

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD  
OF ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION - DECEMBER 2, 1991  
RED ROOM - COMMUNITY BUILDING

The Rowan County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session, on Monday, December 2, 1991, in the Red Room of the Community Building.

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

Chairman Cohen opened the meeting, and Commissioner Webb gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of the 11/4/91 meeting were submitted for approval. There being no corrections, Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve as submitted. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

- \* Commissioner Webb stated his congratulations to Patti Burchette for the award-winning float in the Christmas Parade, and to the East Rowan Mustangs for their outstanding football status.
- \* Commissioner DeMarcus stated her congratulations to the Cooperative Extension Service as Outstanding Performance Award recipients, and suggested that letters be written to the Department, and also Patti Burchette and East Rowan for their accomplishments.
- \* County Manager Russell discussed the Airport Improvement Program. He reviewed recent correspondence from Mr. Thomas J. Harrelson, Secretary, N.C.D.O.T., as attached to these Minutes. Long-range plans and approximate costs were also outlined.
- \* Mr. Russell discussed the current discrepancy of the Iredell County lines. Iredell representatives

requested representation from Rowan sit with them to discuss the issue. The Building/Grounds Committee members (Vice-Chairman Palmer and Commissioner DeMarcus) will represent Rowan County.

\* Second Monthly Meeting: Commissioner Webb made a motion to host a second monthly Commission Meeting, beginning January, 1992. The meeting will be at 7:00 p.m., at locations throughout the County. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

\* Update on Legal Issues - County Attorney, John Holshouser: Mr. Holshouser updated the Board on two (2) recent legal issues:

(1) Highview Farms: Attorney Ty Dahl will take depositions in the near future.

(2) Brentwood Acres: Still awaiting pleadings to be filed.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Russell presented the following correspondence was submitted, as attached to these Minutes:

\* Letter dated November 13, 1991, from the Town of Spencer, regarding the recycling program, along with a Resolution regarding same.

\* Letter dated October 25, 1991, from the N. C. Desert Storm Memorial Foundation, Inc., regarding their state-wide funding campaign.

\* Letter dated November 19, 1991 from the Epsilon Sigma Phi Chapter of N. C. State University, regarding the Cooperative Extension Service receiving the Outstanding Performance Award.

\* November 1991 issue of the EMS Newsletter

#### ROAD PETITIONS:

Commissioner Webb presented two (2) road petitions for approval, as attached to these Minutes:

(1) Brookhaven Drive in the China Grove Township.  
Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the

addition. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

(2) N. 3rd Street and Linn Avenue, in the Atwell Township. Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the addition. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

#### HEALTH BOARD REPORT - COMMISSIONER DEMARCUS:

Ms. Teresa Brantley, Health Educator, presented a filmstrip regarding teenage pregnancy. Information from the Rowan County Council on Adolescent Pregnancy was distributed, as attached to these Minutes. According to Ms. Brantley, Rowan County recorded 396 pregnant teens in 1990. Health Department Director, Bert Hawley, spoke regarding the Norplant Program. Dr. David Hall, M.D., Salisbury Clinic for Women, answered questions from the Board. An anonymous donor has given \$10,000, contingent upon matching funds from the County, toward the advancement and implementation of the program. \$20,000 (total) would provide approximately 50 implants. Estimated cost is \$350 - \$400 per application. Patients in the "Family Planning" program would benefit from the "donated" implants. Commissioner Webb suggested that the Board receive as information, and review again at the January meeting. The Board agreed by consensus.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Tabled Carolinas' Partnership Vote: Commissioner Welch suggested hearing from the "29 Business Leadership Group, Inc." first, as he felt it would be of interest to EDC members present. After a brief discussion, Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to leave the agenda as is, and proceed as scheduled. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval. She also made a motion to accept membership into the Carolinas' Partnership. Commissioner Webb then made a substitute motion that the Board join the Partnership and receive "seed money" from the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Commission, but not from the City of Salisbury. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

#### TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT - WAYNE SIMPSON:

Tax Collector, Wayne Simpson, presented the Preliminary November 1991 Report, as attached to these Minutes. Mr. Simpson also elaborated on the status of House Bill 20. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to continue to oppose HB 20, and ask for a repeal. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, adding that a letter should be sent to State Legislators asking for the repeal, with unanimous approval.

#### UPDATE FROM L.E.P.C. - Dick Franklin:

As information was yet unavailable, the issue was deferred to the January, 1992 meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF L.E.P.C. CHAIRMAN - COMMISSIONER WEBB:

Commissioner Webb made a motion to accept the L.E.P.C. recommendation of Mr. Robert Parnell as the new chairman. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

29 BUSINESS LEADERSHIP GROUP, INC. - MR. RODERICK ROBINSON:

Mr. Roderick B. Robinson, President/Executive Director, addressed the Board and discussed previous correspondence, as attached to these Minutes. Mr. Robinson operates a "business incubator concept," and wishes to include Rowan County, for a fee of \$20,000. He continued that this would be an on-going project (3 - 5 years), with future funding requests, in order to become self-sufficient. Commissioner DeMarcus suggested that Mr. Robinson confer with the EDC, yet retain their own identity.

UNITED WAY NEEDS ASSESSMENT - CARL REPSHER:

Mr. Repsher and Mr. Bob Lippard presented information to the Board, as attached to these Minutes. Mr. Repsher suggested forming a Health & Human Services Committee for the County, and distributed a Resolution of Support, also attached. Commissioner DeMarcus suggested representation from the Health Board and DSS on the Committee. Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to approve the Resolution as submitted. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval. Mr. Repsher will follow-up with the Board, providing suggested membership for the Committee, at the January, 1992 meeting.

AWARD OF COPIER BID - VICKI MCCOMBS:

Mrs. Vicki McCombs, Finance Office Accountant, presented background information and also a Resolution, to award the copier bid contract to Copy Service and Supply, Inc. (Panasonic), in the amount of \$27,180, as attached to these Minutes. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to award the bid as proposed, and approve the Resolution. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

SCHOOLS' CAPITAL PROJECTS:

Dr. Joe McCann submitted two (2) requests to the Board, as attached to these Minutes:

- (1) Request to transfer \$242,816 to cover needed capital projects (list attached).
- (2) Requests \$2.5 million to be transferred to the disbursement account, to meet financial needs of West Middle School construction in the immediate future.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve both requests. Commissioner Welch seconded, with unanimous approval.

BAKER'S CREEK PARK:

Mr. Larry Brown, Chairman, and other members of the Rowan-Cabarrus Park Commission, addressed the Board regarding a request to restore \$2,369.57 which was previously cut from their 1991-92 budget. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to reinstate the \$2,369.57. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

TRANSFER OF PUMP STATION FORCEMAIN TO CITY OF SALISBURY - DON CONNER:

Environmental Services Director, Don Conner, previously submitted correspondence proposing the transfer, as attached to these Minutes. Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to approve the transfer. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

Regarding questions on recent Recycling proposals, Mr. Conner explained that the deadline

is 12/15/91. Information will be presented at the January, 1992 meeting.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

Rowan County Board of Public Health: Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to reappoint Dr. Elmer Lagg, O.D. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded. Commissioner Welch requests that Dr. Lagg's reappointment be deferred. Chairman Cohen made a substitute motion to defer all appointments to the January, 1992 meeting. Commissioner Webb seconded, and the vote was 4/1, with Commissioner DeMarcus voting against.

Rowan County Parks and Recreation Commission: Mr. Randy Bingham and Ms. Betty Dan Nicholas Gilliam have both resigned. Mr. John Cadwallader is eligible for reappointment. Commissioner Webb nominated Mr. Dale Lanning to replace Mr. Bingham, Mr. Guy Carlan to replace Ms. Gilliam, and Mr. Cadwallader for reappointment. Commissioner Welch nominated Mr. Larry Williams. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Lanning: 4 votes	Mr. Carlan: 4 votes
Mr. Cadwallader: 4 votes	Mr. Williams: 2 votes

Therefore, Mr. Lanning, Mr. Carlan, and Mr. Cadwallader will serve on the Board.

Rowan County Planning Board: Darryl Corriher is eligible for reappointment. Commissioner Webb nominated Brad Farrah for the position. Commissioner DeMarcus nominated Mr. Corriher for reappointment. Mr. Farrah was appointed on a 4/1 vote. (\*Clerk's Note: later information showed that Mr. Corriher's term information was incorrect, and he has two (2) years remaining in his term. The Board will resolve the situation at the January, 1992 meeting.)

Rowan County Public Library Board: Mrs. R. O. Everett recently resigned. Vice-Chairman Palmer nominated Mrs. Mary Blanton. Commissioner DeMarcus nominated Ms. Lavonne Corriher. Vote was as follows:

Mrs. Blanton: 3 votes                      Ms. Corriher: 2 votes

Mrs. Blanton will serve on the Board.

Carolinas' Partnership: Commissioner DeMarcus nominated Mr. Paul Fisher as the County Delegate. The Board agreed by consensus.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Interest: Mr. Russell reported the interest earned through October, 1991, as attached to these Minutes.

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

Budget Amendments: Mr. Russell presented three (3) budget amendments for approval, as attached to these Minutes:

- (1) Health Dept. - WIC Program, and
- (2) Health Dept. - Maternal Health: Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve both. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with a vote of 4/1 (Commissioner Welch against).
- (3) Library Services: Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with a 4/1 vote (Commissioner Welch against).

Emergency Services: A memorandum to Mr. Russell from Wayne Ashworth, EMS Director, was reviewed, regarding an invoice from Four Seasons Industrial Services, in the amount of \$1,054.70, as attached to these Minutes. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve payment. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

Revision in Juvenile Detention Rate Structure: Mr. Russell explained the information as submitted. The Board accepted as information.

Status of Surplus Bingo Equipment: Mr. Russell suggested that the Bingo equipment be retained as County equipment, and loaned on occasion. Commissioner Webb made a motion to retain the equipment, and coordinate its use with Senior Services Dept. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

Renewal of Lease - Heritage Home: The Board reviewed a letter requesting the renewal, from Mr. Tuttle, as attached to these Minutes. The monthly rent will remain at \$1,500. Vice-

Chairman Palmer made a motion to renew the lease. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval. The County Manager will contact Mr. Tuttle to see if he has any further interest in purchasing the property.

Executive Session: Vice-Chairman Palmer then made a motion to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded, with unanimous approval.

Upon motion and second, with unanimous approval, the Board returned to Regular Session, and took no action. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise J. Barrow  
Clerk to the Board