

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING - JUNE 12, 1991
RED ROOM - COMMUNITY BUILDING

The Rowan County Board of Commissioners met in adjourned session, on Wednesday, June 12, 1991, at 7:00 p. m., in the Red Room of the Community Building. Purpose of the meeting was to hold a Public Hearing regarding the proposed 1991-92 Budget.

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

The County Manager, County Attorney, Finance Director and Clerk to the Board were also in attendance, as well as various County employees and Rowan County citizens.

Chairman Cohen called the meeting to order, and Commissioner Welch gave the invocation.

Mr. Ray Paradowski: As Vice-Chairman of the R.C.C.C. Board of Trustees, he expressed his concerns at allocations being reduced in the proposed budget; wants the proposed budget rescinded.

Mr. Herman Beaver: Expressed his concerns regarding the convenience sites being closed; Favors raising taxes to prevent such actions; Wants Board to reconsider the proposed budget.

Mr. Richard Hurder: As EMS Advisory Board Chairman, expressed his personal and professional concerns.

Mrs. Vicki McCombs: As a County employee, Mrs. McCombs expressed her concerns on behalf of the County employees, regarding merit and cost of living cuts. Requests reinstatement of both.

Ms. Nancy Grant: Expressed her concerns regarding AFDC and Public Assistance fund cuts; She explained how Rowan County rates in comparison to surrounding counties.

Ms. Sandra Reitz: A DSS employee, she requests reconsideration of the merit and cost of living fund cuts.

Mr. Ed Haden: expressed his concerns on recreation funding in the County; wants to drop Baker's Creek Park funding; also has concerns with schools' funding and why it has two separate headquarters.

Dr. John Barr: As EMS Medical Director, he is concerned with the deletion of the idea to build an Eastern Rowan Station, as well as County employees receiving no cost of living or merit increases; also disapproves of the 7% across-the-board cuts in the departments.

Mr. David Fisher: expressed his continued EMS concerns; says the County needs the Eastern

Rowan EMS Station; Requests \$23,000 for maintenance and improvements.

Ms. Julie Kavalski: As a DSS employee, she expressed her concerns regarding the decrease of cost of living and merit increases.

Mr. Bob Ashley: Another EMS employee, Mr. Ashley is concerned with the deletion of cost of living and merit increases for County employees. Also want the 7% departmental cuts dropped.

Mrs. Jimmie Winecoff: Recommends a "user fee" for Health Dept., Schools, etc. Asks the Commission to "hold the line" on taxes.

Mr. Ralph Morgan: requests held with "saving the courthouse"; says departments should "hold the line" on expenses.

Mr. Donald Holder: as a western Rowan resident, he is concerned with the closing of convenience sites.

Jean Ramsey: As Rowan County Register of Deeds, she expressed her views regarding reinstatement of cost of living and merit increases.

Tom Ludwig: Also a County employee, he expressed his views on the requested reinstatement of merit and cost of living increases.

Sheriff Bob Martin: expressed his concerns for employees regarding the lack of merit and cost of living increases.

Mrs. Elinor Swaim: As Trustee of the Library Board, she stated how the Board chooses to apply the 7% funding cut: decrease operating hours by 6 per week.

Mr. Alan Thompson: As an EMS employee, he has concerns with EMS salaries.

At this time, Chairman Cohen adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise J. Barrow
Clerk to the Board

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JOINT MEETING WITH ROWAN COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
JUNE 12, 1991 - 8:00 P.M.
RED ROOM - COMMUNITY BUILDING

The Rowan County Board of Commissioners met in adjourned session at 8:00 p.m., for a joint meeting with the Rowan County Planning Board. All Commissioners were present, as well as the County Manager, Finance Director and Clerk to the Board.

Planning Board Chairman, Elaine China, explained the results of the recent survey. She and Commissioner Webb shared a discussion regarding the proposed plan, and Commissioner DeMarcus discussed clarification of the process. County Planner, Danny Johnson, explained policy statements, and noted that he's received a 32% response rate on the survey.

Galen Hiott: explained his concerns of any misunderstanding and feels the proposal is a fair example. Commissioner DeMarcus suggested following regular procedures for the process throughout its continuation. Commissioner Webb expressed his concerns with current progress of the project.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion that the Planning Board proceed with their process, hold their public hearings, then perfect their report and bring it back to the County Commissioners for County Commissioners' public hearing and decision. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

Dave Roberts: requests the Commissioners to submit their suggestions/opinions in writing to avoid any further misunderstanding.

Dr. Hill: says there is a "vast difference" in the Salisbury 2000 and Rowan 2003 Plans.

With no further discussion, Chairman Cohen adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise J. Barrow
Clerk to the Board

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JOINT MEETING WITH ARCHITECTS
JUNE 12, 1991 - 8:45 P.M.
RED ROOM - COMMUNITY BUILDING

The Rowan County Board of Commissioners met in adjourned session, at 8:45 p.m., on Wednesday, June 12, 1991, in the Red Room of the Community Building. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss the status of renovation plans for the jail/courthouse. Mr. Doug Tennent and John Duncan gave a presentation of the proposal for the jail/courthouse complex. Mr. Duncan introduced other members of the firm. Mr. Tennent explained the proposed footage plans. Mr. Bob Davies showed a proposed floorplans for the courthouse. Mr. Paul Bonsee explained the proposals for the jail facilities.

J. N. Pease Associates will return later at the July 8th meeting, with an update on proposed floorplans.

Commissioner DeMarcus then made a motion to reschedule the July meeting to July 8, 1991 at 9:00 a.m., due to the July 4th Holiday.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Convention & Visitors Bureau Board Appointments: Information was distributed to the Board regarding proposed Convention & Visitors Bureau appointments, as attached to these Minutes:

Salisbury-Rowan Chamber of Commerce: Mr. Dan Boyd (Wachovia Bank)

Hotel/Motel: Mr. Jon Sunner (Holiday Inn/Days Inn)

Spencer Shops: Mr. Dick Messinger

At-Large: Mr. Hall Steele and Mr. Jack Owens

Commissioner: Mrs. Jamima DeMarcus

Commissioner Webb also added a nomination of Billie Shotsburger as an at-large member. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to accept all other nominations as appointments. Mr. Steele and Mr. Owens were appointed as the at-large members (with 5 and 3 votes respectively).

LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX: Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to hold a public hearing on 6/28/91 regarding the local option sales tax, at 9:00 a.m., based on the action by the General Assembly. The possibility of an interim budget will also be discussed at this time. Commissioner Welch seconded, with unanimous approval. Vice-Chairman Palmer also made a motion to authorize County Manager Russell to send a letter to the General Assembly in support of the House

of Representatives' version regarding the local option sales tax, as attached to these Minutes. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval. (Note: due to later action, no hearing was necessary).

There being no further business, Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to adjourn to 6/28/91, at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

Respectively submitted,

Denise J. Barrow
Clerk to the Board