Russell also reported Personnel changes for the month of April, 1987. (attachment # 20)

Mr. Russell reported Interest earned through April 30, 1987 amounted to \$412,662.00. (attachment #21)

REFUNDS:

By Department: Tax Collector
Ambulance trips \$433.50

By Department: Codes Enforcement
To: Lloyd C. Bell
Amount: \$68.80
reason: Decided not to build

By Department: Codes Enforcement
To: Leonard Miller
Amount: \$66.57
reason: Old permits expired- issued new ones

By Department: Tax Supervisor
To: Robert Dean Wagner
Amount: \$21.39
reason: double payment

By Department: Health
To: Helen Smith
Amount: \$25.00
reason: decided against having site evaluation done

By Department: Health
To: Robert Cauble
Amount: \$50.00
reason: changed mind- site evaluation not done.

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

Commissioner DeMarcus commented that there should be a fee to help bear the refund expenses for those people who change their minds about using the permits. County Manger said the Home Builders Association recommended giving the County Manager the authority to issue refunds in order to expedite the time process.

Vice-Chairman Cohen recommended referring this matter to the committee who handles the requests and directed County Manager to do a study on fee charging and bring back recommendations to board.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to award the FY'88 Food Contract for the Nutrition Project to McCabes Restaurant, the lowest bidder at \$2.01 per meal. Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval. The other bid was from Service America at \$2.16 per meal. (attachment #22)

Commissioner DeMarcus moved that we designate the month of May as Older Americans Month. Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval. (attachment # 23, Proclamation)

Commissioner Swaim made a motion to extend the County's solid waste collection contract with BFI (Browning-Ferris Industries) for three additional years under the same terms and conditions as the present contract that began July 1, 1984. Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval.

County Manager had directed Carl Sloop, Jr., Director of General Services to do an analysis of the remaining landfill area which by 1988 all the land will be absorbed. In order to dig deeper trenches for burying garbage and costs saving, County Manager recommended Commissioners approving a new Caterpillar Tractor which costs \$196,359 and can be delivered by June 1, 1987. The other bid was from E.F. Craven at \$201,411.23 with 150 days delivery. Commissioners chose Carolina Tractor and Equipment Company because of the quick delivery. Commissioner Knox made a motion that we give the County Manager approval to purchase the New Caterpillar Tractor from Carolina Tractor and Equipment Company with delivery in four weeks (June 1, 1987). Commissioner Swaim seconded with unanimous approval.

County Manager told Commissioners that the Flood Control Ordinance was not ready to be presented. That it had not been given to the County Attorney yet; but would try to have it by next month.

Commissioners received citizens input into the proposed landfill site on Campbell Road. Mr. McClamrock whose father owned the land said he would take a firm stand against selling this land for a landfill. That it was too much quality farmland involved. Another citizen, Mr. Carlton who owns

Carlton's Quarter Horse Farm said the noise would ruin his horse training business. Mr. & Mrs. Parchment who owns property on Woodleaf Road said that the Board should make a decision soon. Mr. Russell, County Manager said it is too early for Commissioners to comment on this site since other areas are still being considered. Vice-Chairman Cohen told the concerned citizens that they would be notified as soon as possible concerning their decision.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Acquisition of Landfill. Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval. Commissioner Knox made a motion to come out of Executive Session and back into Regular Session. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

No action was taken while in Executive Session.

After Lunch, Wallace Peeler, Tax Supervisor called his Board of Equalization and Review to order to hear from people complaining about their property tax.

After Board of Equalization and Review, Commissioners heard from John Stratton a Greensboro developer who is proposing to renovate the old Post Office into 28 apartments. Mr. Stratton, President of Southfield Properties, Inc. already plans to lease and renovate the old railway station and put retail stores there. Mr. Stratton told Commissioners that the 28 apartments would cost \$1.5 million and would bring 61 new jobs into Rowan County.

Mr. Stratton told Commissioners that his plans would not work with a postal facility in the building. Commissioner Cohen said the County has a contract with the Postal Service to maintain a post office in the building until the year 2004. The Commission has been looking for another site downtown to rent.

Mr. Stratton said he hoped to come back to the Commissioners within a month with an offer.

Commissioner DeMarcus had asked to talk to Commissioners about a meeting with the Library Board as an addition to the Agenda. She said the Board had received a letter from the Bank Street Gas Light Association opposing the proposed additional parking at the Library which would be required for extension of the Library.

Commissioner DeMarcus reported that she along with Commissioner Swaim had attended the Cabarrus-Rowan Park meeting and Commissioner Swaim commented that this Park is a "Little Gem of a Park and that a lot of development had taken place in one year".

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to appoint Bob Lippard with the United Way, Mike Connell, Director of YMCA and Gene Sunding, Volunteer Services at the V.A. Medical Center to assist Betty McCrary with the County's Outstanding Volunteer Program. Commissioner Swaim seconded with unanimous approval. This was tabled from Commissioner's February 2 meeting.

County Attorney Clarence Kluttz told Commissioners that he would work on an ordinance protecting the County from an Hazardous Waste Facility if it should be located in Rowan. Commissioners had agreed to go on record submitting their concern over this issue.

Commissioner Knox made a motion to approve the 50% matching grant from the State Aviation Department for land clearance at the Rowan County Airport and to proceed with the work. Commissioner Swaim seconded with unanimous approval. County Manager said they would be approving clearance of 14 acres of land which they could sell as pulp wood for \$7,000 only costing the County \$13,000. This would give the Airport a nicer grade. Mr. Russell said the Airport Board would be meeting on May 11 and this would come before them for their approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel. Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval.

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

There being no further business, Vice-Chairman Cohen adjourned the meeting until Monday May 27, 1987 at 9:00 A.M., at that time Commissioners will start their 1987-88 budget hearings.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners