

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION - OCTOBER 7, 1991
RED ROOM - COMMUNITY BUILDING

The Rowan County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session, on Monday, October 7, 1991, at 9:00 a.m., in the Red Room of the Community Building.

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)
Charles H. Welch, Member (9:00 a.m. - conclusion)
Thomas M. Webb, 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 gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of the September 3, 1991 meeting were submitted for approval, as attached to these Minutes.

There being no corrections, Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the Minutes as submitted. Commissioner Welch seconded, with unanimous approval.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

* Commissioner Webb requested an Executive Session, to discuss Personnel.

* Commissioner DeMarcus discussed the selection of materials for the Airport Terminal Building.

* County Manager, Tim Russell, requested adding Clyde Fahnestock, Senior Services Director, to the agenda, to discuss a proposed agreement for the China Grove Meal Site. Mr. Fahnestock presented a proposed contract for the China Grove Meal Site, as attached to these Minutes. Commissioner Welch made a motion to accept the proposed contract. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was submitted, as attached to these Minutes:

* Memorandum, dated September 10, 1991, regarding a request from County Employee,

Mark Domske, to lease the barn behind Heritage Home, for the current \$110/year. Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to approve Mr. Domske's request. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

* Memo, dated September 26, 1991, from Dr. Martha West, Rowan-Salisbury Board of Education, to Denise Barrow, regarding the schedule for 3rd Grade Tours of the Community Building.

* Notice from EDC, regarding the rescheduling of the Rowan Partners Workshop, from 10/16/91, to 10/22/91. Vice-Chairman Palmer, Commissioner DeMarcus and Chairman Cohen plan to attend.

* Proclamation, proclaiming the week of October 13th through 20th as "Aids Awareness Week". Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to issue the proclamation. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

ROAD PETITIONS:

Commissioner Webb introduced two (2) petitions, as attached to these Minutes:

(1) Abandonment of Red Acres Road (SR 1596); Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the petition. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

(2) Addition of a new state road, constructed off Airport Road (Old Fairground Road) SR 1516, to connect SR 1571.
Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the request.
Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

N.C.D.O.T. RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENTS:

Commissioner Webb also presented documentation regarding the Right-of-Way Agreements on Parcel 14, as attached to these Minutes. Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the agreements. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

Tax Collector, Wayne Simpson, presented the Preliminary September 1991 Report, as attached to these Minutes.

REQUEST FOR SALE OF LIBRARY MATERIALS:

Library Director, Phillip Barton, previously submitted a written request for permission to sell Library materials at their second booksale (November 2), as attached to these Minutes. Melody Moxley addressed the Board regarding the issue. Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

PUBLIC HEARING - AIRPORT TERMINAL FINANCING:

At this time, Commissioner Webb made a motion to open the public hearing. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

Finance Director, Brady Frick, explained the purpose of the hearing (finance an additional \$150,000). With no one to speak for/against the issue, the motion was made and seconded, with unanimous approval, to close the public hearing. Vice-Chairman Palmer then made the motion to approve the resolution for the execution of the contract, as attached to these Minutes. Commissioner Welch seconded, with unanimous approval.

RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS:

Ms. Brenda Welch, of the Chamber of Commerce, introduced Ms. Dot Walck, with the Rowan-Salisbury School System. Ms. Walck then recognized a group of exchange students from the surrounding schools in the County.

AWARD OF AIRPORT PAVING CONTRACT:

County Manager, Tim Russell, distributed information regarding the recent bids for paving and lighting contracts at the Airport, as attached to these Minutes.

Lighting contract was awarded to Rockwell Radio & Electric, for \$41,580.25. The paving contract was awarded to Jim Bost Construction, for \$342,549.55.

PRESENTATION OF CHECK TO PARKS FROM NATIONAL STARCH:

Renita Ritchie, Special Populations/Ellis Park, distributed a recent letter from Mr. Ray Paradowski of National Starch & Chemical Co., along with their donation of \$1,000 to Ellis Park, as attached to these Minutes. Ms. Ritchie explained that the total cost of the "handicapped playground equipment" is \$10,586.65, and the entire amount had been donated to the Park.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Mr. Dick Franklin, Chairman, addressed the Board to explain the need for extended training of the Emergency Medical Services employees, with regards to handling hazardous materials. Mr. Franklin distributed information, as attached to these Minutes, explaining the process of training and laws applicable.

ATWELL FIRE DEPT. AMBULANCE FRANCHISE:

Mr. Wayne Ashworth, EMS Director, presented previous information regarding a request to discontinue the Atwell Fire Dept.'s Ambulance Franchise, as attached to these Minutes. After reviewing the information, Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to comply with the request. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

PROPOSED RECYCLING CENTER/RECYCLING GRANT:

Environmental Services Director, Don Conner, and Recycling Coordinator, Patti Burchette, addressed the Board regarding the proposal for a County Recycling Center and the application for a State grant. Information regarding the needs for a Recycling Center was distributed, as attached to these Minutes.

Mrs. Burchette explained the required matching funds, stipulations, etc. in order to receive the grant. No new funds will be needed, according to Mrs. Burchette. Deadline for filing the application is 10/27/91. By consensus, the Board will consider the information, and review at an adjourned meeting.

VIDEOTAPE OF CENTRALINA & SERVICES:

Mr. Lee Armour of the Centralina COG, presented a video presentation of Centralina and their services. The video explained the Lead Regional Organization's four (4) primary missions, and the six (6) parts of the organization.

PROPOSED REVISION TO RULES & REGULATIONS RE: COUNTY-OWNED FACILITIES:

The County Extension Agent, Harold Caudill, distributed information regarding policies/procedures for usage of county-owned facilities, as attached to these Minutes. Revisions were discussed, and County Attorney, John Holshouser, will make the necessary revisions and present to the Board at the adjourned meeting.

CAROLINAS' TRANSPORTATION COMPACT INCREASE IN DUES:

The County Manager distributed a recently proposed budget regarding dues for the member-counties, as attached to these Minutes. It has been requested that Rowan County increase their membership dues, in accordance with increased population. The Board deferred the issue to the adjourned meeting.

CAROLINAS' PARTNERSHIP REQUEST FOR FUNDING:

EDC Chairman, Bill Wagoner, sent information previously to the Board, to request funding from the County in the Carolinas' Partnership 2000 marketing effort, as attached to these Minutes. A total of \$17,117 will be the revised dues for Rowan County. Rowan would have 2 representatives on the Board, at 30¢/capita per year. Ms. Jamie Pickrel answered questions from the Board. A decision was deferred to a later date.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Domiciliary Home Community Advisory Committee: Ms. Rosella Caldwell is eligible for

reappointment. Commissioner Webb made a motion to reappoint Ms. Caldwell. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

Jury Commission: Mr. Jack Ramsey, Jr. and Mr. John W. McLaughlin, Jr. were both recently reappointed by the Court. Judge Seay has previously requested that the terms of office be changed to 7/1 through 6/30, in compliance with General Statutes. The motion was then made and seconded, with unanimous approval to approve the reappointments and the change in term.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Interest: The County Manager presented the Report of Interest through August 1991, as attached to these Minutes.

Refunds: Various refunds were submitted for approval, as attached to these Minutes. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the refunds as submitted. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

Update on 1991-92 Revenues: County Manager Russell presented information regarding quarterly revenues, as attached to these Minutes:

(1) 1991-92 Property Tax Levy: Due to adjustments, net projected increase in revenues will be approximately \$300,000.

(2) 1991-92 Intangibles Tax: Due to a decrease in receipts from the State, funds received were \$134,454 less than anticipated.

(3) Social Service Department Revenues: Due to a rearrangement of positions, the County will realize \$232,055 in unbudgeted funds.

In summation, the County will realize a net amount of +\$397,601 in unbudgeted funds. Commissioner Welch suggested using the funds to increase the County's fund balance. Commissioner DeMarcus suggested a Cost-of-Living Increase for employees. Vice-Chairman Palmer suggested receiving as information and deferring a decision for the present time.

OTHER BUSINESS:

By consensus, the Board agreed to appear in the 1991 Holiday Caravan Parade.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The motion was made and seconded, with unanimous approval, to go into Executive Session. At the conclusion, the motion was made and seconded, with unanimous approval to return to Regular Session. No action was then taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to Wednesday, October 23rd, at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise J. Barrow
Clerk to the Board