

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 6, 1992 - REGULAR SESSION
RED ROOM - COMMUNITY BUILDING

The Rowan County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session, on Monday, January 6, 1992, at 9:00 a.m., 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 - completion)
Jamima P. DeMarcus, Member (9:00 a.m. - completion)
Charles H. Welch, Member (9:00 a.m. - completion)
Thomas M. Webb, Member (9:00 a.m. - completion)

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 Welch gave the invocation.

MINUTES:

The following Minutes were submitted for approval:

- * December 2, 1991 (Regular)
- * December 9, 1991 (Special)

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

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

- * EMS Station 85: Commissioner Webb discussed renovation versus relocation of the station, showing floor plans and approximate costs, as attached to these Minutes. The Board accepted as information, and requested that further info. be brought back at the February meeting.
- * Martin Luther King Breakfast: Commissioner DeMarcus has tickets available (\$5.00 ea.), to be held on 1/20/92 at the Civic Center.
- * Survey re: Health Board Appointments: Commissioner DeMarcus reviewed the survey with Board members.
- * Mrs. DeMarcus also noted that Vicki McCombs of the Finance Dept. is a recent graduate of ASU, and extended her congratulations.
- * Commissioner Welch will discuss real estate during Executive Session.
- * Chairman Cohen gave information re: COG Block Grants, which was deferred to the February meeting.
- * Chairman Cohen will also discuss software for the County Assessor's Office during Executive Session.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Various correspondence was submitted, as attached to these Minutes:

- * News Release from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation:
"ZSR Selects 5 Programs For Major Reform Initiative"
- * Letter, dated 12/16/91, from the N. C. Dept. of Administration, regarding nomination of outstanding citizens.
- * Letter, dated 12/12/91, from the N. C. Dept. of Economic and Community Development, re: a questionnaire regarding the Pee Dee and Yadkin Rivers.
- * Letter, dated 12/19/91, from the Governor's Office, re: National and Community Service Act of 1990, President's Annual Points of Light Awards, 1992.

* Letter, dated 12/20/91, from Mr. Ron Kam, President, of Friendship Cable Southeast, notifying the Board of a \$2.05 Basic Service rate increase. Commissioner DeMarcus suggested that the Board disapprove the increase, due to current economic pressures, and made a motion to do so. Commissioner Webb seconded, and the vote was 4/1, with Commissioner Welch voting against.

* Registration form for Municipal Solid Waste Composting, Yard and Leaf Waste Composting Conference.

ROAD PETITIONS:

Commissioner Webb introduced one (1) petition for abandonment, as attached to these Minutes. The petition requested that Lumber Lane, SR 1624, in the Litaker Township be abandoned. Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the request. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN:

The Board previously received a memorandum regarding the routine appointment of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman, as attached to these Minutes.

Chairman: Vice-Chairman Palmer nominated Chairman Cohen for re-election. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

Vice-Chairman: Commissioner Webb nominated Vice-Chairman Palmer for re-election. Chairman Cohen seconded, with unanimous approval.

APPOINTMENT OF CENTRALINA COG DELEGATE FOR 1992:

Vice-Chairman Palmer nominated Chairman Cohen as delegate. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

Tax Collector, Wayne Simpson, presented the Preliminary December 1991 report, as attached to these Minutes.

OPPOSITION TO NORPLANT PROGRAM:

Mr. Don Neal previously submitted a letter stating his opposition to the Norplant Program, as attached to these Minutes. Mr. Neal also addressed the Board in person, and Ms. Vickie Benfield, and Mr. Jim Cohen stated their oppositions as well. Ms. Katherine Osborne and Ms. Pat Knox stated their support for the program, as did Dr. Joel Goodwin, and Dr. Paul Greene.

UPDATE FROM L.E.P.C.: Dick Franklin/Wayne Ashworth:

Chairman, Dick Franklin, presented a proposal for the Hazardous Materials Response Team, as attached to these Minutes. Mr. Franklin explained procedures/training/equipment and costs involved to the Board. Mr. Ashworth stated that OSHA now mandates this training.

BACKGROUND ON ADDRESSING OF COUNTY LOCATIONS - WAYNE ASHWORTH:

Wayne Ashworth, EMS Director, submitted various petitions for road-naming in the County:

- * Evergreen Lane: 100% approval
- * Air Park Drive: 100% approval

For these two (2), Mr. Ashworth requested immediate approval. Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the naming for Evergreen Lane and Air Park Drive. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

For Public Hearing, with less than 100% of property owners:

- * Montrose Road (off Stokes Fy. Rd. near Liberty Rd.)
- * Cliff Eagle Road (off Pop Stirewalt Road)
- * Briar Creek Drive (off Trexler Rd. near Stokes Fy. Rd.)
- * Greenfield Rd. (off NC 153 west of Landis)
- * Eastville Drive (off US 52 at Sides Rd.)
- * Old Stagecoach Rd. (off Kimball Rd. near Landis)

Commissioner DeMarcus then made a motion to hold a public hearing for the proposed renaming, on February 3, 1992 at 9:30 a.m., in the Red Room of the Community Building. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

COUNTY FIRE INSPECTIONS - COMMISSIONER WEBB:

According to Commissioner Webb, municipalities such as Granite Quarry, Faith, Spencer, and Rockwell have requested that the County perform Fire Inspections for them, through the Codes Enforcement/Inspections Department. According to Environmental Services Director, Don Conner, he plans to train all inspectors in the Fire Inspections procedures. Commissioner Webb made a motion to assist municipalities in their request. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL AUDIT - PETE TEAGUE (DIXON, ODOM, & CO.):

Mr. Pete Teague, of Dixon, Odom & Co., presented the Annual Audit Report to the Board, and briefly explained the comments involved. Mr. Teague further suggested a Budget Ordinance for the collection of Fire District Taxes.

UNITED WAY UPDATE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE:

Mr. Carl Repsher distributed information regarding selections for the Health & Human Services Committee, as attached to these Minutes. He suggested that the Board select a Commissioner to serve on the Committee, and a Resolution of Support. Commissioner Webb made a motion to adopt the Health & Human Services Committee, as suggested by Mr. Repsher. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval.

APPROVAL OF FARMLAND PRESERVATION WORKSHOP - DANNY JOHNSON/MARION LYTLE:

County Planner, Danny Johnson, and Marion Lytle of the Planning Department, presented information on a proposed Farmland Preservation Workshop, as attached to these Minutes. Mr. Johnson explained the purpose of the workshop, costs, etc. He also requested three (3) actions of the Board:

(1) approval of the workshop as a whole

(2) approval to apply for the grant from Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation, to cover the travel cost of Mr. Jim Riggle for the workshop.

(3) direct that a budget amendment be prepared, to reallocate funds from the Agricultural Advisory Board budget and County Planning Dept. budget, to cover the expenses of the workshop, and a special revenue fund be established to reallocate funds received from the workshop into the Agriculture Advisory Board/Planning Dept. budgets.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve all requests regarding the workshop. Commissioner Welch seconded, with unanimous approval.

UPDATE ON RECYCLING PROGRAM PROPOSALS/REQUEST TO APPLY FOR GRANT - DON CONNER/PATTI BURCHETTE:

Environmental Services Director, Don Conner, and Recycling Coordinator, Patti Burchette, addressed the Board, presenting current proposals, as attached to these Minutes. Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion authorizing the application for the Recycling Grant. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

EQUIPMENT FINANCING - BRADY FRICK:

Finance Director, Brady Frick, submitted a Resolution for approval, regarding the financing of \$420,000 for equipment purchases, as attached to these Minutes. Commissioner Welch made a motion to approve the resolution as submitted. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

AIRPORT TERMINAL/HANGAR FINANCING - BRADY FRICK:

Mr. Frick submitted information regarding financing airport terminal/hangar projects, as attached to these Minutes. He also submitted a resolution requesting the public hearing for 2/3/92, at which time he will present proposals from various financial institutions regarding the financing. Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to set the public hearing for 2/3/92 at 9:45 a.m.. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

PAYMENT OCCUPANCY TAX PENALTIES - BRADY FRICK:

Mr. Frick previously submitted a copy of correspondence to Mrs. Yuki Whang of the Happy Traveler Inn, regarding her delinquent payment of occupancy tax penalties, as attached to these Minutes. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion:

(1) to immediately turn the issue over to the County Attorney to pursue legal action for collection

(2) not allow the account to become delinquent in the future, and giving Mr. Frick the privilege of working with the County Attorney to collect the currently delinquent taxes/penalties. By consensus, the Board agreed that any legal expenses incurred in the process, would be deducted from collections. County Attorney, John Holshouser, will update the Board at the 2/3/92 meeting.

DONATION TO SLOAN PARK/KERR MILL - JIM FOLTZ:

Parks Director, Jim Foltz, introduced Bonnie Lackey of Baker's Creek Park, and Leon Hand of Sloan Park, also in attendance. Checks in the amount of \$2,500 for Sloan Park Endowment, and \$500 for Baker's Creek Park, were presented to the Board. Mr. Foltz commended both Mrs. Lackey and Mr. Hand for their work, and also announced the retirement of Mr. Red Gorman from Sloan Park, and the resignation of Mr. Mike Campbell of Dan Nicholas Park. The Board will send a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Gorman on his retirement.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Airport Advisory Board: Mr. Billy Brinkley, Mr. Hugh Bost, and Mr. Rufus Honeycutt are all eligible for reappointment. Commissioner DeMarcus nominated the three (3) for reappointment. Commissioner Welch seconded. Chairman Cohen nominated Anne Watkins, and the vote indicated Mr. Brinkley, Mr. Bost and Mr. Honeycutt for reappointment.

Health Board: Dr. Elmer Lagg, O.D., is eligible for reappointment; Mrs. Margie Fink, and Dr. Charles F. Eddinger, M.D., are not. Commissioner Welch nominated Dr. Norman Sloop and Dr. Gary Fink; Vice-Chairman Palmer nominated Mrs. Teresa Osborne; Commissioner DeMarcus nominated Dr. Elmer Lagg and Dr. John Blount; Chairman Cohen nominated Dr. Joe Jackson; Votes were cast, and Dr. Fink, Mrs. Osborne and Dr. Jackson will serve on the Board.

Historic Properties Commission: Mrs. Sarah Kellogg, Mr. Terry Holt (does not desire reappointment), and Mrs. Bud Mickle are all eligible for reappointment. Commissioner Webb nominated Barbara Doby; Commissioner DeMarcus nominated Susan Norvell and Mrs. Mickle; Vice-Chairman Palmer nominated Mrs. Kellogg; Chairman Cohen nominated Mrs. Suzie Walters; Votes were cast, and Mrs. Kellogg, Mrs. Walters and Mrs. Mickle will serve on the Board.

Parks & Recreation Commission: Mr. Curtis Graham, Mr. Carl Sloop, Jr., Ms. Susan Kluttz, and Ms. Bea Blount are all eligible for reappointment. Commissioner DeMarcus nominated all four (4) for reappointment; Commissioner Welch nominated Mr. Larry Williams; Chairman Cohen nominated Mr. Robert Hales; Commissioner Webb nominated Ms. Rosemary Beard; Votes were cast, and Mr. Sloop, Ms. Kluttz, Mr. Williams, and Ms. Beard will serve on the Board.

Library Board: A vacancy exists, due to the resignation of Mr. Jim Hurley. Commissioner DeMarcus nominated Mrs. Susan Norvell, and Vice-Chairman Palmer nominated Ms. Carole Brooke. Votes selected Ms. Brooke to serve on the Board. The Clerk will send a letter of appreciation to Mr. Hurley for his work on the Board.

Planning Board: Due to a discrepancy in term information of Mr. Darryl Corriher, Mr. Brad Farrah was appointed to the Planning Board in error. The Board chose not to expand the membership, but to have the Clerk send a letter to Mr. Farrah, and also to Mr. Corriher, apologizing for the error, and informing Mr. Farrah that he would be considered in the future. Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to rescind the appointment from the last meeting. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

Industrial Facilities & Pollution Control: Due to the recent death of Mr. Don Weinhold, a vacancy exists on the Board. By consensus, the appointment was deferred to the February meeting. The Clerk will send a letter to Mr. Weinhold's parents in appreciation of Mr. Weinhold's contributions to the Board.

PERSONNEL CONCERNS - SHERIFF MARTIN:

Sheriff Bob Martin addressed the Board, distributing information regarding personnel concerns of the department and jail facility, as attached to these Minutes. He has requested the reinstatement of the Career Development Program and Merit System, in order to retain valuable officers. The Board accepted the report as information.

BUDGET AND GOAL-SETTING PROCESS/COUNTY MANAGER RUSSELL:

Mr. Russell distributed information regarding the tentative schedule for the 1992-93 Budget & Goal-Setting process, as attached to these Minutes. Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to approve the schedule as submitted, with possible revisions at a later date. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Interest: Mr. Russell presented the report of interest through November, 1991, as attached to these Minutes.

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

Budget Amendments: A budget amendment was submitted for approval from Library Services, as attached to these Minutes. Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the amendment as submitted. Commissioner Webb seconded, with unanimous approval.

Request for Surplus Vehicle: Commissioners reviewed a request from the Rowan County Housing Authority, for a surplus vehicle from the Sheriff's Department, as attached to these

Minutes. Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Webb seconded, and the vote was 4/1, with Commissioner Welch voting against.

Revision To Juvenile Detention Contracts: Information was reviewed, regarding the Juvenile Detention Subsidy Repayment Agreement Amendment, as attached to these Minutes. Vice-Chairman Palmer made a motion to approve the amended contract as submitted. Chairman Cohen seconded, with unanimous approval.

Payment of Audit Expenses: Mr. Russell explained the additional expenses incurred by Dixon, Odom, and Co., as outlined in their invoice, attached to these Minutes. The motion was made, to pay the additional expenses, and seconded, with unanimous approval.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Second Monthly Meeting: Due to conflicts with Planning Board hearings, Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to reschedule the proposed second monthly meeting, to 1/22/92, at 7:00 p.m., in the Landis Town Hall Board Room. Vice-Chairman Palmer seconded, with unanimous approval. The Clerk will handle all details.

Their being no further (regular) business, the motion was made to go into Executive Session. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded, with unanimous approval.

Upon conclusion, the motion was made and seconded, with unanimous approval, to return to Regular Session, and no action was taken. The motion was then made and seconded, with unanimous approval to adjourn the meeting to 1/22/92, at 7:00 P.M., at the Landis Town Hall Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise J. Barrow/CMC
Clerk to the Board