

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD  
OF ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION - SEPTEMBER 3, 1991  
RED ROOM - COMMUNITY BUILDING

The Rowan County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session, on Tuesday, September 3, 1991, at 9:00 a.m., in the Red Room of the Community Building. The meeting was changed, due to Monday, September 2nd being the Labor Day Holiday.

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The following Minutes were submitted for approval:

- \* August 5, 1991 - (Regular)
- \* August 6, 1991 - (Adjourned)
- \* August 12, 1991 - (Adjourned)
- \* August 26, 1991 - (Adjourned)

The following corrections were noted:

\* August 5th, page 5: Commissioner DeMarcus noted that the Senior Services Advisory Council appointments were previously approved.

\* August 26th, page 3: Commissioner DeMarcus noted that she announced Mr. John Steele having already received a certificate of appreciation.

\* August 5th, page 4: Vice-Chairman Palmer stated that Commissioner DeMarcus seconded the motion to adopt the joint Resolution with the City of Kannapolis (the Commissioner's name was omitted).

\* August 5th, page 7: Vice-Chairman Palmer stated that "186 beds are currently used" should read "186 beds are currently needed".

The motion was then made and seconded, with unanimous approval, to approve the Minutes with

the noted corrections.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

\* Commissioner Welch - Executive Session to discuss personnel: A group of workers from the General Services Dept. came to address the Board regarding a grievance. County Manager Russell explained procedures for handling the issue, and explained incidents to-date. Commissioner DeMarcus suggested it be brought to the Personnel Board and County Manager, before coming to the full Board of Commissioners. Mr. Randy Faulkenberry briefly commented on the grievance at hand. Commissioner DeMarcus suggested a meeting between the workers, County Manager, and Department Head, Carl Sloop, for later in the afternoon.

\* Finance Director, Brady Frick - to discuss Airport Financing: Mr. Frick distributed a proposed resolution, as attached to these Minutes, regarding financing of the airport terminal project, and requests a time for a public hearing. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to hold the hearing on 10/7/91, at 9:30 a.m., in the Red Room of the Community Building. County Attorney, John Holshouser, will handle the proper advertising details. Commissioner Welch seconded, with unanimous approval.

\* County Manager, Tim Russell - to update on Erosion Control: Mr. Don Conner, Environmental Services Director, and Mr. Paul Canup, Environmental Specialist presented an update on the Brentwood Acres and Highview Farms violations:

Brentwood Acres: the project is now in compliance, as of 8/30/91. It is recommended to stop the penalty, now totalled at \$13,100. Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to accept the recommendation. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

Highview Farms: Mr. Canup reports that this project, also, is now in compliance, and has adequate ground cover. The recommendation is to stop the penalty, currently at \$70,630, as of 8/30/91. Commissioner Webb made a motion to accept the recommendation. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

\* County Manager Russell - to discuss Watershed Resolution from the City of Kannapolis: Mr. Russell distributed two Resolutions to the Board regarding the watershed issues, requesting a change from WSII to WSIII, as attached to these Minutes. Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to approve both resolutions as submitted. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

CORRESPONDENCE:

\* A proposed Ordinance from the Municipal Code Corporation was submitted for adoption, as attached to these Minutes.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, effective 9/3/91, in relation to codification of Rowan County Ordinances. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

ROAD PETITIONS:

Commissioner Webb submitted three (3) petitions, as attached to these Minutes:

(1) Ned Marsh Road - abandonment; Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

(2) Hummingbird Lane - addition; Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the request. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

(3) Reid Road - addition; Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Welch seconded, with unanimous approval.

TAX COLLECTOR:

Tax Collector, Wayne Simpson, gave the Preliminary August 1991 report, as attached to these Minutes.

REPORT ON HIGH ROCK LAKE STUDY COMMISSION:

Commissioner Webb stated he felt the committee was unnecessary, due to their lack of meetings since mid-1989. He preferred to disband the committee, and delegate their previous tasks to the County Planning Board. Commissioner DeMarcus stated her concerns against the suggestion. Study Commission Chairman Terri Burnham addressed the Board, requesting that the study group remain in-tact. Commissioner Webb then made a motion to disband the committee. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, and the vote was 4/1, with Commissioner DeMarcus voting against.

Vice-Chairman Palmer suggested writing a "thank-you" letter to the members for their service and possible future addition to the Planning Board.

SENIOR SERVICES SURPLUS PROPERTY - CLYDE FAHNESTOCK:

Senior Services Director, Clyde Fahnestock, addressed the Board requesting authorization to sell a 28-passenger van as surplus property. Mr. Fahnestock previously submitted the written request, as attached to these Minutes. He suggested to postpone request #4 to the November meeting, and would like authorization to proceed with #1, #2, & #3. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve authorization for #1, #2, & #3. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

APPROVAL OF EHTAP GRANT APPLICATION - CLYDE FAHNESTOCK:

Mr. Fahnestock previously submitted a memorandum to the Board, regarding the FY1991-92 application for EHTAP, as attached to these Minutes. He explained the EHTAP and MTAP programs, and requested authorization to submit the application. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the application. Commissioner Welch seconded, with unanimous approval.

Also discussed, was a letter from N.C.D.O.T. regarding the 16(b)(2) grant to Rowan Transit System, as attached to these Minutes.

CANNON RETIREMENT PLAN - MR. AUSTIN MITCHELL:

Mr. Austin Mitchell addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the recent reduction in Cannon Mills Retirement funds. Other concerns included tall grass and illegal dumping at the Kannapolis convenience site; building inspections being made by Cabarrus County instead of Rowan; the inconvenience of long-distance calling to County offices, and Baker's Creek Park. Mr. Mitchell also distributed a letter of concern regarding appointments to the "Committee of 100" as attached to these Minutes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Interest: No interest report was available at this time.

Refunds: a listing of refunds was previously reviewed by the Board, as attached to these Minutes. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the refunds as submitted. Vice-Chairman Palmer

seconded, with unanimous approval.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

Domiciliary Home Community Advisory Committee: Ms. Jean Summers is eligible for reappointment. Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to reappoint Ms. Summers. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

Rowan County Housing Authority: Mr. K. Eric Beaver is eligible for reappointment. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to reappoint Mr. Beaver. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

Tri-County Mental Health Board: Dr. John Blount is eligible for reappointment. Commissioner Webb made a motion to reappoint Dr. Blount. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

Jury Commission: Mr. David Morgan has resigned. Commissioner Webb made a motion to appoint Rev. Benny Hillard to fill the unexpired term. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

Personnel Committee: Ms. Mary DeJohn has resigned. Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to appoint Ms. Leigh Jones to fill the unexpired term. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

Airport Board: Mr. Bill Brinkley has submitted his written resignation. Commissioner DeMarcus requested this to be deferred to the October meeting. The Board agreed by consensus.

Salisbury-Rowan Community Service Council: As attached to these Minutes, the Council is requesting the appointment of Mr. George Knox and Mr. B. Douglas Robinson to the SRCSC Board of Directors. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to grant the request. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Charles Coughenour addressed the Board, to discuss a matter pertaining to Mental Health. Commissioners Webb and Welch have talked with Mr. Coughenour previously, and Commissioner Webb will escort Mr. Coughenour to Mr. Dan Bradshaw's Office (Tri-County Mental Health) at the conclusion of the meeting, to try and resolve the problem.

There being no further business, Commissioner Welch made a motion to adjourn to 7:30 p.m., for the Public Hearing on the Bond Referendum. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise J. Barrow  
Clerk to the Board

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OF ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
PUBLIC HEARING - SEPTEMBER 3, 1991  
RED ROOM - COMMUNITY BUILDING

The Rowan County Board of Commissioners met in adjourned session, at 7:30 p.m., September 3, 1991, in the Red Room of the Community Building. Purpose of the meeting was to hold a public hearing regarding the upcoming Bond Referendum.

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

Chairman Cohen called the meeting to order. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to open the public hearing. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

Citizens from the audience were recognized to express their comments:

(1) Mr. Ralph Morgan: questioned how long to pay off the bond debt; who (contractors) can bid on the projects? how funds will be distributed (increments)? interest rate?

(2) Mr. Galen Hiott: favors the bond issue; supports 100%

(3) Mr. George Knox: supports the issue 100%

(4) Mr. C. Norris Holloway: supports bond issue

(5) Mr. Robert Freeman: opposes bond issue

(6) Mr. Dick Messinger: supports bond issue

(7) Mr. Ed Haden: questions expenditures on jail

(8) Mr. John Cadwallader: questioned one-time bulk projects vs. "piece-by-piece" project.

(9) Mr. Todd Parris: suggests people take a look at the needs in the County; says public will be impressed by the needs, and supports the bond issue.

(10) Mr. Dave Smith: supports improvements in schools; impressed with planning and organization of the process; supports bond issue.

With no one else wishing to address the Board, Commissioner Webb made a motion to close the public hearing, and return to regular session. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

County Manager, Tim Russell, then read the four (4) bond orders. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the issuance of the \$49,200,000 bond for the Rowan-Salisbury Schools' projects. Commissioner Welch seconded, with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the issuance of the \$12,200,000 bond for the Justice Center renovation. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the issuance of the \$2,100,000 bond for the Health Department Expansion and Animal Shelter. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, and the vote was 4/1, with Commissioner Welch voting against.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the issuance of the \$2,300,000 bond for the renovation of the Old Post Office Building. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, and the vote was 4/1, with Commissioner Welch voting against.

County Manager Russell then read the Resolution regarding the authorization/issuance of the four (4) bond orders. Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

There being no further business, Commissioner Webb made a motion to adjourn. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

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