

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD  
OF ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MAY 7, 1990 - REGULAR SESSION  
RED ROOM - COMMUNITY BUILDING

The Rowan County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on May 7, 1990 in the Red Room of the Community Building.

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

The County Manager, Finance Director, County Attorney and Clerk to the Board were also present, as well as administrative staff and Mrs. Hoffman's, Mrs. Evans' and Mrs. Misenheimer's 6th grade classes from Granite Quarry Elementary School.

Commissioner DeMarcus gave the invocation. Chairman Cohen welcomed the guests, then turned the meeting over to Vice-Chairman Swaim.

MINUTES:

The following minutes were submitted for approval:

- \* April 2, 1990 (Regular Session)
- \* April 4-5, 1990 (Budget Planning Retreat)
- \* April 23, 1990 (Special Called Meeting)
- \* May 2, 1990 (Emergency Meeting)

Corrections: Minutes of 4/2/90, Page 7, Paragraph 2: As noted by Commissioner DeMarcus, "...\$9 million..." should be "...\$9 thousand...". There being no further corrections, Chairman Cohen made a motion to approve the minutes of 4/2, 4/4-5th, and 4/23. Commissioner Knox seconded, with unanimous approval. Commissioner DeMarcus also made a motion to approve the minutes of 5/2. Commissioner Knox seconded, with unanimous approval.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

- \* Commissioner Palmer noted that the Site Designation Review Committee should be nominated.
  
- \* Vice-Chairman Swaim would like to present two (2) Resolutions: (1) Mental Health Month: Vice-Chairman Swaim read a Resolution proclaiming May as Mental Health Month, as attached to these minutes. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Knox seconded, with unanimous approval.  
  
(2) Teacher Appreciation: Vice-Chairman Swaim also presented a Resolution regarding Teacher Appreciation, as attached to these minutes. Commissioner Knox made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.
  
- \* Vice-Chairman Swaim would also like to discuss Senate Bill 84, regarding the Homestead Exemption for Senior Citizens. This Bill passed through the Senate on 6/30/90, but was "lost" in the House of Representatives. The purpose of the Bill is to raise the exemption from \$12,000 (since early 1970's) to \$15,000; maximum amount of income allowed for the exemption is \$11,000, only to be raised by the CPI index (per year). He suggests that a Resolution be sent, asking the House to pass Senate Bill 84 during their next upcoming session in May. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to send the Resolution. Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.
  
- \* County Manager Russell stated the need for Executive Session at the conclusion of the Regular Session, regarding (1) acquisition of property, (2) litigation regarding the Hazardous Waste Process, and (3) the upcoming meeting in Iredell County at 4:00 p.m. today.

CORRESPONDENCE:

County Manager Russell presented the following correspondence, as attached to these minutes:

\* Memorandum, dated April 16, 1990 from Mr. W. R. Underhill of the N. C. Dept. of Revenue, re: the 1990 Sales Assessment Ratio Studies.

\* Memorandum, dated April 19, 1990, from Ms. Susan Adams, of the N. C. Office of State Budget and Management, re: (1) Quarterly statement, and (2) Freeze on Public School Building Capital Funds.

\* Memorandum, dated April 5, 1990, from Mr. Joe C. Matthews of the Yadkin-Pee Dee River Basin Committee, re: the Financial Report.

\* Notice, dated April 23, 1990, from the NCACC re: the 1990 Annual Conference, to be held August 9-12, 1990 at the Grove Park Inn, Asheville, N.C.

ROAD PETITIONS:

Commissioner Knox offered three (3) petitions, as attached to these minutes:

- (1) Lumber Lane in the Litaker Township,
- (2) Cemetery Road in the China Grove Township, and
- (3) Old Rocky Road in the Gold Hill Township

He then made a motion to accept all three (3) into the Secondary Road system. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Industrial Facilities & Pollution Control Fin. Authority: Two (2) members, Mr. W. S. Hall, Sr., and Mr. E. William Wagoner are eligible for reappointment.

Rowan County Watershed Commission: Mr. Theodore Hall is eligible for reappointment.

Commissioner Knox made a motion to reappoint all three (3) to

their respective committees. Chairman Cohen seconded, with unanimous approval.

Rowan County Parks Commission: One vacancy exists, due to the resignation of Mr. Reid Bradshaw. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to nominate Ms. Betty Dan Gilliam to fill the remaining term. Chairman Cohen seconded, with unanimous approval.

Solid Waste Task Force: Mr. Vince Watkins submitted his resignation to the Board. Due to the Board only being required for a short remainder of time, it was decided by consensus not to replace him.

Special Populations Board: One vacancy exists, due to the resignation of Ms. Sally B. Jones. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to nominate Dr. Pat Whitley to fill the position. Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

City of Kannapolis: The Kannapolis City Council has requested the appointment of two (2) members to the Extraterritorial Authority. Commissioner Knox will check on two (2) possibilities, and the appointments were deferred to the next meeting.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT - WAYNE SIMPSON:

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

REPORT OF PROPOSED TAX BASE - COUNTY MANAGER TIM RUSSELL:

County Manager Tim Russell presented a worksheet showing the proposed calculations of the 1990 estimated tax rate, as attached to these minutes.

Mr. Russell explained the worksheet, and noted that the estimated tax rate for 1990 to be 49.014¢.

At this time, Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED NAME CHANGE OF PALMER ROAD(S):

For information, EMS Director Wayne Ashworth announced that, as of July 1, 1990, 28146 will be the additional zip code for Salisbury in certain designated areas. Details will be disclosed at a later date.

With no one present to speak in favor of/against the proposed name change of Palmer Road(s), Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to adjourn to Regular Session. Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

At this point, Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the proposed name change(s) to Upper Palmer Road and Lower Palmer Road. Commissioner Knox seconded, with unanimous approval.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR MOBILE UNITS - DR. DON MARTIN:

Dr. Don Martin, Superintendent of Rowan/Salisbury Schools, presented a request for a transfer of funds (\$188,490) from Current Expense to Capital Outlay, as attached to these minutes. The purpose of the transfer is for purchasing ten (10) mobile units to be used as classroom space in the redistricting process for the 1990-91 school year. Commissioner Knox made a motion to approve the transfer of funds as requested. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

Dr. Martin also stated that he would like to organize as soon as possible, a "study group" regarding the computer needs of both the School System and the County.

KANNAPOLIS CITY SCHOOLS - DR. RALPH JOHNSTON:

Dr. Ralph Johnston, Kannapolis School Superintendent, presented two (2) applications for funds for renovations at the Kannapolis Middle School (\$65,000) and A. L. Brown High School (\$170,000) as attached to these minutes.

The requests are for funds for next year, as stated by Dr. Johnston. Kannapolis Middle School needs the addition of security in hallways at the gym, and additional storage space in the administrative office.

A. L. Brown needs funds to renovate old Administrative offices to accommodate increased staff and current office technology, as

well as convert the old library and Business Education Dept. into appropriate classroom space for 1,300 students.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the request subject to State action. Commissioner Knox seconded, with unanimous approval.

OCCUPANCY TAX INCREASE - JOHN HOLSHOUSER:

County Attorney presented a Resolution of Intention to hold a Public Hearing, and the Notice of Advertisement, regarding the increase in Occupancy Tax, as attached to these minutes. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to schedule the Public Hearing on 6/4/90 at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

COASTAL CHEMICAL - JOHN HOLSHOUSER:

Mr. Holshouser presented a Resolution regarding the acceptance of industrial bonds, as attached to these minutes. He then explained the procedure on the bond issue, for the benefit of the Board. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Knox seconded, with unanimous approval.

EXTENSION OF BFI CONTRACT - DON CONNER:

Mr. Don Conner, Environmental Services Manager, stated that the current contract with BFI expires on 6/30/90. Due to the shortage of time, an extension has been suggested for one (1) year, including a 4.6 % cost of living increase. Mr. Conner suggested the County begin doing its own hauling in the future due to the increase in recyclables but, for the immediate time, to accept the offer of extension, and receive bids on the contract at the end of one (1) year. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to extend the contract for one (1) year with the 4.6% cost of living increase. Commissioner Knox seconded, with unanimous approval.

Mr. Conner also reviewed the response to the Free Day (in conjunction with Earth Day) at the convenience centers/landfill. He presented the Board with revenue figures, as attached to these minutes. Mr. Conner continued by explaining a landfill refund ticket, as attached to these minutes. Commissioner DeMarcus suggested that all citizens visiting the convenience centers should receive a receipt for their fees, and asked Mr. Conner to investigate this need.

REPORT ON RECYCLING PROGRAM - PATTI BURCHETTE:

Recycling Coordinator, Patti Burchette, presented the April Recycling Report, as attached to these minutes. Mrs. Burchette reported that Morgan, Enochville and North Primary schools now have their recycling containers.

Commissioner DeMarcus noted that bins for collecting metal cans were needed for the City of Salisbury site, and also at the China Grove site.

Mrs. Burchette reported that an increase of 33% in recyclables and an increase of 56% in revenues was realized during the month of April. Glass revenues will decrease by 50%, but newspaper will begin to receive revenues.

FOOD CONTRACT FOR NUTRITIONAL PROGRAM - CLYDE FAHNESTOCK:

Mr. Clyde Fahnestock, Senior Services Director, presented information to the Board regarding the FY'91 Food Contract for the Nutrition Project, as attached to these minutes.

Servicemaster and Service America have previously submitted bids to Mr. Fahnestock regarding the contract, as attached to these minutes. According to the figures submitted, Servicemaster was the low bidder. Commissioner Knox made a motion to approve awarding the bid to Servicemaster. Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

Mr. Fahnestock also informed members that Centralina Council of Governments has identified \$15,531 in Title III-C-1 Grant funds to be reallocated to Rowan County.

REQUEST FOR FIRST RESPONDER ALLOCATION (SALISBURY F.D./MILLER FERRY VFD) - WAYNE ASHWORTH:

Information was previously distributed to the Board, regarding the proposed approval of Salisbury Fire Department and Miller Ferry V.F.D. to the First Responder Program, as attached to these minutes. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

AUDIT CONTRACT FROM POTTER & CO. - BRADY FRICK:

Finance Director Brady Frick read a letter of engagement from

Potter & Co., regarding their contract for an amount of \$21,500. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to accept the contract as submitted. Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

CBA TASK FORCE PROPOSALS - SANDRA REITZ:

Ms. Sandra Reitz of Social Services explained the five (5) CBA Proposed Continuation Programs, as attached to these minutes. She continued by saying that she needed the Board's approval to continue the programs, and is not asking for additional funds:

(1) American Children's Home Project: purpose of the program is to prevent juveniles from being detained and/or committed to detention facilities/training schools while helping reunite the family.

(2) Specialized Foster Care: program goal is to manipulate the youth's environment, resulting in a positive behavior which becomes the reward and encourages continuation of such behavior.

Commissioner Knox then made a motion to approve the continuation of both programs. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

(3) Rhapsody In Youth: At this point, Ms. Reitz introduced Ms. Denise McCain, Program Coordinator. Ms. McCain explained the purpose of the program: to provide youth with appropriate/enjoyable activities in a supervised atmosphere, where they can acquire skill and knowledge to aid in their maturity in a socially acceptable manner. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve continuation. Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

(4) Psychological Services for the Juvenile Court: As Ms. Reitz explained, the purpose of the program is to provide psychological services of evaluation, consultation, therapy and training to the juvenile court system. Commissioner Knox made a motion to approve the continuation. Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

(5) Tri-County Mental Health (not attached): Ms. Reitz noted that the Tri-County Mental Health Facility has the need to hire a part-time Social Worker for approximately 20 hrs./week. Commissioner Knox made the motion to approve the position, subject to availability of funds. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

DONATION FROM SPENCER MOOSE LODGE - JIM FOLTZ:

Mr. Jim Foltz, Parks and Recreational Director stated the correction that the donation is from the Salisbury Moose Lodge. The donation consisted of \$2,400 for playground equipment, and \$1,600 for the replacement of the flagpole at Dan Nicholas Park. Also, Alcoa has presented a check for \$2,000 to be used in the (Nature Center) Children's Poster Contest. Monthly winners of the contest will receive savings bonds. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to send a letter of appreciation to both parties. Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

MANAGER'S REPORT - COUNTY MANAGER TIM RUSSELL:

County Manager Tim Russell presented the report of interest earned through April 1990, as attached to these minutes.

REFUNDS:

Mr. Russell submitted various refunds for approval, as attached to these minutes. After reviewing, Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approval all refunds as submitted. Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

At this point, Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

At their return to Regular Session, no action was taken. Their being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise J. Barrow  
Clerk to the Board