

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD  
OF ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ADJOURNED BUDGET HEARING  
MAY 31, 1989

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Regular Session for a Budget Review in the Community Building on May 31, 1989 at 2:00 p.m.

PRESENT: J. Newton Cohen, Sr., Chairman  
Wilborn S. Swaim, Vice-Chairman  
Henry H. Palmer, Member  
George C. Knox, Member  
Jamima P. DeMarcus, Member

The County Manager, Finance Director, and Clerk to the Board were also present as well as administrative staff.

Chairman Cohen called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

There were no minutes to be approved at this meeting.

ROWAN COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL MONUMENT: MR. DANTE SPAGNOLO

\* Mr. Dante Spagnolo gave a presentation on behalf of the Rowan County Veterans Memorial Committee, and presented the Commission with a brochure as attached to these minutes. The intent is to erect a monument in the Veterans Administration National Cemetery, as a memorial to all who served in the Armed Forces from Rowan County. The estimated cost is \$30,000, and the Committee has already raised approximately \$8,000, leaving \$22,000 yet to be collected. The monument will be dedicated on Memorial Day, 1990.

Commissioner Swaim questioned if this had been presented to the Salisbury City Council yet, and Mr. Spagnolo replied that it would be presented next Tuesday (6/6/89) at 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner DeMarcus stated that she hoped the Board could find some money for the cause, "because it's our cause, too". She added that she had already given a personal contribution to the cause. Upon completion of the presentation, Commissioners Knox, Cohen, Swaim and Palmer all presented Mr. Spagnolo with a 'goodwill' contribution toward the cause.

Commissioner Knox challenged that if all veterans in Rowan County would give \$1.00, the Commission will match the funds.

County Manager Tim Russell announced three (3) issues to be addressed by the Commission:

- (1) Budget Review
- (2) Review of Disposal Fees/Policy
- (3) Review of Landfill costs for Municipalities/Haulers

BUDGET REVIEW

County Manager Tim Russell presented the Commission with a Revised Budget Position Statement for 1989-90 as attached to these minutes. Mr. Russell explained the worksheet, with a final total as follows:

Total Estimated Revenues.....	\$38,714,179
(Minus) Expenditures.....	<u>38,630,637</u>
Available Resources.....	\$ 83,542

The Commission then entertained proposals for the following expenditures:

(A) Fire Assistance Investigation:

Commissioner Palmer proposed an allocation of \$3564/yr. for overtime funds for three (3) part-time volunteer firemen to assist with special duties when Fire Marshall Randall Faggart was not available. County Manager Russell clarified for the Commission, the basic duties of Mr. Faggart, and also the hours involved for the special duties of which he has taken responsibility, over and above his normal job description.

Commissioner Swaim made a motion that the Commission make a contingency appropriation of \$5400 (\$3600 - personnel, and \$1800 - radios/pagers, etc.) for this purpose, based upon an investigation to see if it should be followed through. If not, then it will revert back to the contingency fund. Commissioner Knox seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

(B) Commissioner DeMarcus recommended that the Commission accept the request for additional secretarial/clerical personnel in Ken Deal's office (Personnel Department). She continued that the cost would equal \$15,000 plus fringe benefits.

(C) Commissioner DeMarcus stated that she had been contacted for funds totally approximately \$6,000 (to match state funds) for computers in the Agriculture Department.

- (D) County Manager Russell stated that some consideration should be given to allocating funds for the 800 Trunking System. Commissioner DeMarcus suggested that the Board allocate \$25,000 for this purpose.
- (E) Commissioner Cohen suggested that \$10,000 - \$12,000 be set aside for personnel evaluations/increases for County Administrative Personnel. The consensus was to allocate \$12,000 for this purpose.
- (F) It was proposed by Commissioner DeMarcus that \$1,000 be given to the Rowan County Veterans Memorial. Commissioner Knox suggested \$1500, which was agreed upon by the Board.

The final worksheet for the budgeted funds was decided as follows:

Available Resources.....	\$83,542
Fire Assistance .....	5,400
Personnel (Ken Deal).....	15,000
Agri. Dept. Computers....	6,000
800 Trunking System.....	25,000
Personnel Adjustments....	12,000
Veterans Memorial.....	<u>1,500</u>
Remaining Resources.....	\$18,642

"GREEN BOX SYSTEM"

County Manager Russell presented two (2) concepts of providing funds to cover costs for the 'Green Box System' as attached to these minutes. (1) Charge by quantity of material, and (2) Charge by weight of material. It was agreed by all, that neither concept should allow the collection of cash money to insure the safety of the employee on the site.

Mr. Don Conner, Head of Environmental Services stated that he would like to see scales (costing approx. \$400) involved in the process, versus per-bag charges, which could prove very complicated. It was the decision of the Board to propose a charge-by-weight concept to the Municipalities and Haulers.

REVIEW OF LANDFILL COSTS FOR MUNICIPALITIES AND HAULERS

County Manager Russell explained a worksheet, prepared by Finance Director Brady Frick, regarding the projected costs of the landfill from 1989-90 to 1995-96, as attached to these minutes. Mr. Russell stated that the inflation factor involved is 5% per year. He then added that he hopes to see an increasing interest in recycling, thus decreasing the need for extensive equipment at the site, as well as inflated operating costs.

Mr. Don Conner explained that research shows most landfills charging \$30-\$35/ton for dumping, whereas Rowan County hopes to keep it's charge at an estimated \$20/ton.

It was decided to present this concept to the Municipalities and Haulers at the meeting later tonight.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss acquisition of property. Commissioner Swaim seconded the motion, with unanimous approval. With no action taken from discussion at Executive Session, and no further business in Regular Session, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise J. Barrow  
Clerk to the Board