

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 16, 1990 - ADJOURNED MEETING
RED ROOM - COMMUNITY BUILDING

The Rowan County Board of Commissioners met in adjourned session on Friday, November 16, 1990 at 9:00 a.m. 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 in attendance, as well as administrative staff and concerned citizens.

Chairman Cohen opened the meeting, and Vice-Chairman Swaim gave the invocation. Chairman Cohen welcomed the two (2) Commissioners-elect in the audience.

CORRESPONDENCE:

County Manager Tim Russell presented the following correspondence to the Board, and as attached to these Minutes:

* Letter dated October 30, 1990 from Ms. Mary K. Deyampert of the N. C. Dept. of Human Resources, Division of Social Services. The letter explained the one-time revenue shortfall, and how the reduction will be implemented over the eight (8) remaining installments.

* Budget Report from the Board of Education; Commissioner Palmer suggested that the School Board Finance Officer address the Board at the January 1991 meeting to explain the report.

PROPOSAL FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY:

* Sloan Park: Mr. Russell explained the piece of property proposed to be sold across from Sloan Park, and showed maps locating the property in question. Mr. Jim Foltz and Mr. Red Gorman were in attendance, and confirmed that the property has no relevance to the Park. Commissioner Knox made a motion to approve the sale of the property at appraised market value plus any costs incurred by the County. Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

* Elizabeth Clement: Ms. Elizabeth Clement submitted a letter of intent to the Board, as attached to these Minutes, regarding her interest in purchasing a piece of property in Spencer, N.C. Mr. Russell explained how the property was acquired (for the taxes owed).

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to begin the legal proceedings to allow Public Auction of the property. Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

* Mr. Russell also mentioned a previous inquiry regarding property in Greenway Park. The person was not, however, interested in paying the fair market value for the property.

HERITAGE HOME CONCERNS - MR. DANIEL TUTTLE:

Mr. Daniel Tuttle, Administrator of the (County-owned) Heritage Rest Home, addressed the Board regarding an extension of the 1-year, to a 3-year lease arrangement, and also the proposed increased in rent. Mr. Tuttle had previously submitted letters of concern to Mr. Russell, as attached to these Minutes, regarding increasing overhead costs, vacancy percentages, increasing minimum wage labor costs, food and fuel costs, etc.

As no facility comparisons are available at present, Mr. Tuttle proposed a 23% increase in rent (to \$1,050.00/month). County Attorney John Holshouser explained the extents of the liability on the part of the County, and also on Mr. Tuttle.

Chairman Cohen stated his opinion that the County should sell the property, instead of continuing the contract. Commissioner Knox made a motion to refer the issue to the County Attorney for a draft lease agreement, and a final decision will be made at the December meeting. Commissioner Palmer seconded, and the vote was as follows:

Chairman Cohen - No	Vice-Chairman Swaim - yes
Commissioner Knox - Yes	Commissioner Palmer - yes
Commissioner DeMarcus - Yes	

County Assessor Jerry Rowland will furnish an appraisal on the property, to be brought back to the Board.

PRESENTATION OF DONATIONS - MR. JIM FOLTZ:

Parks Manager Jim Foltz presented the Commission with a donation of \$9,000 from the Mt. Ulla Lions Club, for the construction of a shelter at Sloan Park. The Clerk to the Board will send a letter of appreciation to Mr. Ray Shytle, Route 2, Mt. Ulla, N.C. 28125.

Ellis Park Director Renita Ritchie also explained the project of "therapeutic playground equipment" at Ellis Park.

REQUEST FOR CONTRACT SERVICES:

County Manager Russell presented a Resolution for contract services, as attached to these Minutes, and also explained the need for contract services with regards to the future in-house revaluation process. Commissioner DeMarcus suggested revisions to the Resolution, for the sake of clarity. She then made a motion to approve the revised Resolution. Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

Commissioner DeMarcus also made a motion to approve the hiring of a contract services person. Vice-Chairman Swaim seconded, with unanimous approval.

PROGRESS OF THE AIDS CONSORTIUM - MS. EVELYN SCHAFFER:

Nursing Director Evelyn Schaffer and Ms. Donna Arrington gave updated information on the recent AIDS consortium, as attached to these Minutes. Ms. Schaffer also explained how the public is being educated regarding AIDS.

PROPOSAL FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY (WEST ROWAN MIDDLE SCHOOL) - DR. JOE MCCANN:

Dr. Joe McCann distributed information regarding the site for the proposed new construction of West Rowan Middle School, as attached to these Minutes. Dr. McCann continued to explain that funds were already available, and requested approval of the purchase. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the purchase as requested. Commissioner Knox seconded, with unanimous approval.

EROSION CONTROL - PAUL CANUP:

Environmental Specialist Paul Canup updated the Board on recent violations of the County Erosion Control Ordinance. He addressed the Board for specific direction on one (1) of the current issues (Highview Farms). As Commissioner-elect Charles Welch is directly involved in the project, Mr. Canup questioned whether the County should remain involved in the enforcement of this particular case, or if it should be turned over to the State for enforcement and monitoring.

Mr. Canup continued by explaining the project, and the steps taken to inform of violation, and time allowance for compliance (recommends 30-days).

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to request that the State handle enforcement and monitor the project. Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR LANDFILL:

Finance Director Brady Frick explained the need for a separate budget for the landfill, and presented a proposed Budget Ordinance, as attached to these Minutes. Vice-Chairman Swaim made a motion to approve the Ordinance as submitted. Commissioner Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

OTHER BUSINESS:

* Commissioner DeMarcus requested permission to enter Rowan County in the "Keep North Carolina Beautiful" competition this year.

* Commissioner DeMarcus reminded members of the Task Force meeting on 11/19/90 at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Community Building. The meeting will address the issue of septic tanks with relation to mobile homes.

* Commissioner DeMarcus presented Rowan County Recycling Pins to Clerk to the Board Denise Barrow, and Accountant Vicki McCombs for their efforts in the Recycling and "Keep North Carolina Beautiful" programs. Mrs. McCombs explained an upcoming Recycling Workshop, she will coordinate with the assistance of Commissioner DeMarcus.

* Chairman Cohen reminded members of the scheduled upcoming Christmas Parades.

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

Vice-Chairman Swaim also made a motion to invite the Commissioners-elect (Charles Welch, Tom Webb) to be included in the Executive Session. Chairman Cohen seconded, with unanimous approval.

Upon returning to Regular Session, Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the contract regarding acquisition of property. Commissioner Knox seconded, with unanimous approval.

There being no further business, the motion was made and seconded, with unanimous approval, to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise J. Barrow
Clerk to the Board