

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
NOVEMBER 6, 1989
RED ROOM - COMMUNITY BUILDING

The Rowan County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on November 6, 1989 at 9:00 a.m. in the Red Room of the Community Building.

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

The County Manager, Finance Director, County Attorney, and Clerk to the Board were also in attendance, as well as various administrative staff and concerned citizens.

Chairman Cohen called the meeting to order, and Commissioner DeMarcus gave the invocation.

MINUTES:

The following minutes were submitted for approval:

October 2, 1989	(Regular Session)
October 12, 1989	(Adjourned - P. Hearing)
October 24, 1989	(Adjourned - Regular Session)

There being no corrections, Commissioner Knox made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Commissioner Swaim seconded, with unanimous approval.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Commissioner DeMarcus - Parks, Library, Christmas Tree in Courtyard, Rowan Partners

Commissioner Palmer - Landfill

County Attorney John Holshouser - Airport Hanger financing with Finance Director Brady Frick

Commissioner Swaim - Planning Board

CORRESPONDENCE:

* Solid Waste Law Revisions (Background Papers #3 & #4), as attached to these minutes. These are self-explanatory, as noted by County Manager Tim Russell.

* Memorandum dated October 26, 1989 from Commissioner C. David Ward, Jr., Chairman of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners, regarding the Carolinas Counties Coalition Meeting on November 15, 1989.

* Memorandum dated October 25, 1989 from Susan Adams, Budget Analyst for the N.C. State Office of Budget and Management, regarding the Statement of the Public School Building Capital Fund.

* Financial Statement of the year ended June 30, 1989 for the Salisbury-Rowan Economic Development Commission.

ROAD PETITIONS:

Commissioner Knox offered four (4) road petitions for acceptance to the State Secondary Road System:

- (1) Forest Wind Drive - Franklin Township
- (2) Forest Pine Lane - Franklin Township
- (3) Moorland Park Street - Atwell Township
- (4) Fisher Lane - Gold Hill Township

Commissioner Knox made a motion to accept these into the State Secondary Road System. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

MARCELLE WILLIAMS - PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE:

Mr. Marcelle Williams, representing the Rowan County Veterans Council, expressed appreciation for the support of the Commission, and the contribution to the Veterans Memorial.

Mr. Williams presented the Commission with a certificate of appreciation. The memorial will be dedicated at the next Memorial Day, 1990.

Lastly, Mr. Williams expressed concern on the part of the Rowan County Veterans Council regarding the position of Veterans Service Officer, and offered the assistance of the Council.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Nursing Home Advisory Committee:

Mrs. Nancy Dunn (resigned) - deferred to the December meeting.

Centralina Development Corporation:

Mr. Troy Ferguson (resigned) - deferred to the December meeting.

Board appointments due in the month of December were also offered for information. By concensus, the Board deferred them to the December meeting.

Franklin Fire Dept.:

Mr. Eddie Myers, Mr. James V. Burton, and Mr. Thomas Beam were all appointed to serve on the District Tax Commission, by motion of Commissioner Swaim. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

Solid Waste Task Force:

The Clerk to the Board presented information to the Board indicating which parties had accepted/had not replied regarding their appointments. Ms. Judy Hampton and Mr. Carl Patterson have not yet responded. Both will be contacted again.

An organizational meeting is scheduled for 11/15/89 at the Agricultural Center following the meeting of the Rowan Partners at

6:00 p.m. The Clerk will contact each appointee to inform of their invitation to join the Rowan Partners (dinner) meeting, and of the organizational meeting afterwards.

Carolinas Transportation Compact:

County Manager Tim Russell reminded members that two (2) elected officials are to represent Rowan County, one (1) being a Commissioner. By concensus, the Board decided that Chairman Cohen should represent the Commission. Nomination of the other member was deferred for further deliberation.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT - MR. WAYNE SIMPSON:

Rowan County Tax Collector Wayne Simpson presented the monthly report to the Board, as attached to these minutes.

At this time, Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to open the Public Hearing for the Sale of Industrial Revenue Bonds (Coastal Chemical Company). Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

PUBLIC HEARING - SALE OF INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS/COASTAL CHEMICAL COMPANY - BILL KLUTTZ:

Mayor Bill Allison of Cleveland, N.C. spoke in support of the Coastal Chemical Company's location in western Rowan County.

At this time, Attorney Bill Kluttz, representing the company, introduced Coastal Chemical President, Chris Chase to the Board. Mr. Chase stated that Coastal Chemical is 54 years old, and is the largest supplier of household cleaners in the southeast. Employment opportunities afford a minimum of 20 employees to be hired initially, expanding to 40 over a 3-year period. According to Mr. Chase, the average wage is expected to be \$10.60/hour.

No one spoke in opposition to the sale of the bonds; therefore, following a brief question-and-answer period with Mr. Chase, Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Knox seconded, with unanimous approval.

At this time, Commissioner Knox made a motion to return to regular session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Palmer, with unanimous approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Palmer to approve the sale

of revenue bonds to Coastal Chemical Company, the resolution being attached to these minutes. Commissioner Swaim seconded, with unanimous approval.

Lastly, Commissioner Swaim made a motion to enter a public hearing for the revision of the Animal Control Ordinance. Commissioner Knox seconded, with unanimous approval.

PUBLIC HEARING - REVISION TO ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE:

Mr. Paul D. Yountz, Mr. Herman Shue, Ms. Judy Haire, Granite Quarry Town Clerk Shirley Napier and other concerned citizens voiced their concerns regarding the need for a stronger Animal Control Ordinance in Rowan County. Copies of the revised Ordinance draft were distributed to citizens in the audience for review.

Ms. Haire presented two (2) petitions, as attached to these minutes, stating that a neighbor owned 35 dogs, and allowed them to create a nuisance in her neighborhood. Other citizens expressed concerns over cat problems as well.

Commissioner DeMarcus noted that a copy of the proposed revision of the ordinance was sent to the National Humane Society as well as the local Humane Society for their input.

County Attorney John Holshouser explained the legal aspects of upholding the ordinance as well as how to handle violators, etc.

After all citizens wishing to speak voiced their concerns, Commissioner Swaim made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Knox seconded, with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Swaim made a motion to return to regular session, after which Commissioner Knox seconded, with unanimous approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner DeMarcus to adopt the revision of the Rowan County Animal Control Ordinance, as submitted, and attached to these minutes. Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

PROPOSED AGING PLAN - SUE ARCHER (COG):

Ms. Sue Archer, of the Centralina Council of Governments presented information to the Commission regarding the N.C. Centralina Area Agency on Aging - Planning for Older Adult Services, and also the 1990 Region F Conference on Aging, as attached to these minutes. Ms. Archer continued by explaining the

objectives of the Task Force for the proposed Aging Plan.

Regarding the 1990 Region F Conference on Aging, Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion that the Commission pay for the luncheon for any attendees over the initial 25, (which are paid for by COG). Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

RESOLUTION FOR CENTRALINA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO RECEIVE STATE FUNDS:

Information was presented to the Board stating that \$990,000 was appropriated to COG's to "assist local governments in certain designated activities." In order for Centralina to receive the funds, a resolution must be passed by the Commission, as attached to these minutes. Commissioner Knox made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. Commissioner Swaim seconded, with unanimous approval.

UPDATE ON AIRPORT PROJECT - ALEX NOVAK (TALBERT/COX & ASSOCIATES):

The original contracts covering a three (3) year period for work on the Rowan County Airport were reviewed by the Board, as attached to these minutes. Mr. Alex Novak of Talbert/Cox & Associates gave an update on the progress made to-date. He explained that the lack of adequate survey information is causing delays. Early January, 1990 is the projected date to receive bids for the contractor, and they will be able to proceed with the plans by the first of March, 1990.

Commissioner Knox made a motion to approve the contracts with Talbert & Cox, also to include a specific timeline for completion. Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

UPDATE ON LANDFILL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT/PROPOSED OPENING DAY - DON CONNER:

Environmental Services Manager Don Conner updated the Board regarding the completion date of the new landfill, and the approximate opening date of 12/1/89, at 11:00 a.m. for Grand Opening Ceremonies.

UPDATE ON RECYCLING PROGRAM - DON CONNER:

In the absence of Paul Canup, Mr. Conner gave the update on the recycling program, as attached to these minutes.

REPORT FROM SPECIAL HURRICANE HUGO CLEAN-UP PROGRAM FOR ELDERLY & HANDICAPPED - CARL SLOOP/RICK RIDENHOUR:

Mr. Carl Sloop, General Services Manager, and Mr. Rick Ridenhour, General Services Supervisor, explained that the crews worked for three (3) weekends to implement the cleanup program for the elderly/handicapped citizens. Mr. Sloop also shared a letter of appreciation from a citizen who received the benefits of this service.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Interest: County Manager Russell presented the report of interest earned through October 1989, as attached to these minutes.

Refunds: Refunds were presented to the Commission by various departments, as attached to these minutes. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the refunds as submitted. Commissioner Knox seconded, with unanimous approval.

Renewal of Heritage Home Lease: Mr. Russell presented a letter from Mr. Daniel Tuttle of the Heritage Home of Salisbury, in request for a renewal on his lease from January 1, 1990 - December 31, 1990. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to grant the renewal, and Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

Approval of Contract for Peirson & Whitman, Inc.: Mr. Russell submitted a draft contract for a sewage treatment plant to be constructed on the Quantum BOPP Plant #2 site near Salisbury, for approval by the Board, as attached to these minutes. Commissioner Swaim made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

OTHER BUSINESS:

United Way Needs Assessment Project: By consensus, the Commission decided to defer a decision on this until the next meeting.

Pee Dee River Basin Committee Request for Funds: A decision on disbursement of funds was deferred until the next meeting.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Planning Board: Commissioner DeMarcus mentioned that the Mobile Home Park Ordinance draft had been approved, and the Public Hearing had been set for 11/20/89 at 7:30 p.m.

Library: Commissioner DeMarcus shared information in which it was noted that the parking lot lights at the new library will be restructured with different lenses, in order to provide a more suitable light.

Parks & Recreation: Commissioner DeMarcus mentioned that signs are being designed to aid in advertising current events and special events for the parks.

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony: The Commissioners were asked if they would like to continue with the "tradition" of the Christmas Tree lighting ceremony again this year. Commissioner Knox made a motion to follow-through with the ceremony again this year. Commissioner Swaim seconded, with unanimous approval.

Airport: County Attorney John Holshouser stated that Finance Director Brady Frick would like to present, for the acceptance of the Commission, a resolution allowing financing for proposed hangars and airport terminal facility. By concensus, the Commission deferred a decision on this until the next meeting, pending more information from Mr. Frick.

Audit Report from Potter & Company: Finance Director Brady Frick distributed copies of the FY88-89 completed report. Mr. Frick mentioned that Mr. Danny Love, auditor with Potter & Company wishes to appear on the December meeting agenda to answer any questions regarding the audit.

Landfill Delay Costs: Finance Director Brady Frick performed an analysis of the estimated costs of delay for the opening of the new landfill, and distributed to each Commissioner. Estimated costs incurred by the delay are \$615,000 as of 11/1/89. Commissioner DeMarcus suggested that PAPCO be asked to appear on the December agenda, regarding the landfill delays.

Seminars: Members discussed their plans to attend the 1989 Solid Waste Seminar at Holiday Inn (Salisbury) on 11/14/89, as well as the Carolinas Counties Coalition Meeting in Gastonia, NC on 11/15/89.

Their being no further business, Commissioner Swaim made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Knox seconded, with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise J. Barrow
Clerk to the Board

