

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 1987

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Community Building on October 5, 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 Knox opened with prayer.

Commissioner Knox moved approval the minutes of September 8 with one correction to change the word subduing to securing a flag on page 6, paragraph 6. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the minutes of September 15. Commissioner Swaim seconded with unanimous approval.

As additions to the Agenda: Commissioner DeMarcus asked to talk about the Myrtle Beach Trip in November. The County Manager informed the Commission that Mr. Mobley, County School Superintendent had called and requested to be on the agenda to talk about use of the drug money.

Correspondence: (1) A memo from the Department of State Treasurer concerning Legislation Enacted by the 1987 Session of the General Assembly affecting Employers and Members of the Retirement System. (2) a memo from the Office of State Budget and Management concerning Public School Building Capital Fund. (3) A letter from Ramsay Associates, Inc. concerning the addition of a flagpole at the Rowan County Agriculture Center. (4) A memo from the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development concerning legislative workshops on Land Use/ Economic Development/Environmental. (5) a memo from the Division of Youth Services concerning CBA Jordan-Adams Fund. (6) a conference on Solid Waste Management sponsored by East Carolina University Regional Development Institute to be held November 5 and 6 at the Greenville Hilton. (7) an invitation to attend a luncheon at the Salisbury Civic Center on October 15, subject-Unite to Prevent Teenage Pregnancy. (8) memo from Ed Regan, N.C. Association of County Commissioners concerning more details on Key 1987 Tax and Finance Legislation. Mr. Wade Mobley, County

School Superintendent attending today's meeting informed Commissioners that East Rowan High School would be hosting a meeting on this on November 9 from 9:00-12:00 A.M. (9) An agreement for support for the Title V Senior Community Service Employment Program project application - commitment of \$5,119.00 to be matched by the State was signed and mailed on September 14, 1987. (10) 9th annual ALI-ABA Course of Study co-sponsored by the Environmental Law Institute Hazardous Wastes, Superfund, and Toxic Substances- October 29-31, 1987, Washington, D.C. (11) A letter from Philip R. O'Leary, Program Director for the College of Engineering, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Chairman Messinger informed the Commission that the landfill case was scheduled for today in court and that they would adjourn the meeting to attend and reconvene later on during the day.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Commissioners agreed to defer the appointment to the Human Relations Council.

Mr. Messinger said he was working with Frances Murdoch in Iredell County on the appointment of a physician to the Tri-County Mental Health Board. Commissioner DeMarcus indicated that Dr. Charles Ellis from Landis might be a possible candidate for this position. Commissioners agreed to table until a later date.

The appointment to the Centralina Development Corporation was also deferred until next month. Commissioner DeMarcus suggested Tony Blackwell from NCNB as a possible candidate.

Commissioners tabled the appointment to the Aging Advisory Council until next month.

Commissioner Knox recommended that the County Manager's Office send to each Commissioner a listing of the board members that they are responsible for in order to get a "better handle" on making recommendations.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to concur with the City on the appointment of Mr. Ben Davis as an extraterritorial alternate on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to appoint Maria Hall to the CBA/JJDP Task Force. Commissioner Swaim seconded. Commissioner Knox commented that he was concerned about the make-up of this committee and said it should have better representation. Commissioner Cohen agreed with Commissioner Knox that they needed to get it balanced. Commissioner Cohen offered a substitute motion to table this until next month. Commissioner Knox seconded. Commissioners DeMarcus and Swaim voting against. Chairman Messinger voting for.

Mr. Wade Mobley, County School Superintendent and Marcelle Williams, Chairman of the County School Board asked permission to use the \$53,000 in drug money to buy ceiling fans. Commissioner DeMarcus said she did not want to take action if it is on appeal. Mr. Mobley said he just wanted the Commissioners to keep the transfer in mind when the money is available.

Mr. Wayne Simpson, Tax Collector reported collections for all units amounting to \$1,039,914.50 during the month of September.

Mr. David Treme, City Manager along with Jim Whitton, Chairman of the Salisbury Citizens for GO talked to Commissioners concerning general obligation bonds to finance mandated improvements to the city's sewer system. Slides were shown illustrating the deterioration of the 60 year old plants. Improvements would cost \$7.5 million. The general obligation bonds would save \$2,685,490; however, revenue bonds would cost \$2.68 million more, Mr. Whitton said.

Mr. Treme invited Commissioners on a three hour sewer tour on October 24.

Mr. Jim Hicks was asked to come back before the Board with a list of recommendations to the Tourism Committee. He asked that this be deferred. Chairman Messinger requested that Mr. Hicks send this list to the County Manager prior to their next meeting.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion for Rowan County to be the host County for the November 4 meeting of Centralina Council of Governments and to hold the meeting at the New Agriculture/EOC building. Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval.

County Manager reported the monthly activity report of the Personnel Director. Included in the report were Personnel transactions that occurred during the month of September. (12)

Interest reported earned through September 30, 1987 amounting to \$118,459.
(13)

Refunds: From the Health Department
To: Alby L. Eller- \$20 applied to have
samples taken. Found to be on a
community water system. No samples taken.

Four ambulance refunds amounting to:
\$203.10

From the Tax Supervisor:
To: Barbara E. Murphy- \$52.60
For leased car- listed twice.

To: Jessie F. McCartney - \$38.04
for leased car- listed twice.

Commissioner Knox made a motion to approve the refunds.
Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

County Manager had listed surplus property as an agenda item
which he deferred since the full list was not completed. A date for
the auction will be set at the next meeting.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the request of
Union Volunteer Fire Department to pave their additional parking
area. Commissioner Swaim seconded with unanimous approval. (14)

County Manager informed the Board that the Holmes-Rufty Senior
Center cannot be insured through the county's insurance in the North
Carolina Property & Insurance Pool Fund and also he asked the Board
for guidance in engaging an appraiser to get all the county
buildings appraised. (probably by the tax office personnel) (15)

At this time, Chairman Messinger adjourned the meeting for the
Board to attend a hearing in Superior Court concerning the landfill.

Chairman Messinger reconvened the Board of County Commissioners
meeting at 1:30 P.M.

Terry Barber, Emergency Medical Services Director introduced
Harley Parton from the Western Regional Office North Carolina Office
of Emergency Medical Services, Black Mountain and Michael Stanly,
UNC Institute for Transportation Research and Education, Research
Triangle Park, NC, who presented an analysis of selected EMS Squad
Placement Alternates for Rowan County to Commissioners.

The study showed that the location of three units, (two downtown Salisbury and one in Landis) to be the best possible combination. Of the six three-ambulance combinations, the present location had an average per call response time of 6.4 minutes.

Mr. Barber informed the Board that he had received a letter from Harry Sifford, a member of the Emergency Medical Advisory Council concerning the Board's approval of intermediate advanced level by next fall. (copy of this letter attached)

Commissioner DeMarcus suggested before making any commitments, to study the proposals. She mentioned that the Board had agreed during budget proceedings to stay at the current level. Mr. Barber said the cost to implement the advanced level including salaries would be \$50,000. (16)

Commissioner Knox said he had mixed emotions, that he would rather see overtrained personnel as opposed to undertrained personnel.

Chairman Messinger said to put this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr. Jim Foltz, Parks Director, asked the Board to amend Regulation #31 pertaining to intoxicating liquors or beverages. This amendment would not allow any exceptions to selling, or attempting to sell any beer, wine, whiskey or other intoxicating liquor or beverage within the confines of any Park; and it would add "possession of any intoxicating substances on any property under the control of the Rowan County Parks and Recreation Department is strictly prohibited.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to accept the new Regulation #31 naming the three County Parks, Dan Nicholas, Ellis Park and Sloan Park. Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Foltz's second request was to use \$25,500.00 of the \$90,000.00 which had been allotted for capital improvements for

Morgan property and development which will not be used, to purchase a flag pole, a company shelter, a tent, telephone cable and parking lot lights at Sloan Park. Commissioner Knox recommended appropriating one-half of the \$25,500 to put where Mr. Foltz needed it and to receive the rest in donations. Commissioner DeMarcus said not to put Mr. Foltz and his Board into a fund raising situation and made a motion to fund \$18,000.00 for a company shelter. Commissioner Knox seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Swaim voting against. Commissioner Swaim commented that he was in favor of funding small items, but not for enlarging a shelter. Commissioner Cohen asked Mr. Foltz to look at his next year's budget to see where he wanted to be 3-5- years down the road. (17)

Mr. Wallace Peeler, County Tax Assessor, said he had three companies to submit proposals for doing the County's upcoming tax revaluation: Pearson, TMA and W.P. Farris. Of the three, Mr. Peeler said he would recommend TMA, a Charlotte firm. Mr. Peeler said this company has the people who can do the job. Cost would be \$396,760. Commissioner Swaim made a motion to go along with the recommendation of the County Tax Assessor by awarding the County's Revaluation Project Contract to TMA. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Mr. Doug Tennent reported that Phase I- Department of Social Services renovations were nearing completion- since Southern Bell was working on the elimination of telephone lines making way for the elevator. On Phase II, Mr. Tennent said they would be going out for bids early in November. (18)

Mr. Carl Sloop told the Commissioners, "now is the time to do the landscaping at the new Agriculture/EOC Center". Commissioners had received a proposal from Harold Caudill, Agricultural Supervisor and Carl Sloop, General Services. Commissioner Cohen made a motion to take from Capital Reserve the amount of \$5,100 to secure plants for planting around the new Agriculture/EOC Building and to authorize Carl to go out for informal bids on plants and to instruct his men to do the planting. Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval. (19)

Commissioners agreed that the grass planting job at the new building was inadequate and that the contractor's retainer would be withheld until work is adequate.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to make a request to the Chamber of Commerce to add several items to the Myrtle Beach Trip Agenda: School Merger, Hazardous Waste, Landfill, Recycling, Incineration, Airport Improvement, Land Use Planning and Chairman Messinger added Post Office. Commissioner Knox seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus urged Commissioners to explore all their resources to oppose the Hazardous Waste Facility potentially to be constructed on U.S. 70. She suggested documenting the heavy traffic on Salisbury Blvd. and the amount of water flowing into Second Creek. Mrs. DeMarcus also mentioned funding the Rowan Defense Fund, but County Attorney Clarence Kluttz questioned the legality of this and said he would check into it. Chairman Messinger said he had no objections to putting money into "the fight", but not the Defense Fund.

Commissioner Swaim disagreed with Commissioner DeMarcus on investigating these options saying, "before the State grants a permit, most of these questions will be answered".

Commissioner DeMarcus said she has not found the State to be the answer; that she would look into documenting the traffic flow.

Commissioner Cohen said he would work with Celenese on the flow of Second Creek.

County Manager said he had met with members of the Defense Fund and they are also concerned about exploring all options to stop the Hazardous Waste Facility from locating in Rowan County. Mr. Russell said he would ask Gerald Horton with Dewberry & Davis for an update on the waterflow of Second Creek and will also look into the two-lane-vs. four-lane-traffic count on 601.

Commissioner Knox made a motion to hold a Public Hearing re-enacting the local option one-half sales tax on November 2 at 9:30 A.M. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Chairman Messinger said he had met with John Stratton concerning his bid for the Post Office and he had indicated to him that he would have to increase his price to \$300,000 or we could not accept his proposal. He said he has not heard from him. Chairman Messinger also commented that he had heard from the Postal Service Officials and that they will approve the Quick Copy Building for housing the Post Office.

Chairman Messinger announced that the Sheriff is willing to work with the committee on the expansion of the Court Facilities and the Jail.

Chairman Messinger mentioned that he had enclosed copies of two letters to Commissioners. One letter from the United States Department of the Interior, addressed to Phil Kirk, Office of the Governor concerning approval of a 30 day extension for reviewing of the nomination of the Mingus Farm to the National Register of Historic Places. The second letter from John C. Brooks, Commissioner of Labor concerning the addition of Von M. Brown, the Labor Department representative to the Local Emergency Response Commission.

Commissioner Swaim made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Landfill. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

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

No action was taken while in Executive Session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Honeycutt, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners