

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
FEBRUARY 5, 1990
RED ROOM - COMMUNITY BUILDING

The Rowan County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on February 5, 1990 in the Red Room of the Community Building.

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

ABSENT: J. Newton Cohen, Chairman

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

In the absence of Chairman Cohen, Vice-Chairman Swaim presided, and Commissioner DeMarcus gave the invocation.

MINUTES:

There being no corrections, Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the Minutes as submitted. Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Commissioner DeMarcus: Senior Services
Health Department
Parks & Recreation
Keep N. C. Clean and Beautiful Program

CORRESPONDENCE:

County Manager Tim Russell submitted the following correspondence as attached to these minutes:

* Memorandum dated January 29, 1990 from Representative Julia C. Howard of the Yadkin-Pee Dee River Basin Committee, regarding contributors and amounts donated toward paying the legal fees of the effort against the transfer. Commissioner DeMarcus suggested that the Board receive the memorandum as information, and invite

Ms. Howard to attend the next Commission Meeting to elaborate on the progress of the effort.

* Letter dated January 26, 1990, from Virginia Petrea, Salisbury City Clerk, regarding the adoption of the attached resolution.

* Memorandum dated January 23, 1990, from Wayne Ashworth, Emergency Services Director, regarding Notification of Evacuations.

* Memorandum dated January 26, 1990, from C. Ronald Aycock, Executive Director of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, regarding the Joint District Meetings of Districts 10 and 12 on 2/28/90.

* Letter dated January 29, 1990, from David Thompson, Stanly County Manager to Dr. Raymond Murray, Chairman of the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Authority, regarding the findings from Westinghouse Environmental and Geotechnical Services, Inc.

* Letter dated January 16, 1990, from Mr. Willard Plentl, Director of Aviation of N.C.D.O.T., regarding State Aid to Airports Workshops on February 13, 15, 20 & 22.

* Memorandum dated January 22, 1990 from Susan Adams, Budget Analyst in the N. C. Office of State Budget and Management, regarding the Public School Building Capital Fund.

* At this point, County Manager Russell reminded members of the upcoming COG Executive Board Meeting. The Clerk will inquire as to the date/time/place of the meeting.

ROAD PETITIONS:

Commissioner Knox presented one (1) road petition requesting the addition of John Street and Lynn Drive (both in the China Grove Township), as attached to these minutes. Commissioner Knox made a motion to approve the request, and Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee: Ms. Barbara G. White was nominated through COG to fill a position on the Board, (paperwork is attached to these minutes). Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the nomination. Commissioner Knox seconded, with unanimous approval.

Cabarrus-Rowan Parks: General information was submitted to the Commission, as attached to these minutes.

Library: General information was submitted to the Commission, as attached to these minutes.

CBA Task Force: A vacancy exists, due to the resignation of Mr. William R. Robinson, as attached to these minutes. By concensus, the Board will defer an appointment until information is received from Ms. Sandi Reitz of Social Services. Commissioner Knox made a motion to accept the resignation as information. Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

ROWAN COUNTY YOUTH COALITION - MIKE CONNELL:

Mr. Connell presented the Board with copies of the by-laws established by the coalition. Mr. Connell updated members on the ongoing progress of the coalition. On 2/16/90, the Coalition will host a forum to be held at the Agriculture Bldg. at 9:00 a.m., regarding attacking the problem of Teenage Alcohol Abuse. Judge Frank Montgomery, Steve Beaver of the Sheriff's Dept., members of the Salisbury-Rowan Families In Action, Jim Mallinson of Tri-County Mental Health Clinic, and Debbie Kendrick of the School System will be speakers.

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT ON NURSING HOME AND DOMICILIARY CARE FACILITIES - ALICE HEDT:

Copies of the Annual Report had previously been distributed to members of the Board, and as attached to these minutes. Ms. Hedt stated that she is the ombudsman for an 8-county area, and then introduced members of the Nursing Home and Domiciliary Committees who were in attendance. She continued by explaining the Annual Report, requested that the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committed be expanded to ten (10) members, and also that Mr. John Steele be appointed as an ex-officio member on the committee. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to expand the committee to ten (10) members, and appoint Mr. Steele as an ex-officio member. Commissioner Knox seconded, with unanimous approval.

PRESENTATION OF COUNTY RECYCLING LOGO -Commissioner DeMarcus:

Commissioner DeMarcus explained the purpose of the recent Rowan County Recycling Logo Contest to the audience. She then introduced the co-coordinator: Mr. Allen Brantley; Judges: Ms. Lou

C. Murphy, Mr. Tom Stanley, and Mr. Clyde Overcash; School Principals/Assistant Principals and Art Teachers in attendance.

She then announced the two (2) students selected as co-winners: David Kruk, Jr. of Erwin Jr. High School, and Sean Mitchell of Salisbury Sr. High School, introduced their families, and explained how the two (2) entries were merged to produce the winning design. The two (2) co-winners unveiled the Official Rowan County Recycling Logo for members of the Board and the audience.

In appreciation, each student received a framed copy of the finished product, a certificate of appreciation (signed by the Commission) and a \$100 U. S. Savings Bond. Diversified Graphics printed the logo. Afterwards, refreshments were enjoyed by all.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION ON RAILROAD - DICK MESSINGER:

Mr. Dick Messinger and Mr. R. O. Everette presented information to the Commission regarding the proposed operation of a train between the Spencer Shops and the Salisbury Depot. Mr. Everette distributed copies of the proposed Resolution to the Board. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Knox seconded, with unanimous approval.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT: WAYNE SIMPSON:

Mr. Wayne Simpson, Tax Collector, presented the Preliminary January 1990 Report, as attached to these minutes.

PRESENTATION OF WEAPONS TO RETIREES - SHERIFF BOB MARTIN:

Due to illness of one retiree, the ceremony was postponed by Sheriff Martin until next month's meeting (March 5th).

REQUEST FROM PARKS ON PURCHASE OF PADDLE BOATS - JIM FOLTZ:

Mr. Jim Foltz, Parks Director, presented an estimate on replacing sixteen (16) paddleboats at Dan Nicholas Park, as attached to these minutes. Mr. Foltz stated that the paddleboats were needed prior to the "best revenue months" (May - August). According to Mr. Foltz, nine (9) of the park's thirty-eight (38) boats are unusable. Unfortunately, he continued, there are no funds available at present to purchase the boats.

Commissioner DeMarcus suggested that the County Manager and

Finance Director Brady Frick check for available funds, and the Board agreed by consensus. Commissioner Knox made a motion, if the funds are found, that the money be given to the park to purchase the paddleboats. Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

INFORMATION REPORT FROM ROWAN-CABARRUS COMMUNITY COLLEGE - MR. R. L. BROWNELL:

Mr. R. L. Brownell, President, and Mr. Harold Kenerly, Chairman of Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, presented the 1988-89 Annual Report, as attached to these minutes.

UPDATE ON LANDFILL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT - DON CONNER, JAMES COVINGTON:

Mr. Don Conner, Environmental Services Mgr., and Mr. James Covington, of Dewberry & Davis presented an update on the time-extension request from PAPCO regarding the Landfill Construction Project, as attached to these minutes.

Mr. Conner reported that \$15,284.62 was collected in January from the Convenience Centers, and 388 tons of garbage was collected at the Centers.

An extension of eighteen (18) days was proposed by Mr. Covington, due to (1) weather delays, (2) responsibility of general contractor to deploy extra manpower to make up for lost days, (3) deletions of certain work from the original scope of work by properly executed changeorders, and (4) other changes that should have reduced the work time requirement.

Mr. Conner agrees that he is comfortable with this proposal; therefore, Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to grant a time extension of eighteen (18) days, resulting in a 116-day total delay on the project. Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

REPORT ON RECYCLING - PATTI BURCHETTE:

Recycling Coordinator Mrs. Patti Burchette presented the January 1990 report, as attached to these minutes. Mrs. Burchette reported that approximately 600-700 Christmas Trees were recycled. Although this is a lesser amount than anticipated, it was noted by Don Conner that the City of Salisbury had purchased chippers, and many city residents had their trees chipped instead of recycling

them at the Julian Rd. site. In the past month, Mrs. Burchette has given 28 presentations on Recycling.

A memorandum was previously sent to all County Departments asking them to put forth a strong recycling effort but, Mrs. Burchette has found, only about half of the Departments are following the suggested recycling procedures. Commissioner DeMarcus recommended that another memorandum be sent to remind employees of the recycling effort.

DISCUSSION OF WATER/SEWER PROJECT TO HITACHI NORTH CAROLINA LTD.:

County Manager Tim Russell reported that the Town of Landis can and will provide water to China Grove and, in turn, to Hitachi. Information pertaining to the cost estimate was reviewed by the Board, as attached to these minutes. Approximately 2,440 ft. of waterline needs to be upgraded from a 6" line to an 8" line, with a cost estimated at \$50,000.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the County's participation in sharing the cost of upgrading the waterline. Commissioner Knox seconded, with unanimous approval.

CONSIDERATION TO AMEND COUNTY SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE TO INCREASE CIVIL PENALTY - JOHN HOLSHOUSER:

Information was previously presented to the Commission regarding the the State littering statute, and noting the second (littering) offense to be fined at \$200, as attached to these minutes.

County Attorney John Holshouser suggested deferring action on amending the present Solid Waste Ordinance until the next meeting due to: (1) the need to have a full Board in session in order to adopt, rather than just state the intention to adopt, and (2) the need for an additional "tooth" to be placed in the Ordinance. This results from a recent incident at one of the Convenience Centers. The Ordinance should, suggested Mr. Holshouser, address the problem of citizens failing to honor the fee schedule. Due to both reasons, the Board agreed by consensus to defer action until the next meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT - TIM RUSSELL:

Interest: Mr. Russell presented the reported interest through January 1990, as attached to these minutes.

Refunds: Various refunds were submitted for the approval of the Board, as attached to these minutes. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to accept the refunds as submitted. Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Health Department: Health Dept. Director, Bert Hawley, made a Budget Revision request to the Board, to allow for an additional staff position - "Case Coordinator". This position will work with medicare patients, to insure that they receive adequate prenatal care services. Mr. Hawley requested permission to pursue establishing the position beginning 3/1/90, and have it continue into the 1990-91 Budget Year on a permanent basis. Mr. Hawley stated that there were adequate funds to budget the position for the remainder of the 1989-90 Budget Year. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to authorize the position of Case Coordinator. Commissioner Knox seconded, with unanimous approval.

Senior Services: Commissioner DeMarcus updated the Board on a proposed change in the Advisory Committee's Article 4, Section 3, regarding membership attendance. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve and accept the requested change. Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

Library: Commissioner DeMarcus noted that the George Washington Society will hold their annual banquet in the Red Room of the Community Building. The possibility of establishing an Archives as a means of preserving important County artifacts and papers was mentioned. On 2/14/90, members are invited to the first-hand viewing of The Library Catalog (TLC) as well as a continental breakfast at 8:00 a.m.

Parks: Baker's Creek Park has received an \$8,000 donation toward a 9-hole Mini-golf course; Special Populations needs volunteers for the Special Olympics; Commissioner DeMarcus also suggested sending Ms. Pansy Smith, Director of Ellis Park, a Certificate of Appreciation on her recent retirement.

Keep North Carolina Clean & Beautiful: A letter has been written by Commissioner DeMarcus to Bob Timberlake, requesting his assistance in a Spring Recycling Event tentatively scheduled on May 18th.

Renaming of Roads for 911 System: Wayne Ashworth, Emergency Services Director, presented information on seven (7) roads needing to be renamed under the new 911 address system, as attached to

these minutes. The first six (6) will be addressed at a Public Hearing during the March 5th meeting at 10:00 a.m. The seventh (7th) will be addressed during a Public Hearing at the April 2nd Meeting.

PERSONNEL REVIEW ON MERIT RAISES - KEN DEAL:

Personnel Director Ken Deal presented information to the Commission regarding \$60,000 in funds allocated for merit raises four (4) years ago. Since that time, noted Mr. Deal, no additional money has been added, although cost-of-living continues to escalate, and many new employees have been hired by the County.

At this point, Commissioner DeMarcus stated that she wants 1990 to become the "Year of the Rowan County Employee" in that the needs (staff and buildings) of the County will take priority.

Secondly, it was noted, that there are more wage grades existing than are suggested by the Institute of Government. After much discussion, the Board decided to discuss this issue in more detail at their April Planning Retreat.

Next, Commissioner Knox made a motion, for the remainder of the calendar year, to cut the wage steps from 20 to 15, and to cut the number of employees eligible for merit raises from 40% to 25%. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

Lastly, Commissioner DeMarcus suggested, and the Board agreed by consensus, that the County Manager and Personnel Director coordinate ideas and devise a total dollar amount on County benefits, and report back to the Board with their recommendations.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Denise J. Barrow
Clerk to the Board