

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD  
OF ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ADJOURNED MEETING - JUNE 28, 1990  
RED ROOM - COMMUNITY BUILDING

The Rowan County Board of Commissioners met in Adjourned Session, on June 28, 1990, 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, County Attorney, Finance Director, and Clerk to the Board were also in attendance, as well as administrative staff and concerned citizens.

Chairman Cohen opened the meeting, and Commissioner Palmer gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR PROTECTION, DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT  
OF FOREST LANDS IN ROWAN COUNTY:

County Manager Tim Russell explained the purpose of the proposed agreement, as attached to these minutes. He also noted that some discrepancy in allocation funds and property is involved. Due to the discrepancies, the decision was tabled, by consensus, until further information can be obtained.

RESOLUTION FOR AUTHORIZATION OF CONTRACT FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL:

A Resolution was presented from the Health Department regarding a contract for mosquito control services, as attached to these minutes.

Vice-Chairman Swaim made a motion to approve the contract as submitted. Commissioner Knox seconded, with unanimous approval.

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

PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED INCREASE OF OCCUPANCY TAX:

Chairman Cohen opened the hearing, and invited comments from the audience. Mr. Dick Trammell, Director of the N.C. Travel and Tourism Division spoke in support of the increase. Mr. Ed Norvell, Chairman of the Rowan County Tourism Authority, also spoke in favor of the increase.

With no one else wishing to speak, Commissioner Palmer made a motion to close the public hearing. Vice-Chairman Swaim seconded, with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to adopt the Resolution to increase the occupancy tax from 1% to 2%, as attached to these minutes.

Commissioner Palmer then made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Vice-Chairman Swaim seconded, with unanimous approval.

PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED HAZARDOUS, INFECTIOUS AND LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE ORDINANCE:

County Planner Danny Johnson briefly explained the context of the Ordinance, as attached to these minutes.

With no one else wishing to speak, Commissioner Knox then made a motion to close the public hearing. Vice-Chairman Swaim seconded, with unanimous approval.

At this time, Vice-Chairman Swaim made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, effective this date. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus also inquired to County Attorney John Holshouser, regarding the "Bad Boy" law, and how it would apply to the current situation of the proposed hazardous waste incinerator. Mr. Holshouser will investigate and report back to the Board.

ELECTION OF PERSONNEL COMMISSION - KEN DEAL:

The Board received five (5) names submitted to act as the Rowan County Personnel Commission, as attached to these minutes. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to appoint the five (5) as submitted. Vice-Chairman Swaim seconded, with unanimous approval. County Attorney John Holshouser volunteered to draft the Resolution accordingly.

VOTING DELEGATE DESIGNATION FOR NCACC CONFERENCE:

A form was submitted for designation of a voting delegate for the NCACC Conference, as attached to these minutes. Commissioner Knox made a motion to elect Chairman Cohen as the delegate. Vice-Chairman Swaim seconded, with unanimous approval.

At this time, Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval. Upon returning to Regular Session, the meeting continued with a Budget Workshop.

BUDGET WORKSHOP:

After receiving all Fire Departments' (signed) budgets for the upcoming year, Vice-Chairman Swaim made a motion to approve them. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

At this time, Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session, to discuss Personnel. Commissioner Knox seconded, with unanimous approval. Upon returning to Regular Session, Vice-Chairman Swaim made a motion to set the County Manager's yearly salary at \$70,000. Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

For the 1990 - 91 Budget, County Manager Russell proposed several reductions, as attached to these minutes. In addition, the following changes transpired:

- \* + \$10,800 for Manager's Salary increase.
- \* Courthouse/Jail funds were reduced from \$40,000 to \$25,000.
- \* Merit system funds were reduced from a \$30,000 increase to a \$15,000 increase
- \* Reclassification of personnel was delayed to 1/1/91 (\$15,650)
- \* 800-Trunking Communications System (with Salisbury) funds were decreased from \$50,000 to \$25,000
- \* Rowan County Rescue Squad was allocated an additional \$7,500 (\$15,000 total)
- \* Tri-County Mental Health received an allocation of \$15,000
- \* Tourism funds were decreased from \$30,000 to \$15,000 (due to increase in occupancy tax from 1% to 2%)

These changes resulted in a tax rate for FY 1990-91 of .0505 (50.5¢/\$100 value).

Vice-Chairman Swaim then made a motion to adopt the FY1990-91 Budget as submitted. Commissioner Knox seconded, and the vote was cast as follows:

Chairman Cohen - aye;	Vice-Chairman Swaim - aye;
Commissioner Palmer - aye;	Commissioner Knox - aye;
Commissioner DeMarcus - no;	

With a 4/1 vote, the 1990-91 Budget was adopted.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

County Attorney John Holshouser discussed the threat of lawsuit involving the request for information not received by the Hazardous Waste Management Commission with reference to the proposed incinerator site. Mr. Holshouser explained that he, himself, had no knowledge of any contracts, paperwork, or any records available at this time, to satisfy the Commission's requests.

At this point, Vice-Chairman Swaim made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Knox seconded, with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise J. Barrow  
Clerk to the Board