

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 4, 1990 - REGULAR SESSION
RED ROOM - 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 in attendance, as well as various citizens.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The following minutes were submitted for approval:

May 7, 1990 - Regular Session
May 21, 1990 - Special Called Meeting
May 22, 1990 - Adjourned Meeting
May 24, 1990 - Adjourned Meeting
May 31, 1990 - Adjourned Meeting

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

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

* Library - Commissioner DeMarcus updated the Board on the upcoming summer program.

* Parks & Recreation - Commissioner DeMarcus stated that approximately \$30,000 in donations were dedicated recently at Sloan Park.

* Site Designation Review Committee - Commissioner DeMarcus read recommendations from the Site Designation Review Committee, and explained the proposals from the engineers. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the proposals. The motion was seconded, with unanimous approval.

* Executive Session - County Manager Russell noted that the Board would need to meet for an Executive Session at the close of the meeting, to discuss acquisition of property.

* Airport Terminal Plans - County Manager Russell stated that Mr. Carl Sloop would like to present the plans for the project, for approval by the Board. After reviewing the plans presented by Mr. Sloop, Commissioner Knox made a motion to accept the plans as presented and allow the architect to proceed. Vice-Chairman Swaim seconded, with unanimous approval.

* Law Enforcement Torch Run Day - Sheriff Bob Martin requested that June 5, 1990 be proclaimed as Law Enforcement Torch Run Day in Rowan County, and presented a proclamation, as attached to these minutes. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to accept the Proclamation. Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

CORRESPONDENCE:

County Manager Russell presented correspondence from the recent visitors of Granite Quarry Elementary School, as attached to these minutes.

ROAD PETITIONS:

There were no road petitions to be offered.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

* Social Services: Mrs. Rosalyn Misenheimer and Dr. Ira L. Baker are both eligible for reappointment. By consensus, the Board deferred both appointments until the next meeting.

* Centralina Private Industry Council: Mr. Jesse Corry is eligible for reappointment. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to reappoint Mr. Corry. Vice-Chairman Swaim seconded, with unanimous approval.

* Region F. Aging Advisory Committee: Mrs. Beatrice E. Amendola is not eligible for reappointment. By consensus, the appointment was deferred to the next meeting.

* Region F. Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council: Dr. John F. Barr and Mr. Coyt Karriker are both eligible for reappointment. Vice-Chairman Swaim made a motion to reappoint both. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

* Rowan County Tourism & Development Authority: Ms. Doris Horton, Mr. Charles Peacock and Mr. Edward Norvell are eligible for reappointment. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to nominate Mr. R. O. Everett, Mrs. Chris Whitton, and Mr. Jeff Whittington as replacements. Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

* Rowan-Cabarrus Community College: Mr. Harold Kenerly is eligible for reappointment for four (4) years. Vice-Chairman Swaim made a motion to reappoint Mr. Kenerly. Commissioner Knox seconded, with unanimous approval.

* Salisbury-Rowan Economic Development Commission: According to Mr. Dan Williams, Mr. Dave Clay has resigned. The Commission has recommended Dr. Don Martin as a replacement. Vice-Chairman Swaim made a motion to accept the Board's recommendation. The motion was amended to stipulate that industry be considered for future appointments. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

* Senior Services Advisory Council: Mrs. Beatrice E. Amendola is eligible for reappointment. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to reappoint Mrs. Amendola. Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

* Salisbury-Rowan Community Service Council: Executive Director Andrew Harris requested, via letter attached to these minutes, that Mrs. Katherine Bias be appointed to the Board of Directors, to replace Aubrey Cheek. Commissioner Knox made a motion to approve the request. Vice-Chairman Swaim seconded, with unanimous approval.

* Town of Granite Quarry Planning Board: Town Clerk Shirley Napier requested, via letter attached to these minutes, that Edward Cockman complete the unexpired term of Tony Brown. Commissioner Knox made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

Also, the request was made that Cleveland Sheck be appointed for another three (3) year term. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Knox seconded, with unanimous approval.

* CBA Task Force: Mrs. Sandra Reitz requested the appointment of Mr. W. Scott Craig to

represent Tri-County Mental Health on the CBA Task Force. Commissioner Knox made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

* R.A.T.S.: Commissioner DeMarcus stated that she had received a letter from Ms. Vicki McKinney. Ms. McKinney states that she has been appointed as the Director of S.O.A.R., and would like to replace Ms. Mildred Whittington on the R.A.T.S. Board. Vice-Chairman Swaim made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

* Extraterritorial Zoning Board (Kannapolis): Commissioner Knox nominated Frank Corriher as the representative for Area #1. Vice-Chairman Swaim seconded, with unanimous approval. A decision on a representative for Area #2 was deferred until the next meeting.

* Central Salisbury Corporation: The Central Salisbury Corporation has requested that a member of the Commission be appointed to their Board of Directors. Commissioner DeMarcus stated that she would like to continue the \$2,500 funding, as had been done last year. Commissioner Knox made a motion that Commissioner Palmer represent the Commission on the committee, but that the issue of funding be tabled. Vice-Chairman Swaim seconded, with unanimous approval.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT: Wayne Simpson:

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

ROWAN COUNTY/CABARRUS COUNTY TAXES - Mr. Robert Freeman:

Mr. Robert Freeman of Kannapolis expressed his dissatisfaction at the manner by which Kannapolis-Rowan residents are being charged more taxes (due to revaluation) than the Kannapolis-Cabarrus residents. Mr. Freeman states that this is in violation of citizens' constitutional rights. He formally requested that Rowan County refuse to collect Kannapolis-Rowan taxes until the matter is resolved. The Board requested that County Attorney John Holshouser investigate the options regarding the situation and report back at the next meeting.

REPORT ON RECYCLING PROGRAM - PATTI BURCHETTE:

Recycling Coordinator, Patti Burchette, presented the May 1990 Recycling Report, as attached to these minutes.

At this time, Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to open the Public Hearing regarding the increase in Occupancy Taxes. Vice-Chairman Swaim seconded, with unanimous approval.

PUBLIC HEARING - OCCUPANCY TAX INCREASE:

Mrs. Judy Newman, Executive Director of the Rowan County Tourism & Development Authority spoke in favor of the increase from 1% to 2%. Mrs. Newman presented information to the Board, as attached to these minutes. She also introduced Mr. Richard D. Trammell, Director of the Dept. of Economic & Community Development. Mr. Trammell explained the origin and usage of the occupancy tax. Mr. Edward Norvell, Chairman of the Tourism & Development Authority also spoke in favor of the increase. In closing, Commissioner DeMarcus introduced members of the Tourism & Development Authority. Vice-Chairman Swaim made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

After returning to Regular Session, Vice-Chairman Swaim made a motion to accept the proposed increase. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

ROWAN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY - Bonnie Smith:

Ms. Bonnie Smith of the Rowan County Humane Society had previously presented information requesting a County appointment as an Animal Cruelty Investigator, as attached to these minutes. The Board asked County Attorney John Holshouser to review all possible liabilities and report back, prior to the Board's decision.

SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL PROGRESS REPORT - Freida Nikolai:

Ms. Nikolai explained the information presented to the Board, as attached to these minutes. Vice-Chairman Swaim made a motion to accept the report as presented. Commissioner Knox seconded, with unanimous approval.

CONCERNS REGARDING SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - Mr. Charles Coughenour:

Mr. Charles Coughenour expressed his concerns that he was removed many times from the Courtroom and alleges that he was continually harassed due to his wearing sunglasses in the Courtroom. He claims that his eyes are in a weakened condition, and the glasses are necessary. Sheriff Martin was present during the discussion, and he and Mr. Coughenour will resolve the dispute outside the Commission Meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT - County Manager Tim Russell:

Interest: Mr. Russell presented the Report of Interest Earned Through May 1990, as attached to these minutes.

Refunds: Mr. Russell also submitted various refunds for approval, as attached to these minutes. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the refunds as submitted. Vice-Chairman Swaim seconded, with unanimous approval.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At this time, Commissioner Knox made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing acquisition of property. Vice-Chairman Swaim seconded, with unanimous approval.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Condemnation of Curtis Livengood Property: Upon returning to Regular Session, Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to accept the plan to proceed with condemnation of the property belonging to Mr. Curtis Livengood. Commissioner Knox seconded, with unanimous approval. The motion was also amended to state that the offer on the property be raised to \$3,500 if a settlement could be reached.

There being no further business, Commissioner Knox made a motion to adjourn the meeting until 9:00 a.m. on June 12, 1990. Vice-Chairman Swaim seconded, with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise J. Barrow
Clerk to the Board