

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION - JULY 8, 1991
RED ROOM - COMMUNITY BUILDING

The Rowan County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session, on Monday, July 8, 1991, at 9:00 a.m., in the Red Room of the Community Building. The meeting was rescheduled from the regular date of July 1, due to the July 4th holiday.

PRESENT: J. Newton Cohen, Chairman (9:00 a.m. - completion)
Henry H. Palmer, Vice-Chairman (9:00 a.m. - completion)
Jamima P. DeMarcus, Member (9:00 a.m. - completion)
Thomas M. Webb, Member (9:00 a.m. - completion)
Charles H. Welch, Member (9:00 a.m. - completion)

The County Manager, County Attorney, Finance Director and Clerk to the Board were also in attendance.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The following Minutes were submitted for approval:

- * June 3, 1991 (Regular Session)
- * June 4, 1991 (Adjourned Session)
- * June 12, 1991 (Adjourned)
- * June 28, 1991 (Adjourned)

June 4, 1991: Vice-Chairman Palmer noted that, on pg. 5, the total cost to the meal containers should be \$3,320, instead of the stated \$4,320. He also noted that Nancy Bryant should read Grant.

June 12, 1991: Commissioner DeMarcus requested that the nominations for the Convention & Visitors Bureau be itemized in more detail in the Minutes.

There being no further corrections, Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the Minutes as submitted. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

* Commissioner Welch discussed the possibility of imposing a "fee" for cats (as is for dogs) for taxation purposes. County Attorney John Holshouser will review the request, and return with information for the Board.

* Commissioner Welch noted that the 1991-92 Budget should be finalized at this meeting.

* Commissioner DeMarcus stated that she had received a telephone call from a concerned citizen regarding procedures at the animal shelter. Ms. Michelle Weaver and Ms. Carolyn Price addressed the Board regarding a recent incident with Ms. Weaver's cats at the shelter. County Manager Tim Russell will investigate procedures during the incident.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

* Information regarding the 1991 Annual NCACC Conference

* Letter from China grove Town Clerk/Administrator, Jack Painter, informing that the Town had adopted the County's Animal Control Ordinance.

ROAD PETITIONS: There were none to be offered.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT: As Mr. Wayne Simpson, Tax Collector, was out of town, the report will be mailed to the respective Commissioners.

UNITED WAY NEEDS ASSESSMENT: Mr. Carl Repsher gave a presentation regarding the purpose of status of the "Needs Assessment Program". Mr. Repsher explained the primary, secondary, and tertiary phases of the program, and showed how funds allocated from the County were utilized. Mr. Repsher is requesting that the Board endorse the report and recommendations given.

SELECTION OF NCACC VOTING DELEGATE: The Board reviewed information requesting the selection of a voting delegate for the 84th Annual Conference, as attached to these Minutes. Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to elect Chairman Cohen as the voting delegate. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

ABC Board: The Board reviewed a written request for reappointment from Mr. David Rouche, as attached to these Minutes. Vice-Chairman Palmer nominated Bill Swaim. Commissioner Welch nominated David Rouche, and the vote was 3/2 in favor of Mr. Rouche.

Board of Elections: These appointments are made by the political parties. Commissioner DeMarcus noted that Mr. Bill Swaim had recently replaced Mr. Joe Padgett on the board.

Convention & Visitors Bureau: These appointments were made at a previous meeting.

Rowan-Cabarrus Community College: Commissioner Welch nominated Mr. Sam May for reappointment. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

Senior Services Advisory Council: Commissioner DeMarcus noted that these appointments had also recently been handled.

Region F Aging Advisory Committee: The Board reviewed information requesting that an alternate be selected for this committee, as attached to these Minutes. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to appoint Mr. Walter Boger. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

Centralina Development Corporation: Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to reappoint Mr. James M. Henderson, Mr. William O. Lombard, Jr., and Mr. J. Newton Cohen to the board. Commissioner Welch seconded, with unanimous approval.

Centralina Private Industry Council: Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to reappoint Mr. Jesse Corry, Jr., Mr. Dow Perry, and Mr. Jerry Thrift. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

Region F Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council: Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to reappoint Mr. Wayne Ashworth, Ms. Beth Connell, Mr. Coyt Karkiker, and Dr. John Barr. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

Human Relations Council: With the resignations of Ms. Mary B. Deal and Ms. Elizabeth Womack, two vacancies exist. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to appoint Mr. Larry Gruber and Rev. Neal James. The motion was seconded, with unanimous approval.

SUGGESTIONS FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE - JEAN RAMSEY:

Register of Deeds, Jean Ramsey, addressed the Board regarding the proposal from Eastman-Kodak to purchase new equipment. Ms. Ramsey also suggested increasing fees to offset the costs of copies. Mr. Jerry Cook, Eastman-Kodak Representative gave his opinions of the current equipment vs. the new equipment, and the costs involved. Commissioner DeMarcus suggests receiving the presentation as information. The County Manager and Finance Director will bring an analysis to the August 5th meeting.

GUIDELINES FOR BILLING PROCEDURES WITH NURSING HOMES - WAYNE ASHWORTH:

Mr. Ashworth explained the proposed improvements to billing procedures for Nursing Homes, as attached to these Minutes. He also requested that the guidelines be approved effective August 1st. Commissioner Welch made a motion to approve the guidelines as submitted, effective August 1, 1991. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Interest: Mr. Russell explained that no interest report was available at this time.

Refunds: After members reviewed the listing of departmental refunds, Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to approve as submitted. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

OTHER BUSINESS: At this time, County Manager Russell updated the Board regarding recent legislature on the 1¢ proposed sales tax, per Mr. Ron Aycock of NCACC. Commissioner Webb made a motion to review (on 1-1-92) the income figures to possibly allow a cost-of-living increase. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, and the vote was 4/1, with Commissioner Welch voting no.

Commissioner Welch then made a motion to approve the budget as proposed with the tax rate remaining as 50-1/2¢/\$100 value. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

Mr. Robert Freeman addressed the Board to state his concerns, and his opposition to the local option sales tax issue. County Manager Russell then explained the proposed 1991-92 Budget Ordinance, as attached to these Minutes. Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to approve the Budget Ordinance as submitted. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

Holly Farms Complaint: An update of the recent Holly Farms complaint on Montgomery Road reported that an inspector will keep current check on the situation. Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to let the County Manager follow-up with Dr. Adams' commitment for on-site inspections. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

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

At the end of Executive Session, the motion was made and seconded, with unanimous approval to return to Regular Session.

SCHOOLS - DR. DON MARTIN:

School Superintendent, Don Martin, addressed the Board and distributed information regarding the upcoming bond referendum, as attached to these Minutes. Anne Fuller gave opening comments, and Dr. Martin noted the 6 areas of discussion. According to Dr. Martin, the projects do not include administrative offices, maintenance facilities or ball fields.

RAMSAY ASSOCIATES: Mr. Bill Burgin distributed information regarding the proposed plans for the Old Post Office Building, as attached to these Minutes. Approximate cost is near \$2 million. Mr. Burgin will return for an update with the Board on 7/19/91.

ATKINSON/DYER/WATSON: Mr. Richard Atkinson distributed information regarding proposed plans for the Health Department expansion, as attached to these Minutes. Approximate cost is \$1,696,220. Mr. Atkinson will return for an update with the Board on 7/19/91.

J. N. PEASE & ASSOCIATES: Mr. John Duncan explained the inclusive costs for the projected courthouse/jail expansion project. Approximate cost is \$12 million. Mr. Duncan will return to update the Board in early August.

There being no further business, Commissioner Welch made a motion to adjourn the meeting to a worksession on 7/19/91 at 9:00 a.m. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise J. Barrow
Clerk to the Board