

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 1988

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Adjourned Session in the Community Building on September 13, 1988 at 2:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Richard Messinger, Chairman
J. Newton Cohen, Vice-Chairman
Wilborn Swaim, Member
George C. Knox, Member
Jamima DeMarcus, Member

Chairman Messinger called the meeting to order.

Chairman Messinger informed everyone present that this was not a public hearing, but a technical hearing.

Chairman Messinger introduced Mike Baranski, Alfred Wilson, and Sharon McBride, who are members of the Rowan Advocates for Sustainable Alternatives (RASA). The purpose of this meeting was to allow RASA applicable time to submit their request that the Goodman Property on Highway 29 is a more suitable place for a landfill than the Campbell Road site.

RASA stated that conditions and parameters for siting landfills have changed since the County had first submitted its application for a conventional landfill. RASA feels that by using the Goodman site there would be less money spent, less public objection, and a permit could be obtained easier than at the Campbell Road site.

RASA stated that the Goodman site has not been ruled out as an acceptable landfill site. Their design is for a "state-of-the-art" landfill and shows the technical feasibility of locating the landfill on this site. They stated that their analyses show that any objections such as rock fractures, could also be raised against other tracts of land in the County which includes the Campbell Road site. RASA believes the Goodman site could be permitted, "but only if the County takes the initiative to present a site application for the tract".

RASA is proposing a plan that would fill 75 acres and provide landfill space for 20 to 60 years. They stated a triple liner with leachate collection and a monitoring system would protect the groundwater. RASA says the modern landfill would be operated with a separation facility, a baler, and a waste reduction/recycling program in the County. It was also stated that a solid waste management facility would be less expensive on this site. RASA says the actual

known costs for the Goodman site would be 3.2 million dollars versus 6.7 to 13.2 million dollars for the Campbell Road site.

In conclusion, RASA gave the following advantages for locating the landfill on the Goodman site:

1. Centrally located
2. Better Access
3. Sewer line nearby
4. City water available
5. Industrial area
6. Good use of land
7. Preserves farmland in Rowan County
8. The land is for sale
9. Economically cheaper
10. Has never been ruled out as a landfill

RASA stated that the County should develop this site as a possible alternative since it is no longer looking at a conventional landfill but a lined landfill.

RASA gives three (3) primary arguments for the Goodman site:

1. Technically feasible
2. More attractive
3. Better land use

The County consultants stated that the Goodman site could not win the required state permit.

Gerald Horton of Dewberry & Davis stated the Campbell Road site was a better choice. He also pointed out that "no one factor can make them say this one site is a landfill site". He stated that when a search for a landfill began, it included the entire county, but half of it was eliminated because of the Charlotte Slate Belt. Other sites were narrowed to three -- which are the Goodman site, Campbell Road site, and another off Long Ferry Road.

Gerald Horton stated the "Goodman site failed on technicalities." He also stated that liability was a concern because if a liner would fail, the county may be responsible for providing drinking water to the surrounding area.

In conclusion, Gerald Horton stated the Goodman site had some good and bad points. However, he stated that "I don't feel a permit would be likely on this site" and would not recommend it to Rowan County.

The County Consultants gave the following reasons why the Goodman site would not be suitable:

1. Substantial fracture rock
2. Assimilative capacity to Town Creek
3. High groundwater table
4. Long term liability (if contaminated)

County Consultants did agree with RASA that the lifestyles and necessities of the public would have to change before the amount of garbage reaching the landfill would be reduced. It was also stated that any landfill would be expensive and that the costs would have to be passed on to the users.

Chairman Messinger stated that the Commissioners had tried unsuccessfully to sell the Goodman site concept to the State. He also said "the county plans to address the entire waste management problem."

Chairman Messinger stated that the Commissioners will take under advisement the issues which were presented today and that Rowan County will have a Solid Waste Policy.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Jimmy Seagle, Environmental Health Supervisor, gave a report regarding the dog bite which occurred on August 11. A dog petition was presented to the Commissioners at their meeting on Monday, September 12, 1988. Mr. Seagle said his department received notification on August 12. He stated that he and one of his employees had seen the dog and it was not a vicious dog. He has not seen the child which was bitten. He stated that the child was bitten when she attempted to pull her small dog away from the large dog as they were fighting.

Commissioners asked questions and made comments to Mr. Seagle concerning this matter.

Chairman Messinger asked Attorney Mac Blankenship to review our Dog Ordinance and report his findings.

Commissioner DeMarcus asked Bert Hawley, Health Director, to write a letter to Mrs. Vickowanich.

Chairman Messinger asked Tim Russell, County Manager, to write Mrs. Gerald (Nancy) Vickowanich a letter informing her that the Commissioners are reviewing the Dog Ordinance.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Bridges

Interim Clerk to the Board