

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET HEARINGS - 3/25/91
RED ROOM - COMMUNITY BUILDING

The Rowan County Board of Commissioners met in adjourned session, on Monday, March 25, 1991, in the Red Room of the Community Building. Purpose of the meeting was to complete prior business and review Departments' budget requests.

PRESENT: J. Newton Cohen, Chairman
Henry H. Palmer, Vice-Chairman
Jamima P. DeMarcus, Member
Charles H. Welch, Member
Thomas M. Webb, Member

The County Manager, Finance Director, and Clerk to the Board were in attendance, as well as administrative staff.

Chairman Cohen called the meeting to order, and the invocation was given.

UPDATE ON PROPOSED MORATORIUM FROM WESTCLIFFE CIVIC ASSOCIATION:

County Attorney, John Holshouser, distributed an updated proposal for an Ordinance, as attached to these Minutes. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to adopt the Ordinance as presented. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

REDUCTION OF REIMBURSEMENTS:

County Manager Tim Russell distributed information regarding the projection of revenues, as attached to these Minutes. The Board had recently received a memorandum from Mr. Russell, regarding the proposed hiring freeze, also attached to these Minutes. Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to approve the proposal by Mr. Russell. Commissioner Welch seconded, with unanimous approval.

UPDATE ON HIGHVIEW FARMS:

Paul Canup, Environmental Services Specialist, addressed the Board with an update of the issue. Vice-Chairman Palmer gave a statement of his concerns, and made a motion to set a penalty of \$47,030. Commissioner Webb seconded, and the vote was 4/0, with Commissioner Welch abstaining.

OTHER BUSINESS:

At this time, Chairman Cohen announced that the Board had received a plaque from Abex Corp., in recognition of the Board's support.

1991-92 BUDGET PROGRAM REVIEW:

EMS:

Top priority request is the establishment of an Eastern Rowan EMS Station, with a proposed cost of \$207,868. Second priority is a Computer-Aided-Dispatch person.

Beth Connell, EMS Manager, distributed information regarding a proposed rate increase, as attached to these Minutes.

PARKS:

Parks Director, Jim Foltz, introduced Mr. John Cadwallader, Parks Chairman, and showed photos of needed improvements at the parks throughout the County, as well as a listing of donations received during the past year. High priority requests include a computer terminal, new restrooms, various paving and resealing of roads, new equipment and equipment replacement, a Merlin Express XT Lettering system, and communications system. Information was also distributed regarding potential funding/revenue resources for parks.

FINANCE:

Finance Director Brady Frick requested items including a new copier, shredder, calculator, shelves for office dividers, data processing equipment/software, and remodeling of the Red Room kitchen.

CONVENTION/VISITORS BUREAU:

Board Chairman John Stegall, and Director Judy Newman presented their requests, which include the increase of occupancy tax from the current 2% to 3%.

SOIL/WATER:

Chairman Jim Summers and Mark Domske stated their (priority) request for office help.

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION:

Mr. Harold Caudill, Agricultural Extension Agent, presented information regarding his request and justification for data processing equipment. Ms. Gloria Correll, Agricultural Advisory Committee Chairman was unable to attend; therefore, the Board reviewed her written request.

GENERAL SERVICES:

Carl Sloop, General Services Manager, presented his (priority) request for a combination General Services/Maintenance Building.

SHERIFF:

Sheriff Bob Martin's requests included upgrading positions, hiring a Jail/Court Liaison Specialist, computer software, various facility repairs, telephone equipment, and antenna/transmitter.

There being no further scheduled appointments, Chairman Cohen adjourned the meeting to 3/26/91, at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise J. Barrow
Clerk to the Board